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Hoosiers battle only snow en route to swim meet win

By MARK STEWART
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It is said that neither hail nor snow nor sleet keeps the postman from making his appointed rounds. Inclement weather didn't keep the Indiana men's swim team from doing what it does best either — winning meets.

After having to ride a bus from Bloomington to Indianapolis to catch a flight because of snow and freezing weather conditions, the Hoosiers soundly trounced the Oregon men's swim team 78-18 in the Oregon-Indiana Invitational held here over the weekend.

The Hoosiers won every event — they swept (1-2-3 finish) two events, and finished 1-2 in four others out of the eleven in the meet. The best Oregon could do was four second-place finishes.

Indiana was led by senior Rick Thomas who won three, the 50 and 200 yard freestyle and 200 yd.

individual medley, and was beaten by one-tenth of a second in the 100 yd. freestyle.

Thomas was pleased with his performance. He has had tendonitis of the shoulder the past two years and was tired from a grueling training trip in Spain.

"I was satisfied with a couple of swims," said Thomas. We just came back from Spain and I haven't recovered from the travel.

"Last summer I trained hard and I'm getting back into good shape. It's my last year of college eligibility and I'm trying to get back to where I was."

Right behind Thomas was freshman Chuck Sharpe, a high school All-American freestyle last year. Sharpe gathered first place laurels for the 100 and 500 yd. freestyle and second in the 200 yd. freestyle.

Sharpe also broke the Leighton Pool record in the 500 yard freestyle, swimming that event nearly six seconds faster than Mark Greenwoods of USC did last year, and qualifying for the national meet at the same time.

Australian freshman Mark Kerry from Indiana also broke a pool record and qualified for nationals with his 1:52.01 time in the 200 yd. backstroke.

It was a homecoming of sorts for Indiana freshman Bob Van Vleet, who swam last year for Sheldon High School. He mustered a third (50 yd. freestyle) and two fifth place finishes (200 yd. individual medley and 100 yd. freestyle.)

"I was not too pleased with my times," said Van Vleet. "I thought I would be faster." Part of the prob-

lem was a lack of rest from the training trip Van Vleet just got back from. "But," he said, "it's hard to be rested when you're a sprinter."

Oregon coach Rich Schleicher said the score was about what he expected. "I would have liked to have had the score a little different though," Schleicher smiled.

"As far as the times go, there were some disappointments and some happy moments," Schleicher pointed out.

One he was pleased with was junior Chris Remy, who swam his best time ever in the 200-yd. breaststroke, and another was freshman George Koch who garnered two seconds (200 yd. individual medley and breaststroke) and a third (100 yd. freestyle).

"He miscalculated a turn on the 200 breast," said Schleicher. "With a couple more meets he could have done a good job."

Oregon's women won their meet, beating Willamalane Swim Club by the score of 51-28.

The most exciting race of the meet was the 100 yd. butterfly between Oregon's Michelle Menkens and Willamalane's Margaret Hoeflich — Hoeflich beat Menkens by .01 second.

Oregon coach Virginia Van Rossen was pleased with her team's performance, particularly Kathy Hemmer, who gathered three firsts (200 yd. freestyle and individual medley and 500 yd. freestyle) and a second place finish (100 yd. backstroke).

Being this early in the year, it sure is.

