

Wrestlers gain revenge, 48-2

Looking for revenge in the Midwest, Oregon's wrestling team found it Wednesday night when the Ducks destroyed Mankato State, 48-2.

Coming off an embarrassing 35-3 loss to number-one ranked Iowa State, the Ducks earned a much-needed win that puts them back on the winning track.

"I think the guys were upset about last night and wanted to take it out on somebody. Unfortunately it was Mankato State," said Oregon coach Ron Finley.

"We don't like to get beat, we don't plan on it. We just plain don't like it."

Four Oregon wrestlers recorded pins as Oregon raised its season record to 17-2. Dan Cook, Jeff Stuebing and Ryan Kelly pinned their opponents in the first period, while Rick O'Shea earned his at the 4:24 mark.

The loss to Iowa State Tuesday wasn't as bad as it seems, considering the Cyclones had seven nationally ranked wrestlers — three ranked number one.

"We didn't wrestle that badly against Iowa State, it's just that our best people were matched up against their best people. Unfortunately their best people were ranked number one," Finley said.

The Ducks finished their Midwest road trip with a 3-1 record. Dan Cook led the Ducks with

three pins and a decision, saving Oregon from a whitewash against ISU by getting their only win.

"Overall, I'm pleased with our trip. It was good experience for us," said Finley. "We had to compete under some adverse conditions and we grew from it."

"I think it is excellent preparation for our upcoming

matches, and our conference and national tournament."

Results: 118 — Randy Ohta (O), drew with Jerry Washatka, 11-11; 126 — Miles Hancock (O) forfeit; 134 — Cliff Porter (O), dec. Paul Kramer, 13-5; 142 — Bill Nugent (O), dec. Rich Keller, 19-6; 150 — Nelson Imamura (O), dec. Paul Kramer, 13-5; 158 — Rick O'Shea (O) pinned Mark Johnson, 4:24; 167 — Jeff Stuebing pinned Rick Tietz, 1:45; 177 — Mike Miller (O) dec. Powell Watts, 7-3; 190 — Ryan Kelly (O) pinned Courtney Bouhl, 1:57; HWT — Dan Cook (O), pinned Jim Wycher, 1:30

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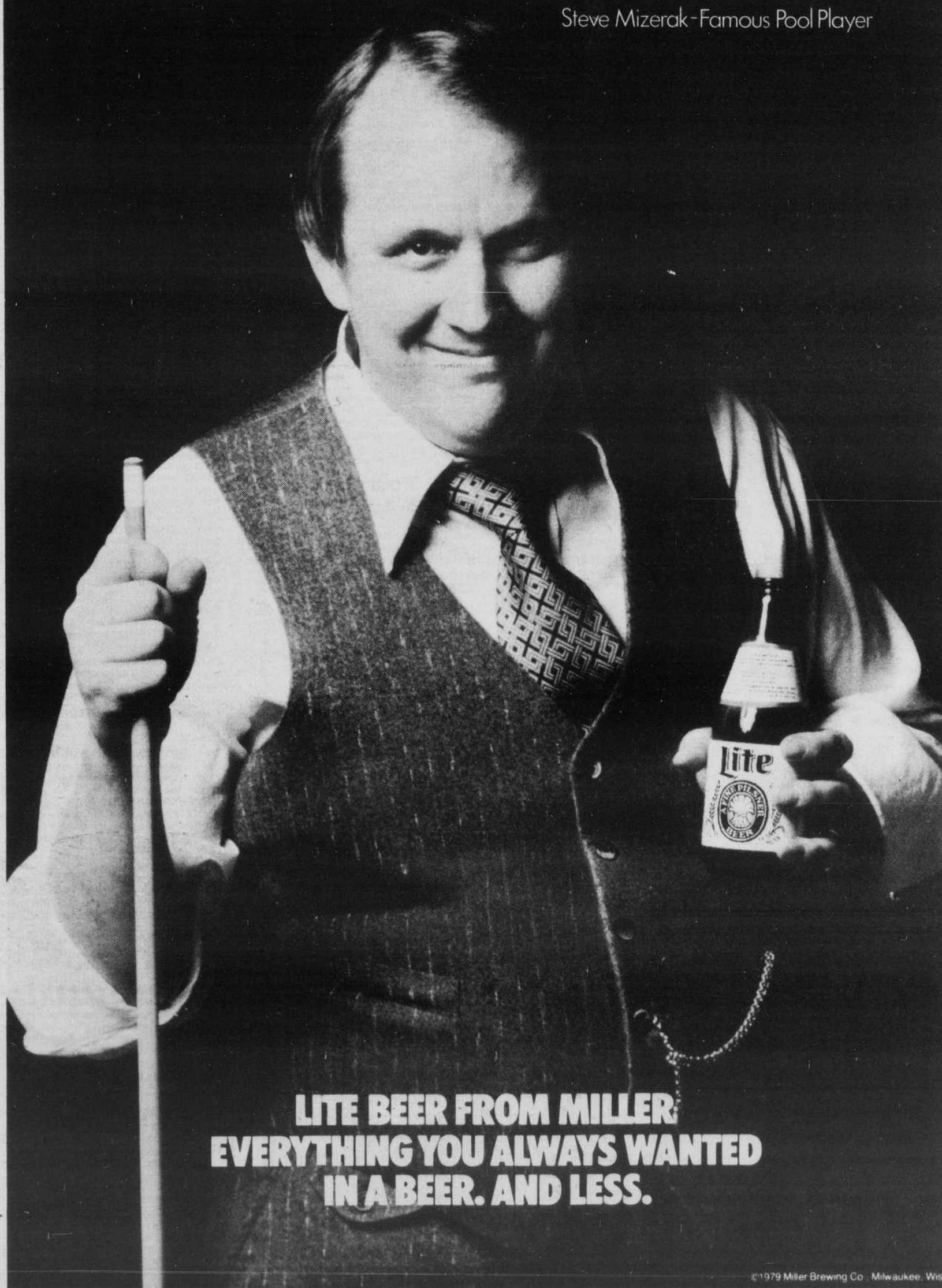
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