

Duck grapplers start finals today

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Of the Emerald

Finals week may be a few days off yet, but for nine Oregon wrestlers the time is now.

Their final tests come today, Friday and Saturday at the NCAA Division I wrestling championships in Ames, Iowa.

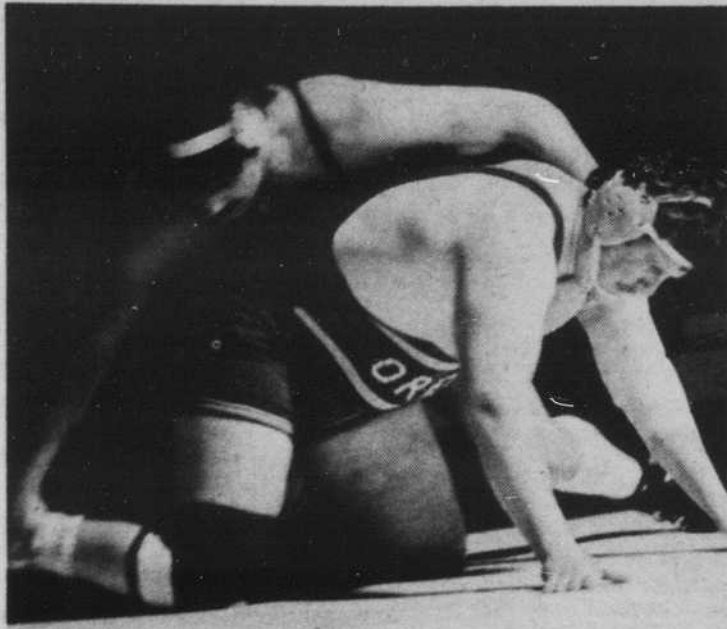
Three individual Pac-10 champions lead the Ducks into the nationals. Mike Erb at 118, senior Bill Nugent at 142 and junior heavyweight Dan Cook all won individual titles a little over a week ago in Palo Alto, California, leading the Ducks to their second consecutive Pac-10 team crown.

For Erb, who missed much of the regular season with an arm injury, the conference title was the second in a row at 118. Erb enters the national tournament with an 8-3 record.

Nugent, who came to the Ducks out of Eugene's Marist High School, followed Erb's lead by repeating as Pac-10 champ at 142 with relative ease. Nugent has continued to wrestle at all-American levels, compiling a perfect 14-0 mark on the season. Nugent also missed part of the season when he travelled to the Soviet Union with an all-American team to participate in international competition.

Cook, who completed his climb to the top of the Pac-10 this year, enters the national tournament with a season record of 26-4.

Three Pac-10 runners-up and three third-place finishers round out the Oregon contingent making the trip to the midwest. By qualifying nine, the Ducks bettered last year's squad by two.



Dan Cook is one of the Ducks hopeful of a high finish in the NCAA meet, which begins tonight.

The runners-up who will represent Oregon include 158-pound Rick O'Shea, 167-pound Keith Beutler, and 190-pound Lance Hochanadel.

O'Shea, a sophomore from Harrisburg, was unable to make the jump from the No. 2 position in the Pac-10 he claimed last year, but managed to post a 20-8-1 mark on the season. He now stands at 40-20-1 as a Duck, with two more years of eligibility left.

Beutler, a sophomore from Gladstone, beat out Paul Sheriff to earn a spot in the Pac-10 tournament. Beutler enters nationals with an 8-4-1 season record.

Hochanadel, a sophomore sensation from Colorado, makes his first trip to nationals after compiling a 19-3-1 mark during the regular season. Hochanadel leads the Ducks in pins this season.

Rounding out the Duck lineup will be third-place finishers Miles Hancock at 126, Cliff Porter at 134, and Barry Boyles at 150.

Hancock, a junior from Pendleton, takes a 16-12 mark into the tourney. Porter, a senior from Gig Harbor, Wash., has matched last year's 20-9 record going into nationals, although he dropped from second to third in the Pac-10.

