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No Neck might have a point

Last winter No Neck Brown, Oregon's 190-pound wrestler, came to the Emerald office and convened a meeting of the paper's editor, sports editor and the reporter covering the wrestling team.

"I met with them individually and then as a group," Brown recalls. "I just wanted to relay a message to them that we have a wrestling team here."

Brown was disturbed by the lack of publicity the Duck wrestlers were receiving, and he wanted to make sure everyone on campus knew that Oregon had, among others, Iowa State, the nation's number one team, on its home schedule.

"Our publicity skyrocketed after that," laughs Oregon coach Ron Finley.

Led by Brown, who last year as a sophomore set a school record for most pins in a single season with 18, and junior all-American Scott Bliss, plus a home schedule that includes four of the nation's best teams and the Pacific-10 Conference tournament, the Duck's wrestling program deserves the attention of both the Emerald and students alike.

Last season Oregon recorded a 13-12 record and finished a "very disappointing"

fourth in the Pac-8 tourney, ending the season with just 18 wrestlers. "We didn't have a heavyweight last year, and we were hurting very badly in some weight classes; we had to forfeit the 118 or 126 class in most of our matches," explains Finley.

Things are different this year. The squad currently numbers 30 members who are vying for the number one position in their respective weight classes in preparation for the Ducks' opener here Nov. 25, against Eastern Washington.

As a result of Finley's recruiting, the 118-pound class involves a battle for the number-one spot between two high school national champions, freshmen Adam Cuestes, from Merced, California, and Randy Ohta, from Molalla.

The Ducks' are again thin at 126, though. Larry Gleason, who wrestled at that weight last year, decided at the last moment not to return to school, so only freshman Russ Miller is available in this class.

At 134, senior Capps is back after being redshirted last year because of a knee injury. He is being challenged by yet another high school national champ, freshman Bill Nugent from Eugene's Marist High School.

Steve Starzenski, a senior who placed fourth in the Pac-8 tourney last year, has the inside track at 142, but he is being pressed by freshman Jim Hildebrand, a two-time state champ from California.

The rest of the squad is solid and deep. Bliss is in command at 150. Last year he placed sixth in the NCAA meet, thus qualifying as an all-American, and had a 37-10 record.

Barry Boyles, who finished 15-16 at 142 last year as a freshman, is giving Bliss competition and may see action in another weight class.

Leonard Simon, who Finley feels may be the best wrestler on the team, will compete at 158, while sophomore Jegg Stuebing, who recorded seven pins last season, will handle the chores at 167.

Sophomore Mike Miller from Sheldon High School and sophomore junior college transfer Ryan Kelly are fighting over the 177-pound category. Kelly placed fifth in the national junior college championships last year and will back up Brown at 190.

The heavy weight division, which was often forfeited for lack of a competitor last year, features a three-way battle between Craig Schoene, a junior college transfer;

Dan Cook, a 280-pound freshman, and John Worth, a freshman walk-on.

"All in all, we have a pretty solid lineup," says Finley. "What's good is that I can change us around. I could put Boyles at 158 and move everyone up a weight class and be just as tough, if not better."

The Ducks will need all the talent and bodies they can use. In a period of 15 days, from January 3-18, they have six matches, five against opponents which placed in the top 10 in the nation last year. Three of the matches are at home, against Oklahoma on Jan. 7, Oklahoma State on Jan. 8, and Arizona State on Jan. 19.

"It's one of the best overall schedules we've ever had," Finley confirms. "I consider we're one of the better teams in the country, and so I think we have to face the best teams in the nation. The bigger the challenge, the more I like it."

"We wouldn't have been able to recruit the players we have if we hadn't had that schedule."

So there you have it. The prospect of a good Oregon wrestling team with an entertaining schedule. When the time comes, go watch them. It will save No Neck a trip to the Emerald office.

Women booters improve but fall

The University's women's club soccer team lost one match and tied another in Northwest Collegiate Soccer Conference (NCSC) action in the state of Washington last weekend.

Oregon fell to Washington State 3-1 in a hard-fought contest on Saturday, then tied Whitman 0-0 on Sunday.

The match against Washing-

ton State was quite a bit different than an earlier match played between the two schools at Autzen Stadium. The Cougars bombed the Ducks 6-1 in that contest.

The women put their 3-4-1 NCSC record on the line next weekend, playing host to Western Washington at the 18th and Agate St. field. The match is scheduled at 11 a.m.

'The best' wins three more

By ANDY BEHREND
Of the Emerald

Called by an opposing coach "the best team in the Northwest," Oregon's field hockey team proved it three times last weekend.

Washington State's Marilyn Mowatt, coach of the Cougars said prior to Saturday morning's tilt, "It would take a superb game to beat Oregon. I know they're the best team in the Northwest."

Mowatt had caught an eyeful of evidence Friday during the Ducks' 10-0 domination of Pacific Lutheran.

Saturday saw no such domination. The Cougars, led by Anna Zachwieja and Cynthia Smith, played inspired defense before falling to the ever-attacking Ducks 3-0.

A tightly played match throughout, Oregon relied

on its defenders as well, as Karen Cosper, Kay Moore and Hanna Munson took turns breaking up WSU advances.

Not until 23 minutes had elapsed in the first half could the Ducks, averaging nearly four and a half goals per game, score, and they did so in their typical fashion.

Junior right link Bindy Stillwell passed into the circle where Ronnie DellaMotta rapped it off the goalie's pads. Stacy Allman swooped in on the rebound and made it 1-0.

The Cougars came out clawing in the second half after Mowatt told them they had played their best half of the season. But Stillwell silenced them with a slapshot that slipped through a maze of WSU players, giving Oregon a 2-0 lead.

DellaMotta made it 3-0 with an assist from Allman with 18 minutes to play. WSU countered

with their most extensive attack, but Duck goalie Mo Sullivan preserved the defense's tenth shut-out in 16 games with two saves.

WSU provided Oregon with the kind of test the Ducks need in order to succeed at the AIAW regionals, coming up in two weeks at Moscow, Idaho.

In different kind of test, one created by Mother Nature, rainy weather combined with Boise State to challenge the Ducks Saturday evening, but Oregon prevailed, sloshing to a 3-1 win.

Against Pacific Lutheran Friday, six stickers scored, including hat tricks by DellaMotta and Nancy Pedrotti.

The trio of victories lifted Oregon's record to 14-2-1. Today the Ducks travel to Monmouth for their third meeting with Oregon College of Education, who they have out-scored 15-0 in the two previous games.

Ali negotiating for fight with Rossman

NEW YORK (AP) It was the dream of Billy Conn, Georges Carpentier, Archie Moore and many other light heavyweights of the pastto fight for the

heavyweight championship of the world. Now it's Mike Rossman's dream.

Negotiations are under way to match Rossman, the 21-year-old

World Boxing Association light heavyweight champion, against Muhammad Ali, aging WBA heavyweight champ.

Never mind that the dreams of glory always have ended in the nightmare of defeat for the holder of the 175-pound division title.

If you're a light heavyweight champion - and some great fighters have held that title - the heavyweight title has got to look like the Land of Oz. Light heavies are outside the boxing mainstream, caught between the excitement of the middleweight class and the glamour and riches of the heavyweight divisions.

Fighting for the heavyweight title had to be a highlight, if not the high point for those light heavy kings who had the opportunity. It got them attention.

People remember Conn not for being light heavyweight champion but for almost upsetting Joe Louis. The legend of Moore was polished by his gallant effort against Rocky Marciano. Ask a boxing buff who Carpentier was, and the answer almost certainly will be that the Frenchman was an opponent of Jack Dempsey.

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