

Ducks seek encore in Pac-8 screen test

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It's now January, and with the start of a new year and a new term comes yet another Pacific-8 basketball season.

And Oregon is starting out in a true baptism of fire. Tonight, the 9-2 Ducks will take on the recognized king of West Coast basketball in Los Angeles when they meet UCLA (10-1) in Pauley Pavilion.

Everybody knows about Pauley. That's the place where Oregon snapped the Bruins' 98-game home winning streak last year by handing the eventual conference champs a stunning 65-45 loss. And as might be ex-

pected, the Ducks haven't forgotten it.

"Beating them by 20 last year gives our veteran players a feeling that Pauley isn't so imposing," said Oregon head coach Dick Harter. "I'm sure it will also be an incentive for them."

Seventh-ranked UCLA hasn't played a game outside of Pauley yet this season, and its only loss came Dec. 11 to Notre Dame, 66-63.

The Bruins know they can't drop another game at home, especially now that the race has begun. Ever since the name "Pacific-8 Conference" was adopted in 1968, UCLA — the league champion every year — has never lost more

than two Pac-8 games.

And Gene Bartow doesn't want to change that.

"Oregon, with its record, and Oregon State may be at the head of the Pac-8 talent along with Washington, Washington State and us," said the second-year Bruin coach. "We aren't as polished as I would like, we look good at times and sputter at others."

But lest one think the 10-time national champions are on the skids, just look at their talent. With a front line of center Breet Vroman (7-0), forward Marques Johnson (6-7) and forward-center David Greenwood (6-9), UCLA towers over the Ducks, who list Gary Nel-

son (6-10), Kelvin Small (6-8) and Greg Ballard (6-7) as their tallest players.

And if Oregon hasn't been hurt enough by injuries, some more bad news has hit. Sophomore forward Joe Moreck, who was hurt in a freak accident in practice when he fell over a team manager after completing a lay-in, is probably lost for the season.

"That just plain killed us," groaned Harter. "There were two guys we couldn't lose, Moreck or Ballard. We're hoping that later in the season we can tape the hand up and maybe have him available to play. But right now, the doctor says he's lost."

Saturday night, Oregon will

tangle with USC (4-9). Although the Trojans may not look very good, Harter still won't count them out.

"I think I could win down there 20 years in a row, and still be concerned about the southern trip," said Harter.

The Ducks will need a lot of ifs to return Sunday with two wins, if they can keep the Bruins from dominating the boards, if they can run the motion well both nights, if they can stay out of foul trouble.

But Oregon has become an expert at making the most of its capabilities and turning those ifs into reality.

Both games will be broadcast over KUGN starting at 8 p.m.

Flying Ducks face Japanese

By STEVE GEIGER
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If you wanted to catch a live glimpse of the Montreal Olympics last summer but didn't get the chance, then McArthur Court this Sunday evening is just the place for you.

Two of the best gymnasts in the world and their team, the Japanese All-Stars, will be performing Sunday at 7 p.m. against Oregon's Number One-nationally ranked men's team.

Hisato Igarashi and Hiroji Kajiyama, two gold medalists at Montreal, are coaches on the Japanese team, but will show off their skills in exhibition performances along with former Oregon gymnasts Randy Lary and three-time All-American Bob Rikli.

The six-member Japanese team is made up of four juniors and two sophomores from Nippon University, which has an enrollment of 130,000.

Nippon University was Eastern Japan Collegiate Champions from 1974 through 1976, and Japanese Collegiate champions from 1973 through 1975.

If the Ducks can't beat the all-stars, however, probably no collegiate team in the United States can.

Oregon has been ranked Number One nationally the past two years, and scored 213 points in a three-team meet in Chicago Wednesday night to climb into the top spot again this winter.

