

Ducks score 216.65 in loss to Japanese

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The Flying Ducks gymnastics team went up against as tough of competition as it's likely to go up against any time Sunday night as it lost an exhibition match to the Japanese All-Star team 221.30-216.5 at McArthur Court.

Oregon became the top-rated team in the nation by scoring 213 points in Chicago last Wednesday but easily surpassed that total in the non-counting affair.

A fine over-all performance by Duck freshman Breck Grigas was overshadowed by the Japanese team from Nihon University, which was Eastern Japan Collegiate champion from 1974-76, and Japanese Collegiate champions from 1973 through 1975.

Shunichi Matsumoto barely edged teammate Toshiro Kanai for the largest point total of the meet, 55.85-55.80. Both men competed in all six events, and neither scored lower than 9.0 on any event, as did Sadamu Kadamori, who was third with 54.15 points.

Grigas competed in five events and scored 45.05 to lead Oregon. The United States is the only country that allows gymnasts to specialize in events rather than compete on every apparatus.

Six of the 11 Ducks competed in only one event for Oregon and

three more competed in only three of the six events.

The meet was relatively close through the first four events. The Japanese outscored Oregon by 37.45-36.65 in the floor exercise as Matsumoto led all participants with a 9.5 score. Senior Don Lester led Oregon with a 9.45 score in his only events of the night.

Senior Curt Rodgers and junior Tom Truedson helped Oregon take the lead after the second event, the pommel horse. Rodgers turned in a score of 9.6, the highest mark of the evening, while Truedson scored a 9.55.

Matsumoto managed a 9.0 and Kani a 9.2, but it wasn't enough as the Ducks pulled into a narrow 73.20-73.10 lead.

Scott McElowney helped Oregon keep the meet close through the ring exercise. McElowney lead everyone with a 9.5, but Oregon was outscored 36.40-36.0, making the score 109.50-109.20.

Then the visitors took over. Doing double somersaults over the vault and off the high bar, the Japanese team increased its lead from .30 through the first three events to a final victory margin of 4.80.

The Ducks have two more home meets in a row, against Portland State next Wednesday at 8 p.m. and next Sunday against University of Washington at 4 p.m., both at Mac Court.



Photo by Alex Lam

The number-one ranked Duck gymnasts gave a good effort toward an upset bid, but the Japanese All-stars scored 221.30 to narrowly defeat a talented Oregon squad in McArthur Court Sunday night.

Event winners:
Floor exercise-Shunichi Matsumoto, J. 9.5.
Pommel horse-Curt Rodgers, O. 9.6.
Rings-Scott McElowney, O. 9.5.
Vault-Shunichi Matsumoto, J. and Mike Moyal, O. 9.45.
High bar-Sadamu Kadamori, J. 9.5.
Parallel bars-Shunichi Matsumoto, J. 9.4.

Grapplers win twice, shoot for third tonight

Oregon's wrestling team hosts Northern Colorado tonight at 7:30 p.m. at McArthur Court after defeating its second straight Western Athletic Conference foe Friday night.

The Ducks won eight of 10 matches, including two forfeit victories, and picked a draw, to whip Wyoming 38-5.

Although they didn't pick up any pins, the Ducks manhandled the Cowboys. For example: Scott Bliss ripped Wyoming's Mitch Freeman 22-10 in the 142-pound class, Kevin Kramer waltzed past Dean Muhlig 17-5 and Terry Shanley outclassed Wyoming's Bob Hede 14-2.

It was Oregon's third win without a loss against Wyoming in three meet series over the past four seasons. It was also Oregon's fifth straight dual win.

Northern Colorado will pose a problem, even if it isn't highly rated. In six previous meetings with the Ducks, the two teams have won three each. Oregon has won the last two years easily.

Friday results

118-Steve Hart, UO, won by forfeit. 126-Cody Westbrook, Wyo., dec. Dewey Travis, UO, 5-2. 134-Randy Robinson, UO, dec. Jim London, Wyo., 9-2. 142-Scott Bliss, UO, dec. Mitch Freeman, Wyo., 22-10. 150-Dan Hollembaek, UO, and Steve Suder, Wyo., drew, 4-4. 158-Kevin Kramer, UO, dec. Dick Muhlig, Wyo., 17-5. 167-Tim Strobel, UO, dec. Tom Wertz, Wyo., 8-1. 177-Buck Davis, UO, won by forfeit. 190-Brian Dunagan, UO, dec. Larry Deal, Wyo., 3-2. Heavyweight-Terry Shanley, UO, dec. Bob Hede, Wyo., 14-2. Team-Oregon 38, Wyoming 5.



MONDAY, JAN. 10

WRESTLING—Northern Colorado, at Mac Court, 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, JAN. 11

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL—Oregon College of Education, at Monmouth, 7:30 p.m. (JV's 5:30).

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 12

CO-ED SWIMMING—Southern Oregon, at Ashland, 7 p.m. MEN'S GYMNASICS—Portland State, at McArthur Court, 8 p.m.

THURSDAY, JAN. 13

MEN'S BASKETBALL—Washington, at McArthur Court, 8:05 p.m.

FRIDAY, JAN. 14

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL—Washington, at McArthur Court, 7:30 p.m.

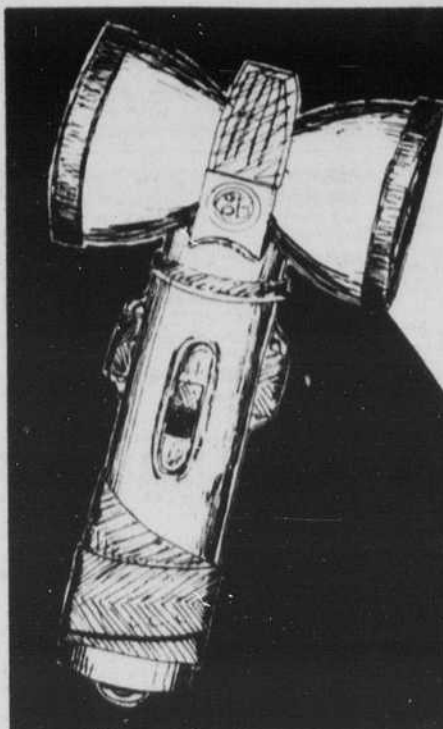
WRESTLING—Portland State, at Portland, 7:30 p.m. MEN'S SWIMMING—Utah, at Leighton Pool (continues through Saturday).

SATURDAY, JAN. 15

MEN'S BASKETBALL—Washington State, at McArthur Court, 8:05 p.m. WOMEN'S BASKETBALL—Alaska-Fairbanks, at McArthur Court, 5:30 p.m. WOMEN'S SWIMMING—Central Washington, at Leighton Pool, 12 noon.

SUNDAY, JAN. 16

CO-ED GYMNASICS—Washington, at McArthur Court, 4 p.m.



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