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Wrestlers show 'teachers' lesson was well learned

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Oregon learned a lesson in wrestling Friday night, then came back Saturday to show the teacher they learned the lesson well.

Oregon State's Beavers cruised into Eugene and handled the Ducks on Friday, 36-9, and in the process taught Ron Finley's Ducks a thing or two about the art of pinning.

Saturday, Oregon came within one match of beating the Beavers in the Portland State Invitational. Going into Friday's match, Finley was concerned with the possibility of his squad being shutout by OSU. And for awhile, it looked like it would happen.

It started out with a Duck forfeit at 118. Norm Knight's shoulder hadn't healed enough for Finley to take the chance of having him further injured. Beavers 6-0.

Oregon's forfeit allowed Beaver coach Dale Thomas to move All-America 118-pounder Pat Plourd to 126. Plourd went into the final round with Larry Gleason tied up, then came on in the end to squelch any Duck hopes of an upset at 126. "He wrestled excellently," said Finley of Gleason. Still, it was OSU 9-0.

The 134 pound class wasn't much better for Oregon. Dan

Caballero got the first Beaver pin, using 2:53 to flatten Steve Starzenski. It's now OSU 15, UO 0.

Oregon State registered pin number two as Dan Hicks got a tough test from freshman Barry Boyles before pinning him at 5:36. That made the score 21-0.

The next match was possibly the most exciting. Oregon's Scott Bliss went into the final round leading OSU's Dick Knorr 7-1, then Knorr put on a charge to win 9-7. OSU 24-0.

Oregon's Dan Hallembaek made it 24-3, pulling off a stunning upset of once defeated Ron Ziebart, winning 12-7 in a match he dominated from beginning to end.

"Hollembaek did a good job," Finley said. "He made a real bad mistake, but he came back good."

Duck freshman Jeff Stuebing beat Beaver senior Bob Hess in the 167 pound match, 5-2, and brought the Ducks back to within 24-6.

Any renewed hopes the Ducks may have had were stopped quickly when the Beavers registered their third fall of the evening in the 177 pound match. OSU's Marty Ryan and Oregon's Randy Besaw were locked in a close duel, when Ryan turned Besaw onto his back and pinned the Duck senior with 17 seconds remaining.

