

Wrestlers throw Wildcats on mat, 33-15

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In their second meet in two nights, members of Oregon's wrestling team made a strong showing against the University

of Arizona, throwing the Wildcats for a 32-15 loss in McArthur Court Wednesday night.

Showing more aggressiveness than they showed the night before in beating Oregon State

University, the sixth-ranked Ducks handled the Wildcats long enough to boost their season record to 15-1.

"I thought we did a much better job than we did last night against OSU," said coach Ron Finley. "We came out and did a lot of the things that we didn't last night."

"We were aggressive all night long and came out after them. Arizona was tough though, and wrestled hard."

Fourth-ranked Jeff Steubing (167) and Dan Cook (HWT) recorded pins to lead the Ducks. Steubing pinned Arizona's Greg Tanner 3:31 into their match, while Cook stuck Wildcat Al Schmitt at the 4:18 mark.

Cliff Porter (134) also helped the Duck cause with a decision over Steve Rosenstein, 16-1.

"Both Steubing and Cook looked good," Finley said. "I am glad that Dan (Cook) had to wrestle for a while tonight so that he can get in a little more experience."

Cook has had a problem receiving mat time lately as he recorded his eighth pin of the season. Unfortunately for Cook, as far as Finley is concerned, he has pinned most of his opponents in the first round — which

doesn't help him gain experience.

Freshman Rick O'Shea, who won a close decision over a tough senior in Bob Moore, 15-11, had a great match, Finley said.

"O'Shea came out firing right from the start. He wrestled a hard eight minutes, working all the time."

Randy Ohta, Oregon's 118 pounder, wrestled a tough seven and a half minutes against nationally ranked Orlando Caceres of Arizona. Ohta tired at the end of the match though and was turned over and

pinned with only nine seconds remaining.

"Randy did a very good job until the end of their match," said Finley. "He looked good until the end when he just plain pooped out."

Wrestling results: Oregon — 33, Arizona 15

118 — Orlando Caceres (A) pinned Randy Ohta, 7:51; 126 — Miles Hancock (O) dec. Ron Porter, 11-7; 134 — Cliff Porter (O) dec. Steve Rosenstein, 16-1; 142 — Bill Nugent (O) dec. Tim Berrier, 11-7; 150 — Tom Coffing (A) dec. Nelson Imamura, 7-3; 158 — Rick O'Shea (O) dec. Bob Moore, 11-5; 167 — Jeff Steubing (O) pinned Greg Tanner, 3:31; 177 — Bill Hinman (A) pinned Mike Miller, 1:11; 190 — Ryan Kelly (O) by forfeit; HWT — Dan Cook (O) pinned Al Schmitt, 4:18.

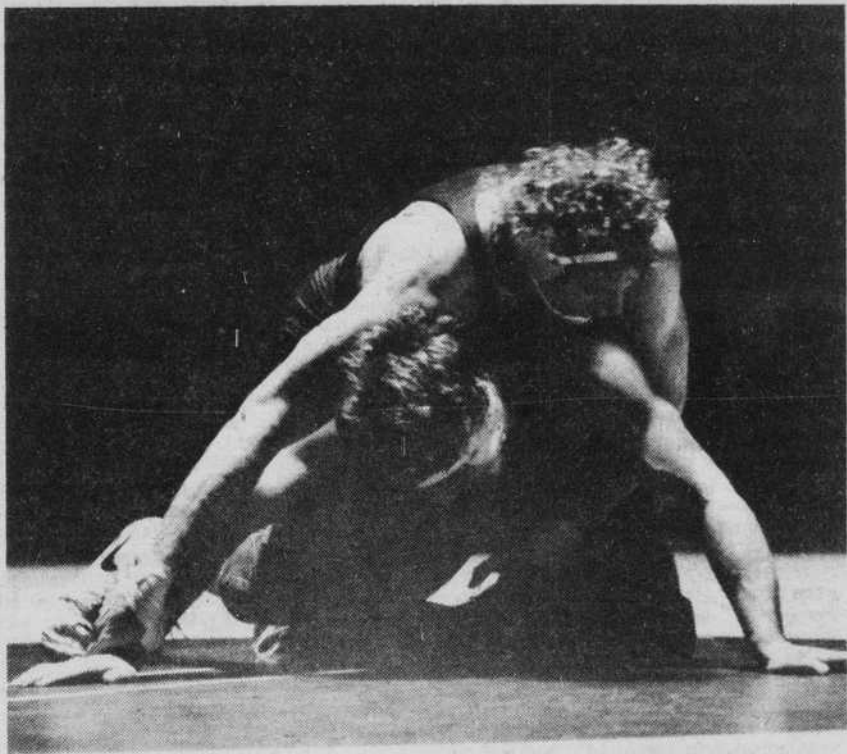


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Oregon's sixth-ranked wrestling team pulled off a stunning 33-15 victory over the University of Arizona Wednesday night.

Oregon shoots for two straight against quicksilver Trojans

Oregon takes its one-game win streak into McArthur Court tonight to battle the University of Southern California in a Pacific-10 basketball encounter.

The Ducks, fresh off a 70-66 triumph over Washington State University in Pullman, will have their hands full with the red-hot Trojans, winners of four of their last five games.

Oregon coach Jim Haney hopes the Ducks can use their win over the Cougars as a springboard to turn around what has thus far been a very frustrating season.

"We've been struggling to learn how to win, but the Washington State game could be

our beginning," he says. "Yet we did the same good things against Cal (an 87-80 Oregon win) and then had our problems in the next game at Oregon State."

"So the USC game is a critical one. If we can win two in a row, this is a team that could catch fire."

The Trojans, currently tied with UCLA for third in the conference with a 5-2 mark, received a boost Monday night in a win over California when transfers Dwight Anderson and Mike Owens played for the first time this season.

Anderson, a 6-3 guard who played almost two seasons with Kentucky and was on the

Southeastern Conference all-freshman team, joins one of the smallest teams in the league.

USC's tallest player is 6-8 Purvis Miller. The Trojans started Miller, Barry Brooks (6-7), Maurice Williams (6-7), Jacque Hill (6-2) and James McDonald (6-6) against California, a team they edged 72-66.

Anderson scored nine points and pulled down seven rebounds while playing less than a half. Haney says he might be the best athlete in the conference, while Anderson's coach, Stan Morrison, says he "is the most gifted player I have ever coached."

DUCK NOTES: Senior center Mike Clark continues climbing in a variety of all-time Oregon statistical categories. He is fourth in season field goal percentage (53.3) based on his 98 of 184 this year; third in career field goal percentage (48.2); 11th in career rebounds (58.2); and 17th in career scoring (912). If he continues his current scoring (15.6 per game) and rebounding pace (9.5), he will move into a tie for 10th in career scoring and rebounding.

Potestio nabs all-star spot

Oregon soccer standout Michele Potestio was named second-team All-American Wednesday by the National Soccer Coaches Association.

Potestio, a sophomore forward, scored 22 goals and totaled six assists to lead Oregon's women's soccer team to a regional soccer championship.

In their first year as an intercollegiate sport, the women's soccer team posted a 13-1-3 season record, 9-1-3 in conference play.

"Potestio deserves that honor," said Oregon coach John Feeney. "She's got skill and game concepts that are international caliber. She could fit in on any international team."

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