

## Oregon grapplers pin Fresno State, 45-5

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Oregon's grapplers rode the wave of four pins on the way to a 45-5 thrashing of the Fresno State Bulldogs Wednesday night in MacArthur Court.

The Ducks got pins from Scott Bliss, Jeff Stuebing, Randy Besaw and Don Brown in improving their dual meet record to 4-8. Tuesday night the Ducks defeated eleventh ranked Clarion State, 33-10.

However, the loss may have been costly to the Ducks. Norm Knight, Oregon's 118-pounder, injured his shoulder near the end of his match and may be sidelined. "I'm scared Norm is hurt," admitted Oregon coach Ron Finley.

Knight's injury could be especially damaging to the Ducks as they prepare for a road trip to Utah. Friday night, the Ducks face nationally ranked Brigham Young in Provo, then meet Utah on Saturday. Facing a lack of depth, Finley doesn't need to see any of his wrestlers out of action.

"We can't afford to have anybody hurt," Finley stated. "We've really been lucky so far this year that we haven't had many injuries, considering the amount of matches we've had," he added.

If Oregon has wrestled a lot of matches this year, it certainly didn't show in any fatigue factor. Coming off their Tuesday night victory over eleventh ranked Clarion State, the Ducks looked more

than ready to handle Fresno State.

The match started well for Oregon, at least as far as the score went. Knight completely dominated Crecensiano Romero throughout the match. With a 12-4 lead and 36 seconds remaining, Knight injured his shoulder, but still managed to run up eight more points on his foe.

In the 126-pound match, Oregon's Larry Gleason escaped with 20 seconds to go to earn a draw with Fresno's Scott Hasson.

Oregon increased its team lead as Steve Starzenski pulled out the 134 pound match, 5-4, by scoring a two point reversal at the end of the final period.

Fresno State picked up its final

points of the dual match when Roy Moz came back from a 4-0 deficit to defeat Duck freshman Barry Boyles in the 142-pound match. Moz used a lateral drop to put Boyles on the mat as the match ended to pull out a 5-4 victory.

Oregon's pin parade then started. Scott Bliss improved his team best season record to 21-3 by flooring Mike Ribera at 6:07 of the match.

Dan Hollembach racked up the most lopsided decision of the night in his 19-1 win over Warren Flynn. Hollembach jumped out to a 10-1 lead after two periods and repeatedly had Flynn on his back in the final period but couldn't re-

gister a pin.

Oregon's second pin came on the 167 pound division when freshman Jeff Stuebing rolled Bob Berg on his back at 6:22 in the match.

Randy Besaw then put the sparse crowd on its feet when he took only 50 seconds to pin David Buss.

Of course the pin has been becoming second hat for Oregon 190-pounder Don Brown. Brown registered his fifth pin in the last eight matches, defeating Amos Scott in a wild match in the second period.

Oregon's final points came on a forfeit in the heavyweight class.

## Women cagers face a tough test on Washington road swing

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The Oregon women's basketball team will get their chance this weekend to find out just how good they are, or aren't.

Coach Elwin Heiny will take his squad and their unblemished record of 6-0 to the state of Washington to tangle with the supposedly top two teams in the league — the University of Washington and Western Washington University.

Washington, the Ducks' first opponent of the weekend on Friday night, had the best record in the Northwest last year at 22-4 and are off to just as an impressive start this year. The Huskies (6-1) are currently averaging 79 points per game and have topped 90 on three separate occasions.

A typical game for Washington might best be indicated by last weekend's performance against Portland State University. In that contest, the Huskies out-rebounded a very competitive PSU team by a 71-40 margin and coasted to an easy 92-53 final score.

"Right now Washington is con-

sidered the top team," said Oregon coach Elwin Heiny. "I talked with Karen Morgan, PSU's coach, over the phone after their game against UW and she said that if we beat them, it'll be an upset."

Margie Nielson, a six-foot center and 1976-77 NCWSA Southern Division All-Star is the main weapon to Washington's offensive attack. Nielson currently leads the Huskies in the statistical departments with 18 points a game and 15.1 rebounds.

"She was a very good player for them last year," said Heiny about Nielson, "and she has supposedly improved this year. She's not their only player though."

Another whom the Ducks will have to look out for is 5-10 sophomore Carol Hanshaw. Hanshaw, who can play both guard or forward, is averaging 11.9 points per game.

Heiny also expects a similar type of game from Western Washington on Saturday night. The Vikettes (4-2) haven't jumped off to as impressive a start this season as their three consecutive regional tournament championships would lead you to believe they would, but are still consi-

dered as one of the more dangerous teams in the league.

Western Washington has also faced PSU this year, walking away with almost as easy a win as Washington, 72-51.

"Both UW and Western Washington are very physical," Heiny said. "The Portland State coach told me that they were so physical that most of her kids couldn't cope with it."

"Both teams play a man-to-man defense and like to put on the full court pressure. They're big and they're quick, but I think we can match 'em up."

"They have an advantage," continued Heiny, "they've played some tough games and we haven't yet."

For Oregon, the weekend will be the most important part of their schedule to date as well as an excellent opportunity to take the initiative in league action. Two victories would put them all alone at the top of the league with the toughest road trip behind them. But having not faced any stiff challenges so far this year, the thing that worries Heiny most is how his team will react to tough competition.

"I think we're good," he said, "but we'll see how good."

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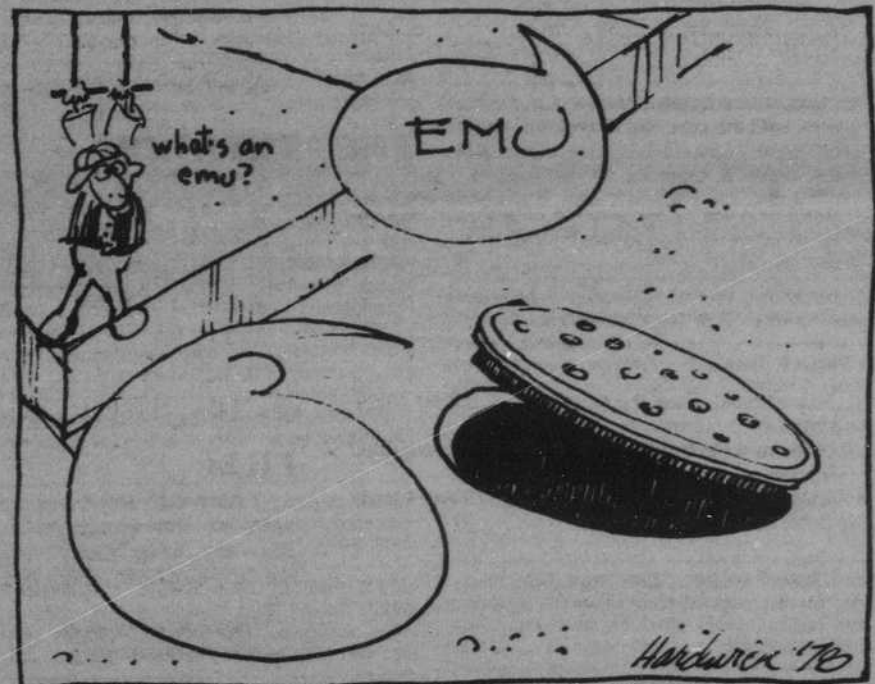
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