With the score 30-6, the only

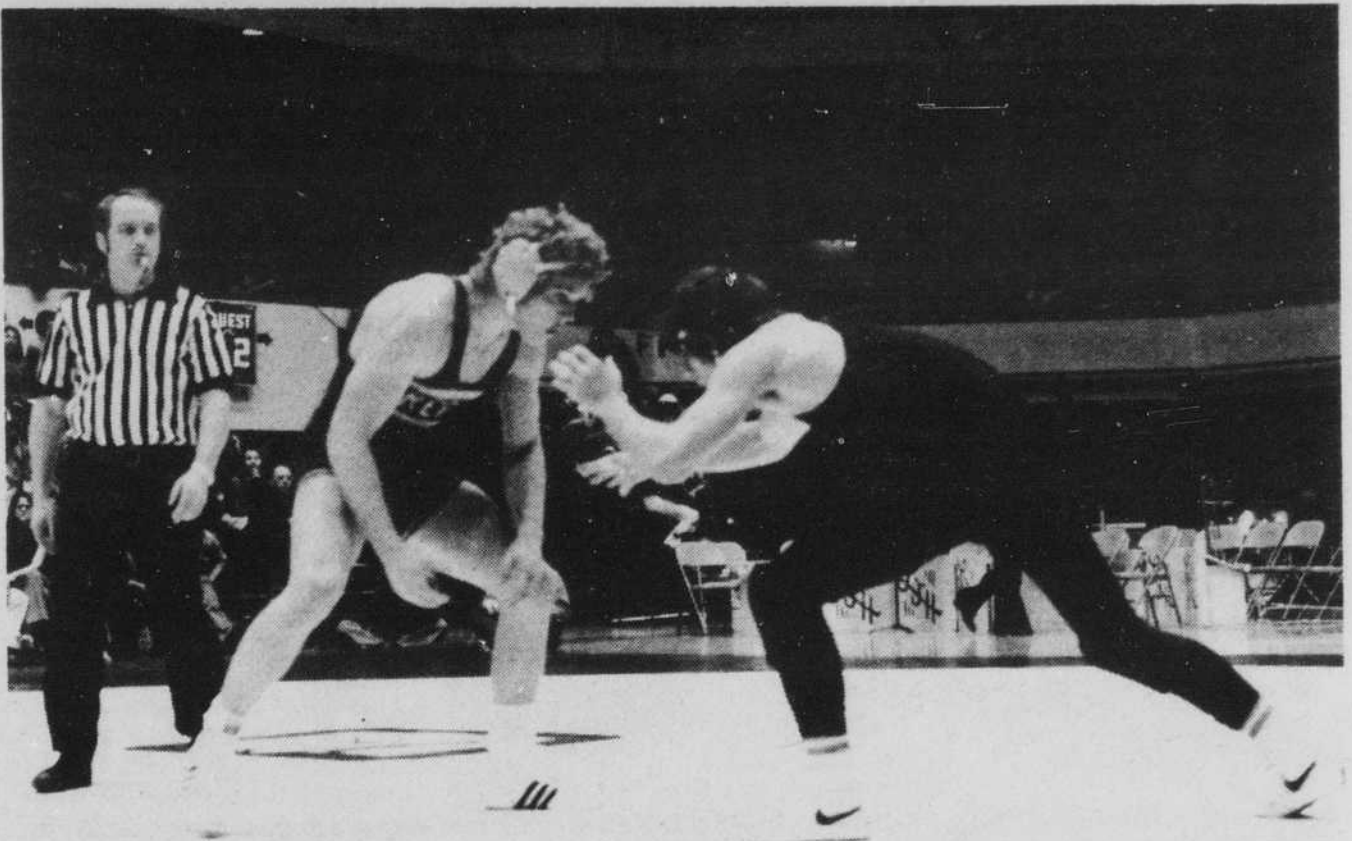


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Jeff Stuebing, left, Oregon's 167-pounder, prepares for a move by Oregon State's Bob Hess, while the referee looks on. Stuebing was one of only three Ducks to post wins in the UO-OSU dual meet.

thing that remained to be seen was whether Don Brown would tie the Oregon school record for pins in a season. Though Brown had Gary Yarco on his back a number of times, he wasn't able to pin the Beaver freshman, and in fact had to hold on to register a 13-9 decision.

The heavyweight match was very anti-climactic, as Howard Harris got the fourth Beaver pin of the night, dropping Dan Thorsness in the second round.

"I don't think there were many boring matches out there," said Finley.

The Ducks got a total of nine team pins to finish second to the Beavers, 77.25-73.75, in the PSU Invitational.

Scott Bliss was the only Duck to get a first-place finish, while four Ducks garnered second place showings, led by Don Brown, who in the process tied Greg Gibson's school pin record of 14.

Other Ducks making second

place showings were Besaw, Hollembaek and Stuebing.

118- Mark Hirota, Oregon State, won by forfeit.
126- Pat Plourd, Oregon State, dec. Larry Gleason, Oregon, 10-7. 134-Dan Caballero, Oregon State, pinned Steve Starzenski, Oregon, 2:53. 142- Dan Hicks, Oregon State, pinned Barry Boyles, Oregon, 5:36. 150- Dick Knorr, Oregon State, dec. Scott Bliss, Oregon, 9-7. 158- Dan Hollembaek, Oregon, dec. Ron Ziebart, Oregon State, 12-7. 167- Jeff Stuebing, Oregon, dec. Bob Hess, Oregon State, 5-2. 177-Marty Ryan, Oregon State, pinned Randy Besaw, Oregon, 7:43. 190- Don Brown, Oregon, dec. Gary Yarco, Oregon State, 13-9. HWT - Howard Harris, Oregon State, pinned Dan Thorsness, Oregon, 2:57.
Team- Oregon State 36, Oregon 9.

Ducks falter, but still win in LA

LOS ANGELES — Oregon's men's gymnastics team were accorded the ultimate luxury here over the weekend.

They competed poorly yet still won the UCLA Invitational Friday night.

"I'm not real pleased," said Flying Duck coach Bill Ballester. "It was more of a learning experience than anything, but it's nice to have a down night and still be able to win."

The Ducks racked up a hum-drum total of 212.60 to dominate the meet, with Washington taking second (206.55) and New Mexico, whom the Ducks defeated a week ago, finished third with a 202.75 total. Host UCLA finished last with 197.60.

It was a night when the differences in the programs really showed. The Ducks had twelve routine breaks — four mishaps on the pommel horse alone — but still won easily.

Mike Weidemann began by simply slipping off the apparatus, and Tom Truedson, the nation's best at the event, also broke. Truedson did not place in the event.

Jim Kelch won the all-around title with a score of 52.4, but had a bad break on the pommel horse and rings. The best thing going for Oregon Friday was the vault, where the Duck team recorded a total of 37.40, their highest on the event this season. But Washington, led by Pac-8 champion Steve Wejmar (9.5) won the event with 37.45.

Still, not all was bad news. Scott McEldowney, Oregon's top ring performer, who has been nursing a sore shoulder for a week, turned in a 9.55 in his specialty. "His shoulder is still very sore," Ballester warned, "but he had a great set."

