

# Ducks lose title by smallest spread possible

*Pac-8 wrestling crown back at OSU—by 1/4 of a point*

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CORVALLIS—Football's called a game of inches, but Saturday night at Oregon State's Gill Coliseum, wrestling proved to be even closer.

Oregon State nipped defending Pac-8 wrestling champion Oregon, 79-78 1/4 on the strength of heavy weight Larry Bielenberg's 7-4 triumph over defending Pac-8 champion Greg Gibson for the title.

"You can't get any closer unless you tie," said Oregon coach Ron Finley. "We squeezed about everything we could out of 'em. We came from way down and made a good run."

Buck Davis and Bob Bragg came up with back-to-back triumphs in the 177 and 190-pound weight classes to put Oregon ahead 78 3/4-76, before the deciding heavyweight match.

Davis, injured for six weeks, battled his way into the finals by defeating Cal's Ricky Hale, 3-2 and then roared through the final 12 seconds of his championship match to upend the Beavers' Mike Dillenburg. Leading 6-5, Davis escaped, got a takedown and a three-point near fall to win 12-5.

"Buck did a super job," said Finley. "He competed well for only three days of practice...I'm just tickled pink for him."

Davis felt "lucky" that he was able to compete in the meet after suffering a broken arm. "I wasn't sure about my conditioning," he said.

Bragg battled back from an early 2-0 deficit to defeat UCLA's Fred Bohna 6-4.

Joe Sade was Oregon's first champion of the tournament by virtue of an 11-3 superior decision over Washington's Dave Mitchell in the 126-pound division. Sade was the only repeating gold medalist from the 1975 tourney.

Time after time Gibson tried in vain to shoot on Bielenberg in the final two rounds of the match. Bielenberg, however, successfully repelled Gibson's charges, although being penalized one point for stalling.

"I was trying to control him so he couldn't shoot on me," said Bielenberg. "But I'm not the official."

Oregon probably lost the meet in the 142-pound final bout between Oregon State freshman Dick Knorr and Washington State's Terry Fogg. Knorr claimed a 15-6 superior decision for an extra half-point.

"I said all along that the pin points and superior decisions would make the difference," said Finley.

Kevin Kramer surrendered his Pac-8 158-pound title to Washington's Tom Brown, who was named the tourney's outstanding wrestler, 15-6. It was Brown's third Pac-8 championship in four years. He sat out last year.

In consolation action the Ducks received outstanding efforts from 118-pounder Norm Knight and Danny Hollembaek in the 150 division. Neither was expected to fare that well, but they joined 167-pounder Randy Besaw in the consolation third-place championship spot.

The biggest disappointment for Oregon was the failure of Shuichi Shoji to finish better than fourth place.

## Championship finals

118—Mike Flemming, UCLA, d Pat Plourd OSU, 10-9. 126—Joe Sade UO, d Dave Mitchell UW, 11-3. 134—Frank Gonzales UCLA, d Toshi Oonishi UW, 3-3, 4-3 (OT). 142—Dick Knorr OSU, d Terry Fogg WSU, 15-6. 150—Doug Ziebart OSU, d Neal Dorow, Cal 8-3. 158—Tom Brown UW, d Kevin Kramer UO, 14-2. 167—Bill Kulberg WSU, d Dan Zastoupil, OSU, 5-4. 177—Buck Davis UO, d Mike Dillenburg WSU 10-5. 190—Bob Bragg UO, d Fred Bohna UCLA, 6-4. Heavy weight—Larry Bielenberg OSU, d Greg Gibson UO, 7-4.

## Consolation finals

118—Norm Knight UO, d Mike King, Sta 14-5. 126—Mike Kinane, Cal, d Jerry Riddinger, WSU, 11-3. 134—Carlos Rodriguez, Cal, d Joe Kittel, OSU, 13-6. 142—Ken Lewis, Cal, won by default over Shuichi Shoji, UO. 150—Danny Hollembaek, UO, d Kirk McConchie, UCLA, 10-1. 158—Mark Evanhaus, OSU, d Craig Reynolds, Sta, 10-5. 167—Randy Besaw, UO, d Jeff Ramona, UCLA, 5-2. 177—Ricky Hale, Cal, d Mike Bressler, UW, 6-3. 190—Jay Sullivan, UW, d Darrell Bollman, OSU, 12-7. Heavy weight—Greg Metcalf, UCLA d Gary Anderson, Stan, 5-3. TEAM—Oregon State 79, Oregon 78 1/4, UCLA 48 1/2, Washington 45 1/4, California 34 1/4, Washington State 28 1/4, Stanford 11.



Photo by John Johns

Finley: 'You can't get any closer'

## No. 1 Flying Ducks gain 3rd straight PNW title

Oregon, as expected, breezed to its third straight Pacific Northwest gymnastics title Friday and Saturday at McArthur Court, piling up 410.70 points to outdistance second-place Washington.

The win was the Flying Ducks last test before the Pacific-8 Championships, set for March 4-6 at Mac Court.

"We hope to improve our final team score another five to eight points in the Pac-8 Championships," said Oregon coach Bill Ballester. "If we do, we'll be in excellent position to win it."

Bob Rikli was Oregon's brightest standout, winning two

events in the compulsories (floor exercise, 9.35; high bar, 9.10) and two in the optionals (floor exercise, 18.95; parallel bars, 18.70).

