

Ducks make it a sweep, lose to WSU 54-48

PULLMAN, Wash. — These weekend road trips aren't doing much for Oregon's basketball morale.

In their second Pac-8 trek of the year, to Washington, the Ducks fared as well as the did on their first, to Southern California — zilch.

But they didn't go down easy, as the Ducks put up a valiant struggle and still lost, this time to Washington State, 54-48.

Saturday night was quite a turnaround from the Thursday debacle in Seattle. Then, as Thursday,

the Ducks lost by six. And then, as Thursday, they shot poorly (39%), but it wasn't as hopeless.

Oregon crept to a 29-21 lead at halftime, but then faltered when the Cougars tied it at 31 with nearly 13 minutes left in the game. Then the roller coaster started. As Oregon fell flat, WSU jumped out to lead by four, but John Murray and Dan Hartshorne canned two baskets to tie it at 37.

The Ducks couldn't pull the advantage, though, and Cougars did, racing to a six-point lead at 47-41.

Pacific-8

	W	L	Pct.	All Games
UCLA	7	0	1.000	16-2
Southern Cal	5	2	.714	12-8
Oregon State	4	3	.571	11-9
Washington	4	3	.571	12-8
Washington State	3	4	.429	12-8
California	2	5	.286	9-11
Oregon	2	5	.286	12-8
Stanford	1	6	.143	11-9

Saturday's scores
 UCLA 94, California, 75
 Southern Cal 76, Stanford 74
 Washington State 54, Oregon 48
 Washington 64, Oregon State 61
 UCLA 94, California 75

After Murray and Felton Sealey combined for three free throws,

the Cougs got one from 7-2 James Donaldson. But Hartshorne kept it sizzling, thumping in a jump shot and following with a drive that tied it again at 48. With 1:57 left, the road woes seemed on the verge of ending.

Except the Ducks didn't score anymore and it left them looking at a 2-5 record in the conference and 12-8 on the year. Despite the fact that the Ducks put up a good fight, it remains that they still haven't put two good games back-to-back. And the fault might lie in their shooting.

For a time in the second half the

Ducks seemed to be slipping back into the confused-shooters hole, as in the opening minutes they went back to throwing up 20 foot prayers.

Sealey and Phil Barner led the Ducks with 10 points apiece, and Kelvin Small added nine. Donaldson led the Cougs with 14, and Terry Kelly followed with 12.

Oregon (48)—Drummond 6, Murray 5, Barner 10, M. Clark, Sealey 10, Small 9, Hartshorne 6, Davis 2.

Washington State (54)—C. Clark 2, Hill 6, Collins 8, Kelly 12, Preston 8, Donaldson 14, House 4, Graffis, Jones, Johnson.

Duck gymnasts win on Saturday to better record

Forest Grove — Oregon's women gymnasts improved their season record to 4-2 Saturday with a victory in a three-way meet here.

Oregon scored 111.85, to Cal State-Hayward's 103.95 and Pacific's 58 to take the meet.

Wendy Halberg led the Duck's win, finishing first in the all-around competition with 30.80 score. Halberg took individual firsts in the floor exercise and vaulting, scoring 7.95 and 8.45 respectively.

Other individual winners in the meet were Sandy Ballard of Pacific, with a 7.85 score in the uneven bars, and Woodie Thomas, also of Pacific, with a 7.35 in the balance beam.

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Duck matmen split weekend matches

By NICK DAWSON
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Oregon wrestlers came back from an embarrassing shutout at Friday night to defeat Washington's Huskies, 29-12, Saturday afternoon in Mac Court.

The Ducks strung together six consecutive victories in the middle weights to smash the Huskies in a match Oregon coach Ron Finley had rated very close going in.

Barry Boyles started the parade of Oregon victories at 142 pounds. He was followed by Scott Bliss, Dan Hollembaek Jeff Stuebing, Randy Besaw and Don Brown. Bliss and Hollembaek won superior decisions for Oregon. Earlier, Larry Gleason gained an upset win at 126 pounds for the Ducks.

Pride was an important factor in Oregon's victory over Washington, said Brown, especially after the shutout loss to Cal Poly Friday in Silverton.

"It knocked the hell out of our pride," Brown said, referring to the

loss. "We talked about it among ourselves. We had to get our pride back. We won't underestimate any team now."

Ron Finley University wrestling coach had little to talk about after the Cal Poly match.

