

Cougars maul Oregon grapplers

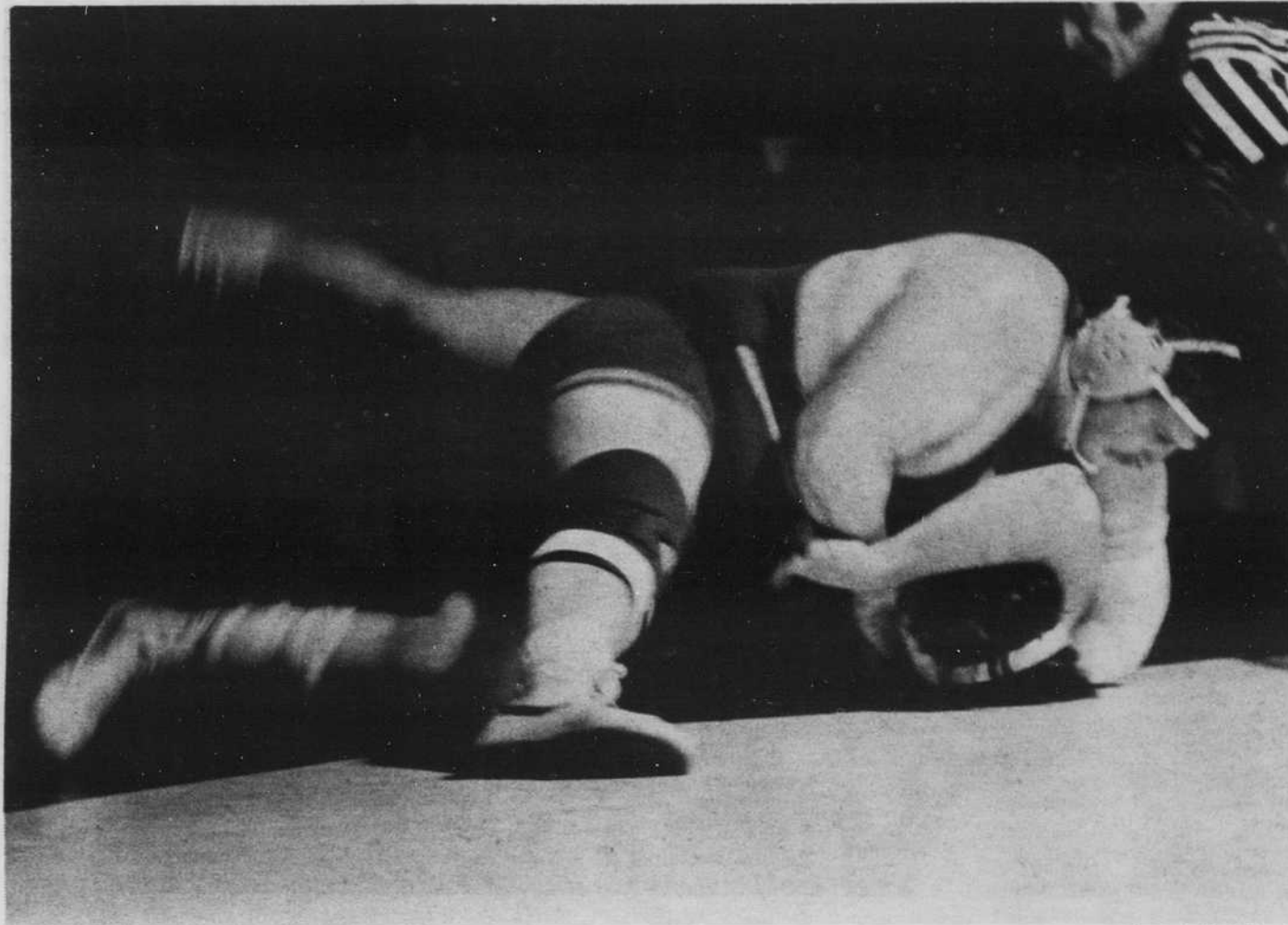


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Heavyweight Dan Cook collected three of Oregon's 14 points in a 9-4 decision against BYU Wednesday night.

Fourth meet in five nights drops wrestlers to 12-2

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The road got tough for the Oregon wrestling team Wednesday night as the Ducks hit the mat for the fourth time in five nights and got roughed up by the hard-nosed Brigham Young University Cougars, 30-14 in Provo, Utah.

It was the second dual meet defeat of the season for the Ducks, who knew they had their work cut out for them after 190-pound sophomore standout Lance Hochanadel was forced to sit the meet out after hurting his back at Utah State Tuesday.

"I think I may have put too much pressure on everybody by telling them that we needed big wins to make up for the forfeit at 190," said Duck coach Ron Finley, adding that "Hochanadel is hurting pretty good."