Boyles, a senior from Merced, Calif., will wind up his career after posting a record of 18-2-2 on the season. Boyles finished fourth in the Pac-10 a year ago after an injury-plagued season, and now holds a career mark of 58-29-2 as a Duck.

According to Duck assistant coach Steve Hart, the squad is looking to place in the top 10. Nugent is the Ducks' best hope to place somewhere in the top three, according to Hart, who labeled the other Ducks as "outsiders."

Blazers blow first half lead to Mavericks

DALLAS (AP) — Rookie guard Rolando Blackman scored 16 points in the fourth quarter to rally Dallas to a 104-102 victory over Portland in the National Basketball Association Wednesday night.

The Mavericks, who trailed by 16 points in the first half, took the lead for the first time since the opening minute on a Blackman field goal with 5:31 remaining in the game.

Dallas had tied the Trail Blazers three times in the second half, but the 90-89 lead was the first since a 2-0 start.

Portland stayed within one and three points of the Mavericks over the last four minutes and a shot by Billy Ray Bates bounced off the rim at the buzzer. Rookie forward Mark Aguirre scored the final six points for Dallas in the last 2:18 of the game.

Another rookie forward, Jay Vincent, led Dallas with 23 points, with Blackman getting a career-high 22, Aguirre and rookie center Wayne Cooper 14 each.

Bates came off the bench to pace Portland with 23 points and Jim Paxson scored 20.

Dallas posted only its fifth victory in 22 games against Pacific Division teams. The Mavericks' record is 21-41.

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MEETINGS

The University Sailing Team will meet tonight at 8 in the EMU (room to be posted).

Christian Science Organization meeting, last one of the term, today at 5 p.m. in the EMU Dad's Room. Testimonies about spiritually healing problems.

A women's support group will meet today at 4 p.m. in Century Room E, EMU. Come and share your feelings/problems in a safe and supportive environment. Sponsored by Women's Referral and Resource Service. For information, call 686-3327.

The Incidental Fee Committee will hold a general business meeting today in the EMU (room to be posted).

SPEAKERS

"The History and Typology of Writing Systems" is the topic of a lecture by Noel Rude, graduate teaching fellow

in linguistics, today at 3:30 p.m. in Room 204, Chapman Hall.

"Sketches for Beethoven's Spring Sonata, Opus 24: Implications for Analysis and Performance" is the topic of a lecture by Prof. Carl Schachter today at 4:30 p.m. in Room 198, School of Music. Schachter, a music professor at Queens College, City University of New York, will deliver his lecture as part of the Visiting Scholars Program.

WORKSHOPS

A workshop on block planning, scheduled for Friday, has been postponed due to planning complications. The workshop was to have been held at the Housing and Community Conservation Department, 72 W. Broadway St., Suite 200. For more information about block planning, contact Jan Bohman at Housing and Community

Conservation (687-5443) or Richard Shields at the Willamette Community Design Center (345-2427).

Writing effective essay exams is the topic of a workshop sponsored by the Learning Resources Center today from 9:30-11 a.m. in Room 27, Friendly Hall. The workshop will illustrate techniques for writing clear, well-organized, cohesive essays under the pressures and time constraints associated with finals. Open to all students and no pre-registration is necessary. For more information, call the LRC at 686-3226.

RECITALS

The final auditions for Ruth Lorraine Close scholarships will be held Friday and Saturday in Beall Concert Hall. The auditions will begin at 8:30 a.m. each day and are open to the public free of charge. Listeners are asked to enter the hall between auditions. Selection of the 59

finalists was based on preliminary screening conducted by the University music faculty. Approximately \$55,000 will be awarded in amounts of \$1,000, \$2,000 and \$3,000 for full-time students of harp, voice, keyboard, all orchestral instruments, composition, music history or music education.

MISCELLANEOUS

Spring vacation child care for school-age children — March 22-26 from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Whiteaker and Patterson schools. Enroll at 356 W. 8th Ave., Eugene, or call Eugene Latch Key, a non-profit organization, at 683-7291 (between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m.).

Lenten worship today at 4:30 p.m. at the Koinonia Center chapel, 1414 Kincaid St. Sponsored by Episcopal Campus Ministry. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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