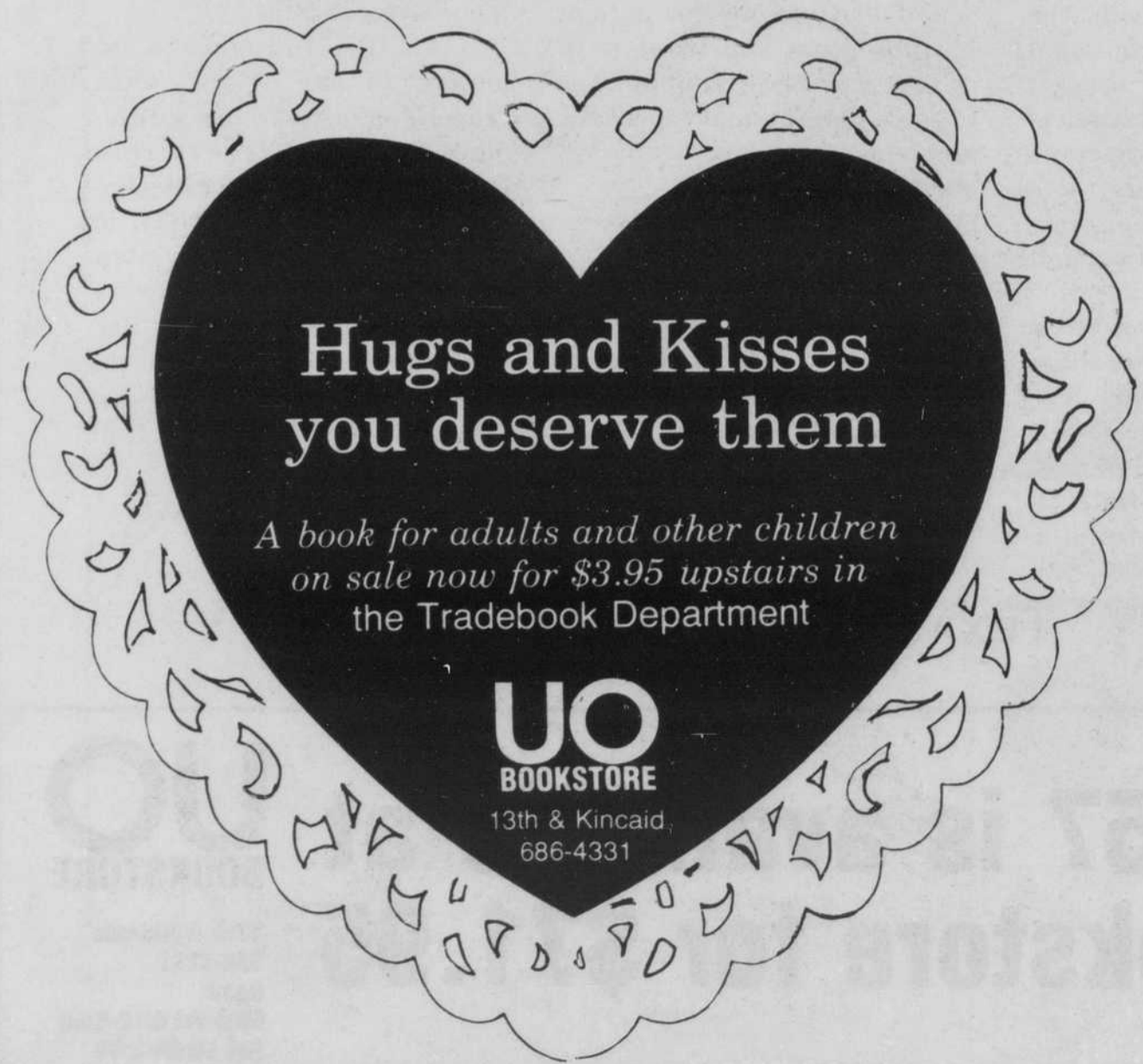
"It's the worst we've wrestled this year," said Finley, who suffered through the first shutout of any team he's coached. However, Finley did see a bright note. "Barry Boyles wrestled extremely well against Cal Poly — the best of anybody."

Boyles, Gleason and Besaw all lost their matches by only a point, while Hollembaek fell by two points.

The loss to the ninth-ranked Mustangs could hurt recruiting in the Silverton area where the match was held, said Finley. However, Finley added many of these potential recruits might see Oregon as a school where they could wrestle next year.



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