

Ducks in easy gymnastic win

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No contest. That is the best way to describe the lopsided weekend meet in Seattle that made Oregon the first Northwest team ever to beat Washington in gymnastics. The Huskies were never really in it. The Flying Ducks had it in the bag by halftime.

"Halftime" in this case refers to the conclusion of the compulsory competition Friday night. It had been Washington Coach Eric Hughes' idea to get the teams ready for the Pac-8 meet by splitting the Oregon-

Washington meet into a Friday night compulsory meet, where the gymnasts would perform specific required routines as they must in the Pac-8; and a Saturday night optionals meet, which would be just like any dual meet, with the gymnasts performing their own routines. The scores for the two meets would be added together to decide the meet winner.

Friday night Hughes must have been wondering why he ever opened his mouth. At that point the Ducks were ahead 148.10-139.80.

Be advised that an eight-point lead in gymnastics is like a thirty-point lead in basketball. And in gymnastics, you don't even have to worry about defense.

So while the uninformed crowd at Hec Edmundson Pavilion Saturday night may have never realized it, the optional meet was just for show. Oregon coach Bill Ballester was justifiably worried about the effect the big lead would have on his squad, so he tried to key them on hitting the 160 mark as a team, a motivation the Ducks successfully responded to against lowly Wisconsin last week, when they broke the team record.

This time the Ducks could manage only 156.75, a mark that Ballester claims must be im-

proved upon if the Ducks are to beat California and Stanford next weekend. That meet, against the conference's toughest two teams, will also feature the compulsory—optional combo, but only the optionals will be counted. Ballester obviously didn't like the effect the big "halftime" lead had on his squad in Seattle. He immediately scheduled a practice for Sunday afternoon.

While Ballester has reason to hope the Ducks can improve for the Bay Area meet, the average fan should not be disappointed in the squad's Washington performance. The Ducks do have one of the best trio of side-horse specialists in the country in Joe Percival, Curt Rodgers and Don Lester. And they have one of the best floor exercise men in the country in Bob Rikli, who was little short of spectacular in his 9.4 optional routine Saturday night.

Ballester has called rings his squad's weakest event, but freshman specialist Jeff Schwartz was consistent enough to gain first place in rings in Seattle, and earning Ballester's "super-duck" award. Two Duck high-bar men, Mark Stone and Randy Lary, were good enough to tie for first in the optional meet with an 8.95 score, beating Washington's Bill Carpenter, last year's Pac-8 champion in the event. John Lehmann and Steve Roskam give the Ducks two near-50-point all-around men. Some of their best competition this year will come from each other. Lehmann won the latest round, besting Roskam's optional total of 49.15 with a 49.45.

Oregon dominates own invitational

By MIKE LANE
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Oregon wrapped up its complete domination of the Oregon Invitational Swimming Championships at Leighton Pool, by winning all seven events on the final day as they breezed to the team championship over Utah.

The Ducks finished with 841 points to Utah's 361, Brigham Young's 297 and Oregon State's 195.

"I would say that this was an outstanding team effort, the best by any group that I have coached here," said Don Van Rossen, the Oregon coach.

The outstanding performances turned in by Oregon swimmers were as numerous as the records that were shattered by the Duck swimmers in the three-day event.

Perhaps the best indicator of Oregon domination was the fact that 16 Oregon swimmers scored points and two divers also garnered scoring points. This tremendous show of depth was pointed to by Van Rossen. "This team has a unique spirit all its own which provides it with an overall team momentum which is hard to stop once it gets going."

Three Oregon swimmers qualified for the NCAA meet in March.

John McConnochie and Gary Hidle qualified in the 400-yard Individual Medley with times of 4:14.28 and 4:14.45 respectively. The NCAA standard is 4:15.0. Roy Clark set a meet record in the 100 Breaststroke with a time of 1:00.55, which also qualified him for the national meet.

Oregon shattered three standing varsity records during the meet with McConnochie, a Washington State transfer, breaking two of these marks himself.

McConnochie swam the 1000 Freestyle in 9:46.77 breaking the previous school record by 16 seconds. In the 500 Freestyle, he shattered the school's longest standing school record, established in 1965, with a clocking of 4:43.34.

In the 800 Freestyle relay the Oregon team of Alan Cardwell, John Hellman, Rich Kent and Griff Thompson set a school varsity mark of 7:09.90 despite finishing second in the event. Utah's entry set a meet record of 7:09.40 in winning that event.

Oregon also shattered seven meet records en route to their victory. McConnochie set two marks in the 500 and 100 Freestyle.

Tony Ciochetti set a meet record in the 200 Freestyle with a clocking of 1:45.79, but did this in the consolation final, taking seventh place in the event.

Oregon's team in the 400 Freestyle Relay of Paul White, Richard Kent, Rick Abbot, and John Hellman turned in a meet record with a clocking of 3:13.74.

In the 400 Medley Relay the Oregon quartet of Rick Basford, Gary Hidle, Greg Smith and Abbot, shattered the existing meet standard with a time of 3:36.59. John Topar's 1:56.16 clocking also established a new meet standard in the 200 Butterfly.

Not to be overlooked was the major upset in the three-meter diving where Oregon's John Dufficy bested BYU's Stan Carnow 442.35 to 438.60.

Oregon has little time to savor its biggest win of the season because Friday, Jan. 25 at Leighton Pool, the Ducks face what Don Van Rossen calls "our biggest test of the season," in a tough University of Texas team.

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