



Oregon's Curt Rodgers is pictured here enroute to his first place finish on the pommel horse. Rodgers had a total of 9.55 points.

Photo by John Johns

Freshmen to fill assist role as Ducks tackle tall Huskies

By JOHN HENDERSON
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If Dick Harter's freshmen jumped into contributing roles in

their performances against UCLA and USC last weekend, encores will be essential if Oregon is to knock off tall Washington in Seattle tonight.

Freshmen Dan Hartshorne and Danny Mack may be getting their biggest test of the year when they face the Huskies' front line of 7-0 James Edwards, 6-11 Lars Hansen and 6-10 Larry Jackson.

The fifth-ranked Huskies are 15-point favorites over the Ducks and their front line is a major reason for that success.

"Edwards is really a great player," said Harter, "and Hansen always gives us trouble. They've got some real giants in there."

Edwards currently ranks fourth in the league in scoring with an 18.1 average.

"Edwards is one of the most talented big men in the league," said Washington coach Marv Harshman. "Since last year, his total offensive development has improved."

Strong performances from Hartshorne and Mack may be needed to stabilize the Husky line. The two had problems stopping UCLA's Richard Washington but looked impressive offensively and on the boards.

"They've gained a lot of confidence this past week because they're learning the system better," said Harter. "Their progress has been nice and steady, which is good."

"Those last two games have really built up my confidence," said Mack. "I'm playing more relaxed. I guess it just has to do with more hustle and concentration."

Even though Washington's front line is dangerous, Harter can't overlook the other Huskies. Clarence Ramsey (6-4) is averaging 16 points a game and Chester Dorsey (6-1) averages five assists a game.

What's more, the Huskies have been playing together as a team, something they've lacked in recent years.

"They've been playing much better as a team," said Harter. "They're better defensively and are more unselfish. They're definitely a top five team."

Matmen open Pac-8's with Stanford, Cal

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Coming off its first regular season team championship of the year, Oregon launches its Pacific-8 dual meet wrestling schedule tonight against Stanford.

The Cardinals have been soundly thumped by the Webfoots the past two years. Oregon holds a 9-0 series edge over Stanford in dual meets.

The Golden Bears of California invade Mac Court Friday night, then the Ducks head north for a dual with Washington. Both matches begin at 7:30 p.m.

Head coach Ron Finley sees January as the month that will prove the Ducks to be tough competitors. "With all the meets in January we should be able to see what we can do," said Finley. "We have 13 duals and two tournaments in all."

Two wrestlers, Randy Besaw and transfer Bob Bragg, have impressed Finley by their improvement in recent meets.

"Besaw came along real well during our recent road trip," said the coach. "He's making fewer mistakes and concentrating more...he's probably made the biggest gain."

"Bragg is starting to wrestle up to our expectations," praised Finley. "Guys are hardly scoring against him...he's dominating his matches now, and his only loss was when he was injured." Bragg's 12-1 mark tops the team.

Mixed with the triumph on the road was disaster. Buck Davis broke his arm and Finley wasn't happy about the injury to the 177-pounder.

"I think Buck definitely had a chance to win the Pac-8 championship," said Finley. "We're going to have to make some adjustments."

The change will most likely see Tim Strobel step into the line-up at 177, although Finley hinted that Besaw or possibly Terry Shanley would drop down to fill the void.

Looking forward to the Cards and Bears, Finley said, "Our goal with these two teams is the same goal as always...to wrestle eight straight minutes of action packed wrestling. We're going to have to score when we have the opportunities."

The coach warned that the Bay Area clubs couldn't be taken lightly. "These matches are very important in Pac-8 seeding, and they're important matches to us so we get on the right side of the bracket when the Pac-8 tournament comes."

The key matches in the Stanford clash include: Randy Robinson against the Cards' Ken Krebs in the 142 pound bracket; Bragg's match with an undetermined opponent and Greg Gibson's dual against Gary Anderson.

LSU wins repeat

Oregon's gymnasts fell short of a repeat victory last night as Louisiana State finished with more than an 11 point lead over the Ducks with a score of 210.15 to 199.05.

Randy Lary, possibly considered Oregon's top vaulter and high bar man, met with misfortune as he came off the vault with an injury and had to be carried from the floor.

Finishing with fine performances last night were Curt Rodgers, with a first on pommel horse, Tom Truedson, who finished second also on the pommel horse, Scott McEldowney's win on the rings; Rikli's second place on parallel bars and Mark Stone's second place on high bar.

Oregon's next meet will be 8 p.m. this Saturday night against Brigham Young.

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Although Bob Rikli didn't compete as an all-around due to badly bruised heels, Oregon still managed to take the rings and pommel horse competition.

Steve Roskam and Scott Phillips, in a good effort for the Ducks, placed a close second and third in the all-around competition with a 49.85 and 48.50 respectively. Winning the competition was LSU's Mike Godawa with a total of 51.50 points.

"Louisiana State is the best team that's ever come into McArthur Court, including the University of California," said a pre-meet Bill Ballester. "They obviously must be considered one of the early favorites for the NCAA title again this year."

FLOOR EXERCISE—1. Reznick, (LSU), 9.30. 2. Lester, Blumenstein, (UO), 9.10.
POMMEL HORSE—1. Rodgers, (UO), 9.55. 2. Truedson, (UO), 9.20. 3. Dahl, (LSU), 9.15.
RINGS—1. McEldowney, (UO), 9.45. 2. Lewis, (LSU), 9.35. 3. Kuoni, (LSU), 9.05.
VAULTING—1. Reznick, (LSU), 9.30. 2. Lewis, (LSU), 9.25. 3. Crosley, (LSU), 9.10.
PARALLEL BARS—1. Godawa, (LSU), 9.30. 2. Rikli, (UO), 9.25. 3. Blumenstein, (UO), 9.15.
HIGH BAR—1. Godawa, (LSU), 9.40. 2. Stone, (UO), 9.35. 3. Crosley, (LSU), 9.30.
ALL-AROUND—1. Godawa, (LSU), 51.50. 2. Roskam, (UO), 49.85. 3. Phillips, (UO), 48.50.
TEAM—LSU, 210.15; UO, 199.05.

OSU wins squeaker

Oregon's women's basketball squad narrowly dropped a 31-30 decision to the Oregon State team in Corvallis Monday night.

The Ducks' next game will be 8:00 tomorrow night against SOC in Gerlinger annex.

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