Duck compulsory winners were Curt Rodgers (pommel horse, 9.30); Scott McEldowney (rings, 8.85); and Mike Blumenstein (parallel bars, 8.55).

Winners in the optional events were Rodgers (pommel horse, 18.85) and McEldowney (rings, 18.75).

Behind Oregon's 410.70 total were Washington (401.10), Washington State (351.95) and Portland State (290.20).

## Still, a 'quality performance' Swimmers short by 2 1/2 points

MOSCOW, Idaho—After three days and more than 20 events, Oregon came within 2 1/2 points of winning the North Pacific Swimming and Diving Championships this weekend.

Washington captured the meet, which teams used as a qualifying event for the NCAA Championships, with 678 1/2 points. Oregon was next with 676.

"I'm proud of our total effort," said Oregon coach Don Van Rosen. "We really scared Washington. A look at our No. 1 finishes tells you the quality performance we had."

The Ducks won nine individual events and three relays, breaking three meet and three school records in the process.

Oregon's top efforts came from: Steve Hamilton, who won the 200-yard individual medley in a meet record 1:56.85; won the 100-yard backstroke in a school

record 52.55 and the 200-yard backstroke in a school record 1:54.46.

John McConnochie, who won the 500-yard freestyle in a meet record 4:38.42; won the 400 individual medley in a meet record

## Menkens, Wheeler pace UO to triumph

Oregon won ten events in notching an 87-53 women's swim victory over Portland State Friday night at Leighton Pool.

Michelle Menkens won three events to pace the Ducks while Robin Wheeler won two. Menkens was first in the 100 backstroke (1:05.01), 200 individual medley (2:19.59) and the 50 breaststroke (32.54). Wheeler captured the 50 butterfly in 28.0 and the 100 butterfly in 1:04.89.

4:08.11 and was second in the 1,650 freestyle in 16:33.61.

Lorne Kemmet, who won the 100-yard butterfly in 52.76 and won the 200-yard butterfly in 1:54.96.

Other Oregon winners were Roy Clark, 1:00.48 in the 100-yard breaststroke and Rich Kent, who swam a school record 46.32 to capture the 100-yard freestyle.

In addition, the 400-medley relay team of Hamilton, Roy Clark, Kemmet and Rich Kent won in 3:29.53; the 800-yard freestyle relay team of Mat McCudden, Kent, Hamilton and McConnochie won in 6:54.97 and the 400-yard freestyle relay team of Hamilton, Dan Zaiss, McCudden and Kent won in 3:09.31.

Oregon qualified seven competitors for the NCAA meet, to be held March 25-27 in Providence, R.I.

## Dwight Stones: 'Something's going right for me'

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Dwight Stones sailed an extra quarter-inch to break the world record he had set the night before and finished the San Diego Indoor Games owning a new mark of 7-feet-6 1/2 inches in the high jump.

"Something's got to be going right for me," the lanky Stones said Saturday night before the jump. "I have no right to be jumping this high. I've had terrible workouts and done no speed work. But I'm not going to sit back with guys like Tom Woods and Rory Kotinek jumping so well."

Stones, of Long Beach State, had the bar raised to 7-6 1/2 after beating the rest of the field with a 7-4 leap. He waited several minutes until the crowd of

11,005 fell silent and then flipped over the bar backwards. Observers said he had more than an inch to spare.

Earlier, Lorna Forde of Barbados set a world indoor record in the women's 500-yard run, clocking 1 minute 3.4 seconds. Miss Forde's time bettered the old record of 1:04.5 set by Kathy Hammond in 1972 and the slender 23-year-old got a standing ovation from the crowd as she took a slow victory lap.

"On Friday my coach said I was going to get the world record," Miss Forde said after pulling ahead of Jarvis Scott of the Premier Track Club and Yolanda Rich of the Los Angeles Mercurettes in the last lap. "Normally, when the coach tells me that, I get too psyched out and it doesn't work. But the crowd made me win."

And in the featured mile run, New Zealander Rod Dixon toured the course in 3:56.8, beating Tanzania's heralded Filbert Bayi. Bayi led until the last two laps of the race, billed as a showdown between the world's top two amateur milers, before facing at the end. Dixon won by nearly a full second as Bayi finished in 3:57.5.

Kotinek, a relative unknown from the Pacific Coast Club, had duelled all the way up to 7-5 with Stones the night before in New York, but had to settle for a second-place tie with Dean Owens of the Beverly Hills Striders Saturday at 7-0. Woods and Southern Cal's Tim Walker deadlocked at 6-10 for third place.

Russ Rogers of Southern Cal took the

pole vault from favored Dan Ripley, holder of the world indoor record, with a leap of 17-6.

Rick Wohlhuter of the Chicago Track Club took the 880 with a meet record clocking of 1:50. Mark Enyeart of Utah St. followed at 1:50.2.

The men's 500 was won by Arizona State's Herman Frazier in 56.2 seconds. He was followed by Maxi Parks in 56.7.

Maccabi's Arni Robinson took the long jump with a leap of 25 feet, 11 1/4 inches. Second was Stan Whitley of Cal International at 25-3 1/4.

Pete Shmuck of the Beverly Hills Striders upset Al Feuerbach of the Pacific Coast Club, winning the shot put competition with a 68-2 toss, as compared to Feuerbach's 67-11 1/4.