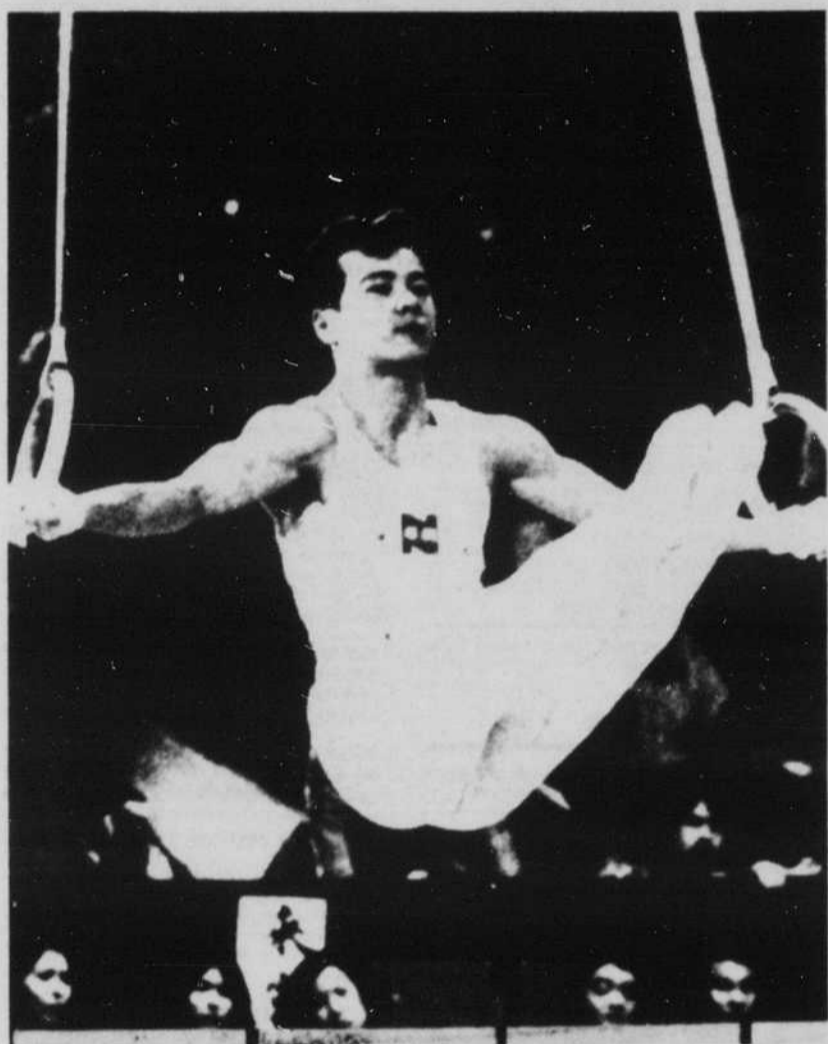
The 213 points knocked Louisiana State from the top ranking, surpassing LSU's 208.4 season best. Indiana State scored 209 points in the meet, also passing LSU, and Northern Illinois compiled 203.65.

Freshman Breck Grigas won the all-around competition for the Ducks with 52.95 points. Indiana State's Kurt Thomas, who became the only American gymnast ever to win an Olympic medal with his all-around bronze in Montreal, finished second behind Grigas.

Tonight the Ducks will face Louisiana State in Chicago before returning for the Sunday evening meet.

The Japanese team arrived in the States last Tuesday and had a dual meet against Brigham Young Wednesday to open the 10-day, six-meet trip. Two training sessions yesterday and today will help prepare the team for five dual meets in five nights tomorrow through next Wednesday.

Tomorrow the all-stars will be in Seattle to take on Washington, Sunday they'll be at Mac Court, Monday at New Mexico, Tuesday at Arizona State and Wednesday in Tucson against against the Tucson Gymnastics Club. Next Thursday they'll leave for Tokyo.



Hiroji Kajiyama will lead the six-member Japanese All-Stars team against number-one ranked Oregon at McArthur Court Sunday night. Kajiyama and teammate Hisato Igarashi both won gold medals in the Montreal Olympics. Photo courtesy of athletic department.

No. 15 UO wrestlers whip No. 12 BYU

By GREG STILES
Of the Emerald

Oregon's heavyweight Terry Shanley decided Brigham Young's Scott Jepson, 11-1, to secure a 21-14 intersectional wrestling triumph over the 12th-rated Cougars Thursday night at MacArthur Court.

The Ducks led 17-5 following 158-pounder Kevin Kramer's narrow 9-8 win over BYU's Dave Hansen. The Cougars, however, rallied to within three points, 17-14, by winning the next three matches.

