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## Duck tankers register victories over Southern Oregon College

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To borrow an old adage, practice made perfect for the University of Oregon swim teams last night at Leighton pool.

Just ask men's swim coach Rich Schleicher, after the men and women squads recorded dual meet wins over Southern Oregon State College, 75-38 and 98-41, respectively.

"We went through two workouts today," said Schleicher after the men upped their record to 1-2 on the season. "We went this morning and in the afternoon. As far as the meet ran it was pretty much what I anticipated. They were swimming tired and I was pleased.

"Nobody had the chance to rest," said Oregon men's captain Steve Hamilton, who garnered wins in the men's 200 backstroke and the men's 200 freestyle. "So you just swim as hard as you can

and hope you can do your best."

The men were propelled by eight first-place finishes. In addition to Hamilton's performance, Paul Buvick and Jay Evans combined to form a 1-2 finish in the men's 50 freestyle. Buvick came back to later take second in the 100 freestyle. Jerry Andrus took a first and second in, in the 100 free and 200 backstroke respectively.

But Schleicher praised three individuals: Ron Wiggim, Tack Goodell and Steve Hamilton.

"Wiggin is coming back from a nasal problem. He is limited into the water three times a week due to an allergy with chlorine water," Schleicher said of Wiggim who took runnerup in the men's 200 individual medley.

As for Hamilton, Schleicher said, "He is starting to come around. He is beginning to feel the stroke more. He is only a few weeks away from coming down on his times."

But the Most Valuable Swimmer Award, which is chosen after every meet, went to Goodell.

"He swam over 2,000 yards in the whole meet tonight and he did best times in all of the events but the 200 fly where he was just a few seconds off."

SOSC's bright spots were doubles win by Jim Rodey in the men's 200 individual medley and 200 butterfly. Five second-place finishes also support SOSC.

Tama Cuddeback was a double winner in the women's 100 IM and the women's 50 breast stroke for Oregon in addition to the two win performance by Robin Wheeler.

The only SOSC liabilities rest in their youth as women's coach Lee Howard points out.

But the night really belonged to the Oregon women with twelve season bests coming from eight girls.

Practice undoubtedly does make perfect.

## Knife due for Dallas players

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas Cowboy quarterback Roger Staubach leads a parade of the Cowboys' world champions who will go under the knife in the next month, for injuries received during the season, or during Super Bowl XII.

Staubach will undergo surgery Wednesday for a broken bone in his right index finger, an injury he suffered in Dallas' 27-10 victory over Denver Sunday in New Orleans.

Wide receiver Butch Johnson, who made a spectacular touchdown catch in the game, also will be operated on Wednesday for a broken bone behind his right thumb.

Defensive back Randy Hughes, who recovered two fumbles and intercepted a pass in the Super Bowl, will undergo surgery Friday or Saturday to repair a nerve in the little toe on his right foot.

Cowboys officials did not say when Hughes suffered his injury.

Meanwhile, Cowboys center John Fitzgerald will have dam-

aged cartilage removed from his right knee either Friday or Saturday.

Cowboy officials also said rookie running back Tony Dorsett's sprained right knee has been put in splints and that a decision will be made on his status

later in the week. Dorsett also was injured in the second half of Sunday's game.

A Cowboys spokesman said there was no cause for concern about the surgery since all injured players are expected to be completely recovered by next season.

## Blazers get road victory

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — Bill Walton scored a layup with six seconds to play Tuesday night, giving the Portland Trail Blazers a 96-94 NBA victory over the Buffalo Braves.

Buffalo missed a chance to tie it with two seconds to go when Randy Smith missed the first of two free throws. Smith intentionally missed the second hoping the Braves would get the rebound, but time ran out as players from both teams scrambled on the floor for

the loose ball.

Buffalo led it 92-88 with 2:22 to play, but two baskets by Lionel Hollins and Dave Twardzik's 25-footer with 35 seconds to play put Portland ahead.

Smith tied it with 23 seconds left and Portland called time out to set up a play. Walton, guarded by Smith who is eight inches shorter after a switch in defensive assignments, took a pass from Hollins and laid it in for the winning basket.

Portland led 46-44 at the half, but Buffalo got an 18-point third quarter from Billy Knight and took a 74-68 lead into the final quarter.

Knight was the game's high scorer with 28 points. Walton led Portland with 19 points and 15 rebounds.

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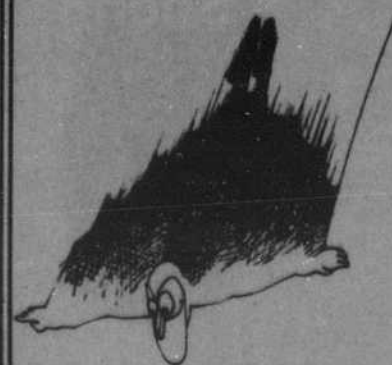
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