

15th-ranked grapplers tackle BYU tonight



142 lb. Scott Bliss is leading the Duck wrestlers in number of pins scored.

For networks, Super Bowl means more dollars, time

NEW YORK (AP) — Super Bowl XI is at hand and never before have so many done so much to bring it into living rooms across the country and, indeed, across the world.

Both NBC and CBS covered the first Super Bowl in 1967 and they have alternated ever since. Every year one network wrestles with the myriad problems of televising the game while the other gnashes its teeth in envy. Each year the production becomes more complex, more people get involved, more technical hardware is employed and, of course, the cost goes up.

NBC will handle Super Bowl XI and the network has been gearing up for months.

"We have brought together the best production talent available to us," says Chet Simmons, the network's vice president of sports operations and the man who has supervised NBC's five previous Super Bowl presentations.

"Now all we need is a good game. What makes a great Super Bowl is a great game. It becomes a challenge to all of us to give the game the kind of presentation it deserves."

Toward that end, NBC has gathered its forces in Pasadena, Calif., and equipped them with all manner of electronic gear.

There will be a total of 20 cameras, 14 of them for the game itself, as compared with the four or five used for regular-season games. These include three hand-held "Minicams," one in a blimp and another in NBC's "telescope."

There will be seven slow-motion replay disks, five videotape machines for replays, two "vidifonts" to provide statistical charts and two slide projectors that can flash still pictures of participants on the screen.

There will be three miles of camera cable, 3½ miles of audio cable, approximately 100 monitors in and around the Rose Bowl and some 65 microphones through which technicians can communicate with each other.

In all, NBC will use about \$5

million worth of gear. A crew of 180 persons will try to put the right plugs into the right sockets at the right time. It's a costly operation as advertisers have already discovered. Commercial time, sold out long in advance, went for a record \$250,000 per minute, up about \$25,000 from last year.

The point of all this is to bring the game into as many homes as possible and the network is projecting an audience of 75 million viewers, which would be a Super Bowl record for a single network. CBS's coverage of last year's Super Bowl, the Cowboys vs. the Steelers, attracted the current record of 73.3 million viewers.

The first Super Bowl, Packers vs. Chiefs, actually holds the record for most viewers, but it was shown on two networks with CBS pulling 39.3 million viewers to 38.2 million for WBC.

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Oregon's wrestling team hosts a pair of Western Athletic Conference powers tonight and Friday in McArthur Court at 7 p.m. Should the Ducks defeat Brigham Young ranked 12th nationally and Wyoming on successive nights, they would be in line to move up from their number 15 ranking.

"We definitely have a chance to beat BYU," said Oregon coach Ron Finley. "The meet should be close, but we should be rated as underdogs because they're rated 12th and we're 15th. We could really move up if we whip 'em though."

The Ducks have never beaten the Cougars. In three previous meets BYU has posted wins of 15-9 (1963), 15-12 (1968) and 20-8 (1969). Duck teams have greatly improved since then, but the Cougars have 10 returning regulars from a year ago including Sam Orme, a fifth place finisher in the NCAA meet at 118 pounds last year.

Perhaps the most impressive Cougar will be Brad Hansen, who captured the WAC 177 title as a freshman posting a 21-6-1 match record.

"You have the number two and three 177 wrestlers west of the Mississippi going against each other," he said. "The winner will probably be the alternate for the west team in the East-West All-Star match (at Corvallis next month)."

Coached by Fred Davis, the Cougars posted a 19-6 dual meet record last year, but are 1-1 so far this year. Oregon and BYU both participated in the Arizona Invitational tournament, the Cougars placing fourth and the Ducks seventh.

Wyoming, Oregon's Friday opponent, was also in the Arizona tourney, placing eighth. The Cowboys won their own invitational afterwards and placed

second in the Air Force Invitational. In dual meets the Cowboys are 2-0, registering triumphs over New Mexico (38-13) and Northern Colorado (20-18).