Gene Christensen won two events for the Ducks, the parallel bars in 8.9, and the vault in 9.5, tying Wejmar. And all that came after a dose of strep throat kept him shelved for a week of practice.

Floor exercise — Mark Knupp, Oregon, 9.35. **Vault** — Tie, Steve Wejmar, Washington, and Gene Christensen, Oregon, 9.50. **Pommel Horse** — Chuck Wiggins, New Mexico, 9.0. **Rings** — Scott McEldowney, Oregon, 9.55. **High Bar** — Chad Nounann, UCLA, 9.45. **Parallel Bars** — Gene Christensen, Oregon, 8.9. **All around** — Jim Kelch, Oregon 52.4.

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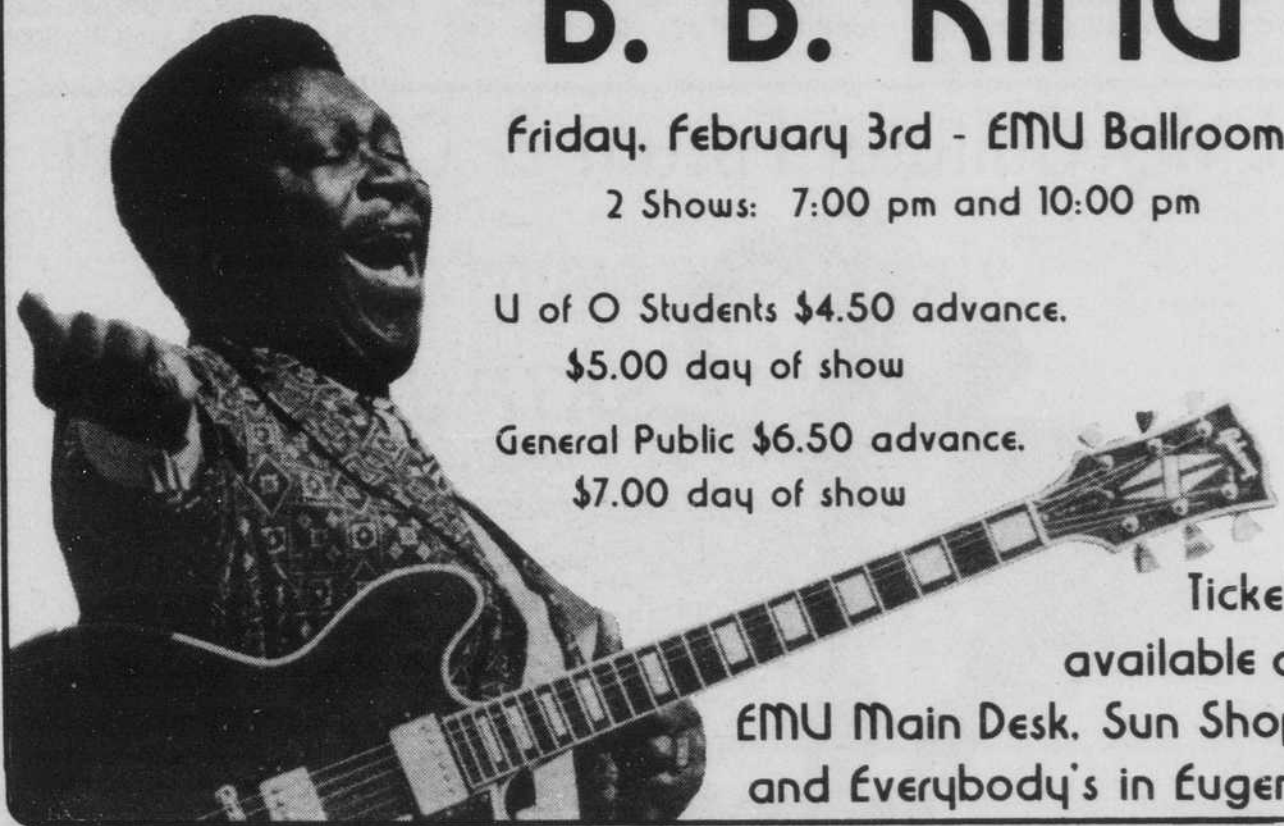
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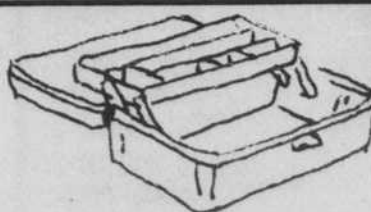
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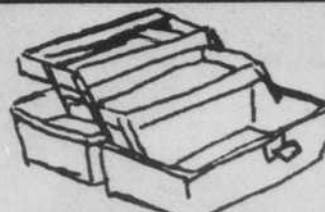


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