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It's about time

"How badly is Michigan going to kill Washington?", asked the skeptic.

Frankly, I really can't say. By all reasoning known to mortal man Michigan ought to smother the Huskies when they tangle on January 2 in the Rose Bowl.

But who cares?

Even if the Huskies didn't even show up, just knowing that they had stepped on a few of the California school's toes is plenty of satisfaction for me. Washington is supposed to be Oregon's hottest rival after Oregon State, but in this instance you can color me purple.

Washington's march to Pasadena is amazing, really. When one considers the depths the Huskies had sunk to early in the year, it is remarkable that they finished with a winning year, let alone qualified for the Rose Bowl.

Let's drift back for a moment to October 8 when Oregon hosted Washington. Coach Don James' team came into that game with a 1-3 record, identical to Oregon's. All the talk was of which team would take a step towards righting a season which was rapidly disintegrating.

By the time Washington finished walloping the Ducks, it was clear which team was headed in the proper direction. But no one except the Huskies would have guessed that the Rose Bowl was a realistic possibility.

Now, here it is a month and a half later and the Huskies have had the last laugh. While quarterback Warren Moon was telling writers about how Washington could win the Pacific-8 no one was listening.

From now on, maybe some of the players who can make a difference will listen to northwest schools.

While seeing a school from north of San Francisco qualify for the Rose Bowl is satisfaction enough for a native northwesterner, speculating what it could mean to Oregon State, Washington State and Oregon is exciting, too.

Sure, a recruiter before could tell a promising young buck that there is great potential for a conference champion in the tall firs of the northwest, but when he can't remember anything but a sea of crimson and gold in the Rose Bowl, it's hard to convince anyone with an IQ higher than his age.

But, now that is remedied.

Not since 1965, when the Beavers went south, has a northwest school gone bowling in Pasadena. Most people outside of Corvallis wouldn't remember that. But they'll remember seeing Washington come this January. And it'll make prospective players believe that they can be part of a winner despite not playing under the California sun.

The question remains, however, what is Washington doing in the Rose Bowl? Is the league suffering a down year, or are the Huskies of the caliber of past champions?

Recent history would seem to indicate the latter. In 1971 and '72 Stanford went to the Bowl with three losses each season. And won each time over undefeated opponents.

So how badly will Washington lose to Michigan? I would tend to say not badly, if at all. The Huskies are sizzling as of late and if they can maintain that edge until January, the Wolverines may find the Rose Bowl an upsetting game.

But win or lose, the northwest is better off because of Washington.

Duck wrestlers stop Japanese as Besaw wins final match

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The Oregon wrestling team opened its season with a narrow victory over the Hosei University from Tokyo, Japan last night at McArthur Court.

With the match tied at three points apiece going into the final match of the night, it was up to Oregon's Randy Besaw to win the match for the Ducks and he did just that. Wrestling at the 180.5 pound division in the meet which was conducted under freestyle rules, Besaw was going against Yutaka Suzuki, the 1977 Japan national champion.

With approximately 300 fans on the edge of their bleacher seats, Besaw and Suzuki battled to a 5-5 tie going into the final round. The score remained that way all the way down to the final three seconds as both wrestlers went off the mat, stopping the clock.

When the two met at the center of the mat and the referee resumed action, Suzuki made an effort to shoot for a take-down which backfired, giving Besaw the chance to win the match and the meet as the final buzzer sounded.

Oregon coach Ron Finley pointed out after the meet that Besaw would have been awarded the match if it ended in a tie because he scored a two pointer against Suzuki while the Japanese wrestler could only manage one point at a time against the Oregon senior.

"Quite frankly, Hosei isn't that good of a team," said Finley after the meet. "Before the meet I thought that we would have done better."

Oregon dug themselves into a hole early by losing the first three matches. Then after forfeit by Hosei at the 136.5 division, the Ducks went on to win the remaining three matches.

Dan Holden, a freshman from Corvallis, competed at the 105 weight division and was pinned by Takashi Yamagishi at 1:39 of the first round for his college initiation. Yamagishi placed third in the 1977 Junior World Championships.

Senior Norm Knight was next for the Ducks at 114 pounds. Knight managed to hold close to his opponent, Yukio Tomita, going into the third round, but then gave up five points in the deciding round to lose, 11-5.

"Knight is much more capable of doing better," said Finley about the senior from Hopkins, Minn. "Both Knight and Brad Strangeland have an awful long way to go."

Strangeland is a freshman who wrestled in the next match of the evening at the 125.5 weight category. Going against Yoshio Yamagishi, third in the 1977 Japanese nationals, Strangeland was outmuscled 30-3.

Then things started falling the Ducks' way as Kimio Iwasaki was unable to wrestle in the 136.5 pound division, giving Oregon and Larry Marshall a victory on forfeit.

Scott Bliss kept things going for the Ducks as he quickly disposed of his opponent, Akitoshi Tsutsui, only 1:47 into the match.

Brian Hilt, a freshman wrestling in the 163 division then tied up the meet by pinning his opponent 5:31 into the match. Hilt's victim was Jiro Isaka. With that came the last and deciding match, which Besaw eventually won.

"As you could tell by tonight,"

Finley said, "the 142 to 167 pound weight divisions are our strongest areas. But like I've said before, we're young and inexperienced this year."

Pointing out that he will be starting five non-lettermen, Finley expressed special concern for the Ducks upcoming road trip.

"I think we're going to have a rough road trip," he said. "Our freshmen have got a lot to learn."

The Ducks won't be facing any patsys on their trip south either, according to Finley.

"We'll be facing Minnesota; they were fourth in the nation last year," said Finley. Then we'll hit the Arizona tournament and that is the toughest tournament there is outside of the NCAA tourney.

"We'll meet Arizona State, they were number nine in the country and then we'll see both Oklahoma and Oklahoma State."

Another concern of Finley's as the Ducks open their season is finding a heavyweight.

"We're hunting real hard for a heavyweight," he said. "I might not even take one on the trip with us. I might just take someone at a lightweight and then move everyone up one."

The wrestler who received the most praise from the Oregon coach was after the meet was sophomore Scott Bliss, who looked very strong in the short while he wrestled.

"Scotty is probably the best wrestler on our team right now," Finley said. "He's our veteran and he's only a sophomore."

Council sets meeting

The Women's Sports Council will sponsor a meeting today at 6:30 p.m. in the EMU, room to be posted.

The criteria for letter awards will be discussed and there will be a review for regulations to be examined at the National Association for Interscholastic Athletics for Women conference.

All women athletes are urged to attend this important meeting.

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