

Oregon matmen win Pac-10 title

STANFORD, Calif. — The Oregon wrestling team successfully defended its Pac-10 wrestling title Sunday night at Stanford University.

The Ducks tallied 81½ points, 6¾ points ahead of second-place Oregon State and 11¼ points ahead of third-place Arizona State, which had 69¾.

"We really opened it up at the end of the meet," said Duck assistant coach Dean Dixon. "At least it didn't go down to the last match."

Oregon had three conference champions — 118-pound Mike Erb, 142-pounder Bill Nugent and heavyweight Dan Cook. Erb and Nugent were both defending Pac-10 champions.

Erb got things rolling for the Ducks as he beat ASU's Gary Bairos in the semifinals and then topped Brian Higa of Washington State in the final by one point, 6-5.

"Erb pretty much controlled the match," said Dixon. "He went up 6-3 and then let Higa get a takedown but that was about it."

At 126 and 134, Oregon's Miles Hancock and Cliff Porter, both rebounded from losses to capture the consolation titles. Hancock beat Stanford's Brian Edmonds 13-0, while Porter blanked Lloyd Melone of Washington State 9-0.

At 142, Nugent had little trouble in reclaiming his title. He disposed of Oregon State's Curt Berger 16-4 in the semis and

then bested Adam Cohen of Arizona State 11-7 in the final.

At 150, in a tough bracket, Oregon's Barry Boyles captured third place after losing his semifinal match.

Sophomore Keith Beutler captured second-place for Oregon at 167, falling to Joe Koeth of Arizona State 8-2 after injuring his ankle.

Lance Hochandel, Oregon's freshman at 190 pounds, fell to Oregon State's Gene Webb 7-3 in the final.

Cook, after placing second last year at the Pac-10 meet, captured the heavyweight title over Mike Severn of Arizona State, 11-5.

"The team is real happy right now," Dixon said. "It's the first time in Oregon history that we have won the Pac-10 championship two years in a row."

CHAMPIONSHIP First Round

134 — Cliff Porter UO, dec. Brigham Johnson, Stan, 17-5. 142 — Mejeo Hernandez, WSU, dec. Brad Hightower, Stan, 10-2. 150 — Barry Boyles, UO, dec. Bruce Rubin, Stan, 18-6. 158 — Rick O'Shea, UO, dec. Rick Ellingsen, WSU, 11-6. 167 — Don Hanson, WSU, dec. Jeff Smyth, OSU, 16-3. 177 — Doug Perkins Stan, dec. Frank Olmo, ASU, 15-7. 190 — Keith Elgin, ASU, dec. Randy Larson, WSU, 15-8.

SEMIFINALS

118 — Brian Higa, WSU, dec. Mark Rodriguez, OSU, 7-6. Mike Erb, UO, dec. Gary Bairos, ASU, 10-4. 126 — Cliff Berger, OSU, dec. Miles Hancock, UO, 11-8. Lang Davidson, WSU, pin Brian Edmonds, Stan, 2:15. 134 — Walt Markee, OSU, dec. Cliff Porter, UO, 10-5. Bobby Williams, ASU, pin Lloyd Melone, WSU, 1:13. 142 — Adam Cohen, ASU, pin Mejeo Hernandez, WSU, 4:40. Bill Nugent, UO, dec. Curt Berger, OSU, 16-4. 150 — Lindley Kistler, ASU, dec. Barry Boyles, UO, 6-0. Brad Swartz, OSU, dec.



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Heavyweight Dan Cook picked up one of three conference championships for the Ducks.

Gary Niklason, WSU, default 158 — Rick O'Shea, UO, dec. Dale Krzmarzick, OSU, 11-9. Jackson Kistler, ASU, dec. Mark Martell, Stan, 12-5. 167 — Keith Beutler, UO, dec. Don Hanson, WSU, 13-11. Joe Koeth, ASU, dec. Tom Mullen, Stan, 16-3. 177 — Doug Perkins, Stan, dec. Steve Porter, WSU, 15-1. Jim Baumgardner, OSU, dec. Charles Nutter, UO, 19-4. 190 — Lance Hochandel, UO, dec. Keith Elgin, ASU, by default. Gene Webb, OSU, dec. Ed Katz, Stan, 6-5. HWT — Dan Cook, UO, pin Ted Hart, WSU, 1:01. Mike Severn, ASU, dec. Chris Bielenberg, OSU, 10-9.