"They aren't rated," said Finley of the Cowboys, "but they're right up there. They are an improved team, but they're still pretty young."

The Ducks have met Wyoming on two previous occasions, winning both. Oregon won 20-11 in 1974 and handily (31-7) last season.

"If we can win the first match," said Finley of Friday's meet, "we'll have a chance to win eight of the matches." The first match pits Oregon's Steve Hart against Wyoming's Roger Jore (3-2).

Other matches Finley expects to be pivotal are the 158 clash that sends the Cowboys' Donny Godbehere (13-20) against Kevin Kramer and the 167 bout where Paul Reed (17-2) faces Tim Strobel.

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Oregon will again be without 190-pounder Bob Bragg. Susumu Hagahara, Oregon's 126 starter in early meets, is also out. Both have painful back injuries, although both are expected to return later this month.

The Duck line-up will look like this: 118—Hart (11-3); 126—either sophomore Dewey Travis (Travis returned to Oregon this term and hasn't competed this season) or freshman Larry Marshall (0-0); 134—Randy Robinson (7-6); 142 Scott Bliss (8-3); 150—Dan Hollembaek (5-6); 158—Kramer (12-2); 167—Strobel (10-4); 177—Davis (6-0); 190—Brian Dunagan (5-6-1); Heavyweight—Terry Shanley (1-0).

In Saturday triangular

Gymnasts to host Beavers, PSU

Oregon's nationally-ranked gymnastics team opens its season at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at McArthur Court in a triangular meet with Oregon State and Portland State.

The all-around competition should feature a dual between OSU's Donna Southwick, national junior college all-around champion last year, and Oregon's Wendy Halberg.

Halberg, a sophomore from Eugene, led the Ducks to a 12th place finish in the 1976 Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women (AIAW) national championships, scoring 33.80 in all-around. Oregon is ranked 14th in the country this year by the National Statistical Service for Gymnastics.

Halberg's strengths are the uneven bars and the balance beam. She's scored 8.85 for each and holds school records for both events, while Southwick, a transfer from Linn-Benton Community College, is the first OSU woman student to receive an athletic scholarship.

The Ducks had a 13-1 season record last year, losing only to the University of Washington, and coach Henriette Heiny expects her team to do just as well this year.

"With the exception of Washington, we should have the best depth in the Northwest, and this year depth will be critical," she said.

This year four, instead of three, competitors will be scored in each

event. To qualify for nationals a team must score 134.00 (an average of 8.4 for each scorer in each event).

Heiny will enter six gymnasts in each event Saturday and even then, she'll still have several competitors who will have to sit and watch.

Halberg will lead a contingent of five all-around performers, including three others from the team that competed at nationals last year — Jan Model, a senior from Billings, Mont.; Sue Wilson, a senior from McNabb, Ill.; and Elaine Fisher, a senior from Gresham. Sophomore Carolyn Wold of Hillsboro, a transfer from Pacific University, will be Oregon's fifth all-around entry.

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Soccer tryouts today

Tryouts for the Oregon soccer club's winter team will be held today at 3 p.m. on the 18th and Agate intramural field.

Duck basketball on TV

All Oregon home basketball games this season will be televised in 138 Gilbert and the EMU Fishbowl as a joint feature by the ASUO and the Division of Broadcast Services. The room will be open about one hour before game time.

Gym and mat tickets on sale

Season tickets are now available for gymnastics and wrestling at \$4 each. This ticket does not include the Japanese Collegiate All-Stars gymnastics meet this Sunday. Student tickets are available for the Oregon-Oregon State basketball game in Portland's Memorial Coliseum on Jan. 26. The price is \$2.50, and plenty of tickets remain.

Ballard on Classic ballot

Oregon's Greg Ballard is on the West ballot for the sixth annual Pizza Hut Classic to be held April 5 at the Las Vegas Convention Center.

The top eight vote-getters on each team are given invitations to play while the other two spots will be filled by at-large selections. Ballots are available at the nation's 2,500 universities and Pizza Hut restaurants.

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