

# Ailing matmen take road wins

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Oregon wrestling fortunes, which have been both good and bad of late, took a turn for the better over the weekend as the Ducks traveled up and down I-5 for a pair of dual meet road wins.

Friday night the Ducks found a team that was hurting worse than they were, and rebounded from Thursday's disappointing home loss to Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo to crush Portland State 44-6 at the PSU gym.

Saturday the Ducks moved south and used a Dan Cook decision in the evening's final match to claim a 18-17 win over Southern Oregon.

The pair of wins moved the Duck matmen to 14-3 in dual meet action heading into the final dual meet of the season Friday at McArthur Court against Oregon State.

Cook's heavyweight decision over the Red Raiders' Rick Chandler may have clinched the win, but it was leadoff man Randy Ohta and teammate Lorenzo West who drew praise from Oregon coach Ron Finley.

"I thought we had two best performances of the season," Finley said of Ohta and West's efforts in Ashland.

Ohta got the Ducks off on the right foot Saturday with a 9-5 decision over Sothern Oregon's Howard Fabrycki, who Finley described as a good 118-pounder.

"It was Ohta's best match to date," Finley said. "If anyone was a hero it was him."

West wasn't as lucky as Ohta, dropping a 6-5 decision to SOSC's Brett Lafstedt at 142. But Finley was pleased. "I felt he wrestled one of his best matches of the year even though he lost," the coach said.

The teams see-sawed in the early going, with SOSC earning decisions at 126, 142, and 158, while Oregon got wins with Cliff Porter at 134 and Barry Boyles at 150 along with Ohta's victory. The Ducks finally got a leg up after a draw at 167 when Oregon's Paul Sheriff decisioned the Red Raiders' Rick Strawn 4-2 at 177.

Friday's win was a cakewalk as the ailing Ducks took advantage of a PSU squad that belongs in intensive care. Oregon won all six matches on an abbreviated slate which was shortened by four forfeits, three by the Vikings.

# Broncos no problem for women

**BOISE, Idaho** — Alison Lang scored 26 points and pulled down 11 rebounds Saturday night to lead the Oregon women's basketball team past the Boise State Broncos, 54-37.

Bev Smith added 13 points and 13 rebounds in addition to six steals and four assists, as she and Lang dominated play for the Ducks.

The only other Duck to score more than two points was forward Mary Ann Stoican, who scored seven.

Pressure defense by Oregon held the Broncos to 18 points in the first half and 19 in the second half, as Boise State could hit on only 10 of 56 shots from the field for 17 percent.

Oregon didn't prove to be much better on this night, hitting on 22 of 60 for just over 36 percent.

Oregon travels next to Utah Monday to take on the Utes. The Ducks beat Utah early in the season, 73-63, but the rematch should prove to be a tough battle for Oregon. The Utes are coming off a win over talented Colorado, which defeated the Ducks in the Cal Tournament.

Following the game with Utah, the Ducks come home before taking off for Corvallis Thursday for a game with Oregon State. The Beavers and the Ducks always seem to put on a show in this Northwest League rivalry.

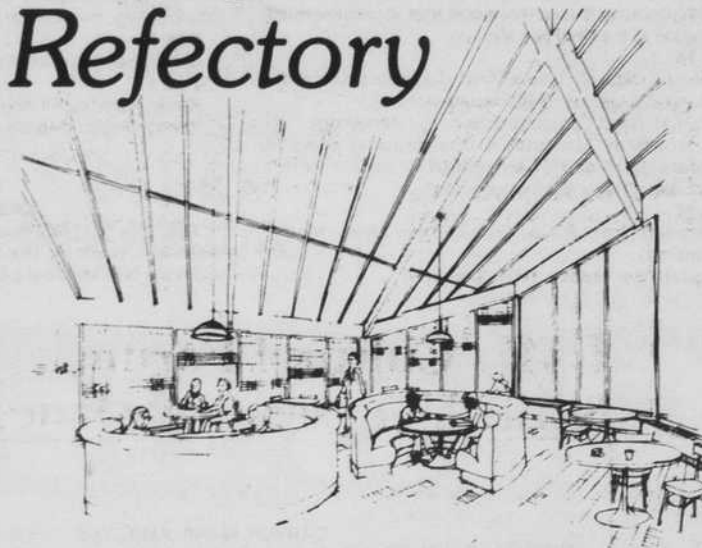
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# Gymnasts down USF, bow to USC, Stanford

**San Francisco** — The Oregon's women's gymnastics squad met up with some rough competition in the Bay Area in the form of the University of Southern California and Stanford.

The two California squads dominated action in a triangular meet Saturday at Palo Alto, with the Cardinal women coming out on top with 142.50, followed by USC at 136.95. The Ducks managed to place only two women in the top three places in any event in scoring 135.4.

Sara Gustafson, with thirds in the floor exercist (8.9) and the vault (8.95), and Holly Holmes with a third on the bars (9.1) led the way for Oregon.

The night previous against the University of San Francisco, Gustafson scored a season best in the all-around to help lift the Ducks over the Dons. Oregon scored 136.8 — their best effort of the road trip — to USF's 131.45.

Gustafson's total of 35.30 was spurred by her victory on the balance beam (8.9). Maureen Nolan captured the bars with an 8.95.

After suffering a possible broken finger in Saturday's meet, Gustafson sat out of Sunday's triangular meet at the University of California at Berkeley with USC. Again the Trojans scored well — 141.00 — to down Oregon with 132.25 and Cal with 130.00.


Gustafson's injury is not expected to keep her out of Saturday's meet against Spokane Community College at McArthur Court, though she may be forced to give up the parallel bars.

The Spokane meet will be Oregon's final home match of the season.

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