



Photo by Bob Baker

Senior 150-pound wrestler Barry Broyles manhandles freshman Kevin Carrera of Fresno State. The Duck wrestler pinned his opponent to up his record to 4-0.

Duck wrestlers smash Bulldogs

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Consecutive pins by Barry Boyles, Keith Beutler and Paul Sheriff powered Oregon's 14th-ranked wrestling team to a 37-11 win over Fresno State Thursday night in McArthur Court.

The victory was the fourth in as many days for the Ducks, who rolled over Eastern Washington, Washington State and Central Washington on the road before hosting Fresno. It was the Ducks' 12th win without a loss in the series with the Bulldogs and raised Oregon's season dual meet record to 8-0. Fresno State dropped to 1-6 on the season.

Boyles got things rolling after the Ducks had built a 12-7 lead in the early going. The undefeated senior built a 7-1 first round lead before putting Fresno's 150-pound Kevin Carrera to the mat for the pin and his fifth win on the season with 36 seconds remaining in the first round.

After the intermission, Beutler and Sheriff put Fresno out of the match.

First, Beutler pinned Fresno State's Robert Juarez two minutes into their 158-pound match to up the count to 24-7, then Sheriff followed suit, falling the Bulldog's Scott Inouye just 47 seconds into the 167-pound contest.

For Beutler, it was his fourth win of the season against no defeats, while Sheriff improved his mark to 10-5.

Despite the score, there was little for Duck fans to cheer about other than the pinning spree that gave the home team a 30-7 edge with three matches left. The Ducks looked tired from their roadtrip, relying on forfeits at 126 and heavyweight to run up the score.

"We looked flat," said Oregon mat coach Ron Finley of the win. The Ducks left Ellensburg, Wash., at 6 a.m. Thursday — the last leg of a swing through that state which included a temperature of 22 degrees below zero in Pullman.

"That's no excuse," Finley said. "We just didn't think out there."

The boys from California got an early jump on the Ducks when freshman Abric Liley stuck a 16-5 loss on Oregon's Randy Ohta at 118. Ohta is subbing for the injured Mike Erb who is expected to be out for at least three more weeks with an injured arm.

At 134, Oregon's Cliff Porter picked up his 10th victory when Fresno's Eric Osmer came up with a bad knee and defaulted after two rounds. Porter had built a 9-1 lead and had nearly pinned Osmer before the default.

"We can use the week off," said Finley of his squad's pending break before they return to action hosting 12th ranked San Jose State next Thursday.

"It's a tough way to do it," the coach said of the rigorous schedule this week, "but it's a good way to prepare for tournaments."

Tame Cyclones 71-45

Ducks advance in classic

WICHITA, Kan. — The ninth-ranked Oregon women's basketball team easily won its first-round game at the Pizza Hut Classic here Thursday, beating Iowa State 71-45.

As a result of the victory, the Ducks will face a tough Texas team in the semifinals tonight. The Longhorns advanced to the semifinals with a win over Colorado.

"We were a little overconfident going into the game," admitted Duck mentor Elwin Heiny. "Everyone knew from the start that we were going to win. No one was extremely sharp, but lots of people contributed."

The main contributor was All-American senior Bev Smith. Smith scored 21 points and grabbed 18 rebounds. In addition, Duck center Alison Lang, potted 21 points and snared 13 rebounds. Oregon won the rebound battle convincingly, 73-49, setting a school record for most rebounds in a single game.

Neither team shot very well from the field, as Oregon hit on 32-of-80 shots for 40 percent. The

Cyclones managed to connect on a mere 21-of-82.

The Ducks led 29-19 at the half, and Heiny substituted freely throughout the second half.

But the coach said his team will have to show a marked improvement if it wants to stay in the game with Texas.

"We will be looking for a better performance today than yesterday," Heiny said. "I think we were all looking ahead to play Texas, and it hurt us. People think Texas will clobber us. They are a good, quick team. We'll see if we can withstand the pressure."

OREGON (71) — Smith 21, Lang 21, Bernhardt 7, Stoican 6, Trask 4, Gienger 4, Higgs 4, Metzger 2, Beckes, Christiansen, Harris 2, Gatchell.

IOWA STATE (45) — Cain 10, Eckert 10, Mason 5, Ellivee 3, Brown 3, Revely, Sawyer 2, Cook, Burns 6, Lesman 6.

Halftime — Oregon 29, Iowa State 19.

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