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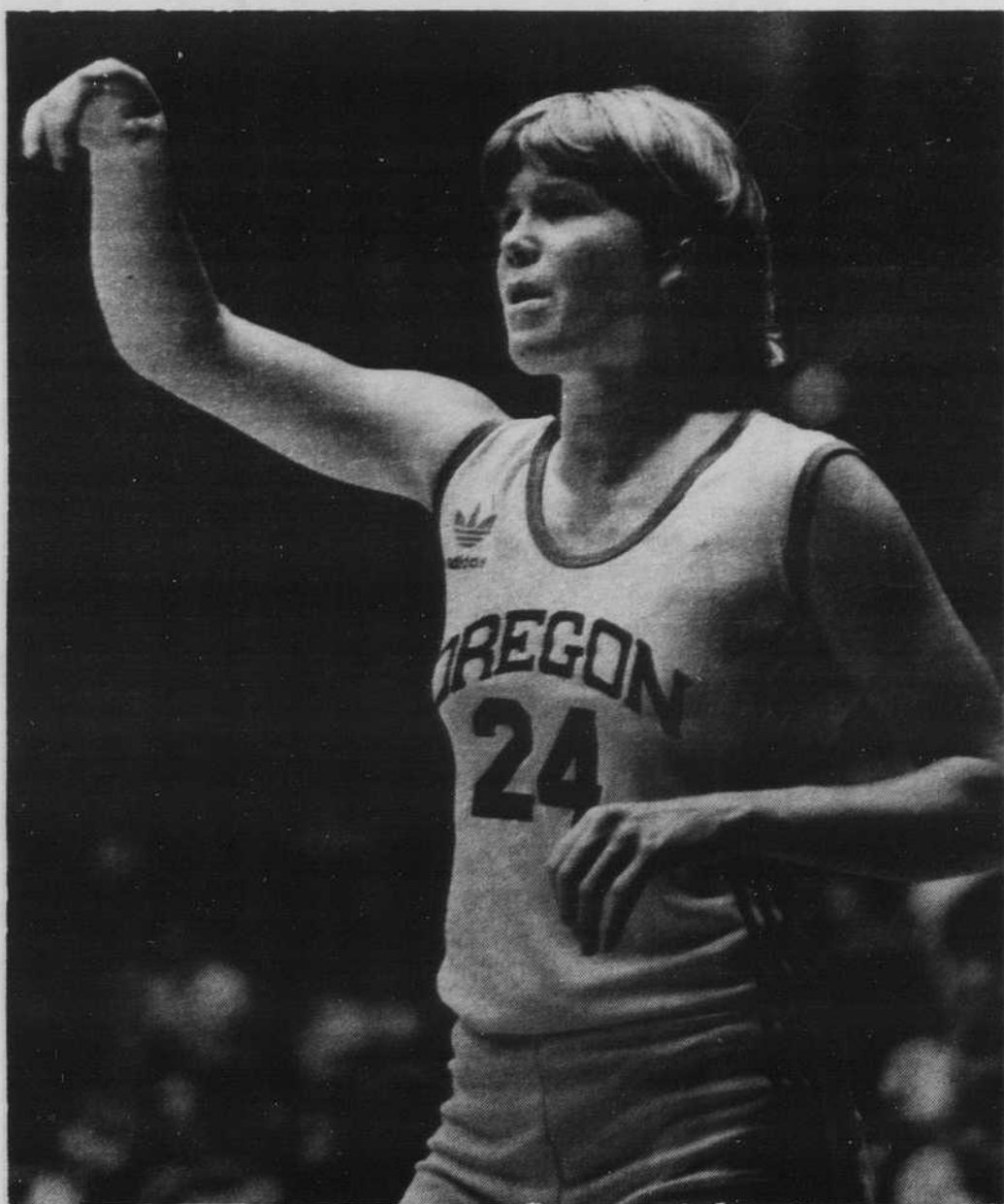
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Duck women edge Korean nationals



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Senior Bev Smith (above) teamed with Allison Lang to defeat the Koreans 78-75.

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The Korean women's national basketball team came calling at McArthur Court in hopes of avenging a defeat three years ago at the hands of the Oregon Ducks.

But what they got they didn't like — a 78-75 setback to the Ducks at Mac Court before a relatively small crowd of 2,664.

In contrast to the men's games at Mac Court this year, the crowd was vocal — what they lacked in numbers, the crowd more than made up for in the foot-stomping and cheering departments.

"We fought harder than we had before," said Oregon women's basketball coach Elwin Heiny. "It was the crowd that got the team into the game. The crowd really cared, and the players realized that they had come to see a high-class game."

The Koreans threatened to make it a blow out early, taking a 16-9 lead with 13:33 remaining in the first half. But two jumpers by Bev Smith and an Allison Lang layin quickly cut the deficit to 18-17.

After that point, with 11 minutes left, it was so close that there were nine ties and five lead changes.

It was Lang who kept the Ducks close in the first half. The talented 6-4 center from Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, erupted for 24 points in the opening half. She connected on 11 of 16 shots from the floor and went 2-for-3 from the line.

"They did key on Bev and Alison," said Heiny, "but it's no secret — it's hard to stop any two players like Bev and Alison who play so well together. Bev is good at drawing the defense away from Alison, and then getting the ball into her."

On a Hwa Soon Kim layin with 41 seconds to go, the Koreans took a 41-40

halftime lead into the dressing room, and shades of three years ago began to develop.

Like in the first half, the Koreans once again threatened to make the game a blowout.

Leading 51-48 with 13:59 left in the contest, the Koreans scored six straight points to take a 57-48 lead before Smith rebounded with a three-point play.

The Ducks battled and battled and finally took a 66-65 lead on a Mary Ann Stoican jumper with 5:18 left. The lead then switched back and forth for the next three minutes until Oregon took a 76-75 lead on two Lang charity tosses with just 1:19 to go.

Both teams played the patience game but Oregon came out smelling like a rose when Lisa Vetter, a freshman guard, calmly hit two free throws with 52 seconds remaining. After that, the Ducks just hung on and played smartly to win the game.

On Sunday, the Ducks faced Bellco Electric, an AAU club from Seattle.

It was obvious from the outset that the Ducks were flat from the night before, but still had enough in them to take an 88-78 decision.

"We expected to be flat today and we were," admitted Heiny.

"I was very tired from last night," said Lang, who finished with a game-high 27 points — a total of 64 points in two games for the weekend.

The Ducks took the early lead, but Bellco battled back. The biggest lead for Oregon was a 16-point advantage in the second half. But the Seattle team did not quit.

They pulled to within five points with a couple of minutes to play, but a controlled offense and poor Bellco shooting enabled the Ducks to win the game.