One included Brad Hansen's 10-5 decision over the Duck's Buck Davis in the 177 bout. Davis scored the first four points, but Hansen — the number-two rated man in his class west of the Mississippi — came back to claim the win as Davis wore down.

Shanley rolled-up a 7-1 edge after two periods. It was his first appearance for the Ducks this season and caught the crowd, the Cougars and maybe even the Ducks by surprise.

Oregon coach Ron Finley said, "For his first match, it was a great effort. He kept going for the fall and didn't make any silly moves."

Shanley spent most of the period in control, holding Jepson inches from a pin, but had to settle for a three-point near-fall.

Steve Hart got the Ducks rolling with a 4-2 upset triumph over BYU's Sam Orme, who was fifth in the NCAA meet last year. It was Hart's first win over Orme and Finley was complimentary about his effort.

"It was probably one of the best matches Hart has ever wrestled in his life," said Finley.

Scott Bliss and Dan Hollembaek also picked-up wins for the Ducks. Hollembaek recorded the only pin of the evening. He gained a fall at the 7:28 mark of his 150 bout with the Cougars' Layne Dalley.

Said Finley, "That was Danny's best effort ever. He was pretty solid all the way through and kept the pressure on."

118 — Steve Hart, UO, dec. Sam Orme, BYU, 4-2. 126 — Paul Fehlberg, BYU, dec. Dewey Travis, UO, 5-1. 134 — Randy Robinson, UO, drew, LaMar Boyer, BYU, 5-5. 142 — Scott Bliss, UO, dec. John Mechem, BYU, 16-10. 150 — Dan Hollembaek, UO, pinned Layne Dalley, BYU, 7:28. 158 — Kevin Kramer, UO, dec. David Hansen, 9-8. 167 — Gene Patch, BYU, dec. Tim Strobel, UO, 3-2. 177 — Brad Hansen, BYU, dec. Buck Davis, UO, 10-5. 190 Rory Needs, BYU, dec. Brian Dunagan, UO, 11-5. Heavyweight — Terry Shanley, UO, dec. Scott Jepson, BYU, 11-1.

Team Scores — Oregon 21, Brigham Young 14.

The two top members of the team are Toshiro Kanai, Eastern Japan intercollegiate first team and All-Japan second team in 1976, and Mutsuaki Yabuno, Eastern Japan intercollegiate first team in 1976.

Student tickets are available for \$2.50, adult general admission for

\$3.50 and reserved seats for \$5. They're at the University athletic department windows, and at the following stores: John Warren's Hardware and Mattox Pipe Shop (downtown Eugene), Rosenblatt's and J.C. Penney's (Valley River Center) and Laxton's (Springfield).

Five swim teams invade Leighton Pool for Relays

Oregon's men and women's swimming and diving teams may be facing their stiffest challenge so far this season as they dive into Leighton Pool against five other Northwest schools Saturday in the Oregon Relays.

Women's coach Virginia Van Rossen says Pacific Lutheran will carry the bulk of her worries because PLU finished second in the Northwest Regional Championship, while Oregon placed third.

Even without PLU, Van Rossen is also wary of Portland State, whom she believes will carry a strong team.

"If we win five relays we'll be in business, and we should win at least four," Van Rossen said.

On the men's side, however, Don Van Rossen definitely believes his paddlers are the favorites. He cited the 200- and 800-freestyle events as Oregon's strong points, but also said the Ducks will be weak in depth and in

the butterfly relays.

At the springboard end of Leighton, diving coach Jerry DeMers said PSU presents the largest problems for the men and, especially for the women. Two of the PSU women traveled to the women's nationals last year, and Oregon's number-two diver, Vicki Bringle, might not compete because of an illness.

The diving relays will combine the scores of the two top swimmers from each school for the team totals.

The swimming relays will begin at 1 p.m. with the women competing against Highline Community College, University of Puget Sound, Southern Oregon College, PLU and PSU. The men will challenge Highline and SOC.

Diving competition will get under way at 9:30 a.m. Saturday.

Oregon travels to Ashland for a coed meet with SOC on Wednesday.

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