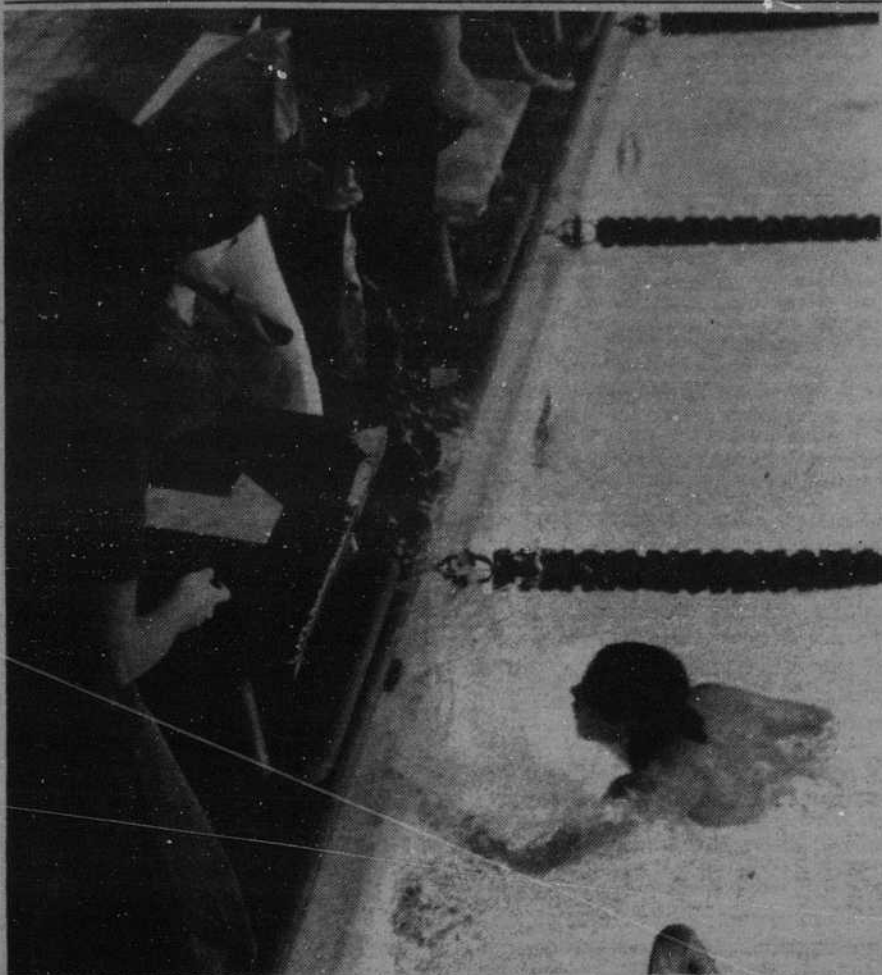


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Indiana's Rick Thomas, here winning one of his three events on the day, led powerful Indiana to the 78-18 win over Oregon in the weekend's meet.

Oregon pulls off big upset in weekend wrestling sweep

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The giant killers are becoming giants themselves.

Oregon's wrestlers pulled off another upset of a nationally ranked wrestling squad on their way to a weekend sweep of two dual matches. The two wins improved the Duck's dual record to 6-8.

On Friday night, the Ducks topped No. 5 Brigham Young University, 24-18, then lost only two matches on the way to a 29-14 defeat of Utah on Saturday.

Earlier this year, Oregon defeated Missouri and Clarion State, then ranked fifteenth and eleventh, respectively.

Scott Bliss led the Ducks over the two Utah schools. Bliss ran his

season record to 23-3 with a pair of pins.

Oregon's 190-pounder, Don Brown, moved one step closer to breaking Greg Gibson's season record for pins, of 14, as he floored his BYU opponent in only 58 seconds. Brown also won a decision to complete his perfect weekend.

Two other Oregon wrestlers went 2-0. Jeff Stuebing, 167, continued his good wrestling of late, garnering a pin and a win by decision in the weekend action. Dan Hollembaek won two decisions for the Ducks at his 158 pound division.

Oregon was without the services of 118 pounder Norm Knight, who stayed home to nurse

a shoulder injured in the Fresno State match last Wednesday.

Though they had to give up six points due to the forfeit, and dropped the next three matches, Oregon managed to battle back from the 15-0 deficit to beat BYU's Cougars.

Bliss started the Duck comeback by registering a fall, then Hollembaek won to get the Ducks back to within 15-9. Stuebing, a former McMinnville All-American then got an important pin to pull the Ducks even.

After a BYU win at 177, Brown then gained his thirteenth pin of the year to give Oregon a 21-18 lead. Oregon heavyweight Dan Thorsness provided the final margin, winning by decision.

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