Hochanadel isn't the only Duck hurting as Oregon's once unblemished record was smudged for the second time in the four-match road swing. The Ducks, who left Eugene looking good at 10-0, now stand at 12-2 with a date at the Portland State Invitational Tournament on tap Saturday.

Hochanadel would have made little difference on the score sheet Wednesday as BYU jumped on the Ducks in the first three matches and stayed on top the whole way.

The Cougars' Brad Anderson got BYU started in fine style by pinning the Ducks' Randy Ohta at 4:49 of the 118-pound match. For Ohta, who is substituting for the still-injured Mike Erb, it was loss No. 7 against four wins.

That was just the beginning, as the Cougars clawed their way to a 14-0 lead before Oregon found something to cheer about at 142. First, Chris Taylor thrashed Oregon's Miles Hancock 17-2 at 126, then Morgan Woodhouse decisioned the Ducks' Cliff Porter at 134 by an 8-5 score.

Freshman Lorenzo West drew first blood for the Ducks, pinning the Cougars' Matt Bake at 4:13 of their 142-pound contest. At 150, Oregon's Barry Boyles remained undefeated by battling BYU's Chad Teichart to a 4-4 draw.

The Ducks then pulled to within 16-11 in the meet as Rick O'Shea recorded his 16th win of the season, downing Billy Boyd of BYU 8-4 at 158.

But that was as close as the Ducks ever got as the Cougars decided enough was enough and reeled off two more victories and collected the forfeit at 190 to account for their final count of 30.

At 167, Kerry Hiatt of BYU rolled over the Ducks' Paul Sheriff 19-3, and at 177, Jeff Needs shutout Oregon's Charles Nutter 6-0. Heavyweight Dan Cook accounted for the final three Oregon points with a 9-4 decision over the Cougars' Larry Hamilton.

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MEXICO CITY (AP) — Soviet athletes will not participate in the 1984 Summer Olympics in Los Angeles because of a lack of security, Soviet Sports Minister Sergej Pavlovich was quoted as saying Wednesday by Mexico's official government news agency Notimex.

However, a reporter for Excelsior, a Mexico City newspaper, who also was present when Pavlovich was interviewed, said the Russian official had only suggested the possibility that the Soviet Union would boycott the Games.

Notimex quoted Pavlovich as saying his country will definitely not attend the Los Angeles Olympics because "no guarantee of protection" had been offered for Soviet athletes.

Excelsior writer Jaime Duran quoted Pavlovich as saying the Soviet Union would stay away from the Olympics only "if there are no guarantees" of security for its athletes, leaving open the possibility Soviet players will participate.

The Lane County Low Riders, the Washington-Oregon Conference 1981-82 champions with a 12-0 record, will host three west coast teams in exhibitions Jan 30 and 31 at Churchill High School.

The Low Riders, The Vancouver Doans, the Portland Rolling Rebels and the Peninsula Golden Spokes will play Saturday at 3 p.m., 5 p.m., 7 p.m., and 9 p.m., and on Sunday at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

The Outdoor Program is sponsoring a series of events in the coming weeks. Below is a listing for future events:

Jan. 28 — Waxing: If you are having a hard time finding the right wax for the conditions, maybe you need a little refresher course. This session will cover the basics including types of waxes, their application and use,

plus waxing for glide and for kick. 7 p.m., Outdoor Program.

Feb. 4 — Winter Navigation: Knowing how to use a map and compass is especially important when visibility can be next to zip, and when a mistake in direction can mean freezing your you-know-what off. This evening workshop outlining basic navigation techniques will precede a weekend on-the-snow practice session. 7 p.m., Outdoor Program.

The Mt. Bachelor Nordic Sports Center will sponsor two races at Mt. Bachelor this weekend — one on the groomed cross country trail system and one on the downhill slopes. The races are open to both men and women, and will include a \$5 entry fee and a T-shirt for all competitors.

On Saturday, Jan. 30, at 10 a.m., the fourth in the Cascade Crest Citizen Cross Country Race Series will be held. The "Middle Sister" Race will feature a 10 kilometer course for women and a 20 kilometer course for men on Jay's Trail and Easy Back — portions of Mt. Bachelor's groomed system of cross country trails.

On Sunday, Jan. 31, at 10:30 a.m., cross country skiers will take to the downhill slopes for the Telemark Slalom Race. The telemark is a technique for turning cross country skis in a downhill run. This combination of cross country equipment and a slalom course creates an event which is exciting for both skiers and spectators. Registration will be held at 10 a.m. in the Main Lodge Race office the day of the race.

The Oregon men's basketball squad remains at the top ... and the bottom of the latest Pacific-10 Conference statistics. The Ducks top the league in scoring offense (78.3 points per game), and are at the bottom in scoring defense (79.0 points per game). The Ducks lost their title as the best rebounding team in the league to UCLA.

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