

Ducks place sixth

The Oregon wrestling team capped off its four-meet California road trip by finishing sixth in the Chico Invitational Saturday night.

Southern Oregon, which established itself as a wrestling powerhouse by winning last month's Oregon Invitational wrestling tournament, won the

Beavers sink swimmers

Despite three victories each from Oregon's senior Tina Helm and freshman Babette Brundage, the Oregon State women's swim team edged out the Ducks 76-73 at Leighton Pool Saturday.

Oregon held a slight edge going into the final event, but a victory in the 400-meter freestyle relay by the Beavers clinched the title.

Helm's three victories were the 50-meter backstroke, the 200-meter individual medley and the 100-meter backstroke. Brundage claimed first place in the 1000-meter freestyle, the 500-meter freestyle and the 100-meter butterfly.

"We had a great meet," Oregon coach Dan Cole said. "This is the closest we've come to Oregon State in three years."

The Oregon men defeated the Beaver men 66-39 in an exhibition match. The Oregon State men's team is a club sport.

The women will host Chico State today and tomorrow while the men will leave for a three-day road trip to take on Simon Fraser, Washington and Puget Sound.

Chico Tournament with 87½ points. The Beavers of Oregon State wound up second totalling 83½ points.

"I felt we could have won a few more matches," said Oregon coach Ron Finley of his squad's showing. "We didn't get any help from our upper weights."

Individually, Oregon junior Rick O'Shea led the Ducks by capturing the 150-pound weight class with a 2-1 win over Portland State's Charlie Lucas.

Duck senior Mike Erb, at 118 pounds and Oregon sophomore Lorenzo West at 134 pounds, each captured third place in their weight classes. Erb beat Oregon State's Mark Rodriguez 4-2 while West decisioned Mike Bolf of Clackamas 6-4.

"Lorenzo West really pleased me," the coach said. "He finished a strong third." West lost his second match in the tournament, but won the rest of the way. "He wrestled really well and showed signs of improvement all tournament," Finley added.

Finley felt Erb should have won the title at 118. "He lost to Mark Rodriguez in overtime, then came back and beat the heck out of him for third place. He really opened up after the loss."

Finley called the California trip a worthwhile experience. "Since we have such a young team, we needed to wrestle a lot in a short period of time. We got a lot of good competition on the road trip."

Next action for the Ducks is Jan. 16 when they will take on Oregon State in Corvallis.

Interceptions decide playoffs

From Associated Press Reports

It wasn't just the passing which played such a pivotal role in the first round of the National Football League playoffs. It was the passing to the wrong people.

To wit:

— The Pittsburgh Steelers, leading San Diego 28-17, are trying to move out of their own territory, chew up some time and get another score to put Sunday's game away. But on third down at his own 21-yard line, Terry Bradshaw throws an ill-advised pass toward Lynn Swann which cornerback Jeff Allen picks off. Five plays later, Dan Fouts throws the first of his two touchdown passes to Kellen Winslow that beat the Steelers 31-28.

— The Cincinnati Bengals, leading New York 14-10, are on the Jets' 10-yard line in the second quarter Sunday. Then cornerback Johnny Lynn steps in front of Cris Collinsworth at the goal line and grabs the ball, the first of his two interceptions of Ken Anderson passes. The Jets turn each interception into a touchdown — and get a third TD when safety Darrol Ray returns another interception a playoff-record 98 yards — in their 44-17 rout of the Bengals. "It turned the whole game around, no question," Ray says of Lynn's first theft.

— The Tampa Bay Buccaneers, leading

Dallas 17-16 early in the fourth quarter Sunday, are trying to keep their sputtering offense alive. Then third-string rookie safety Monty Hunter picks off a Doug Williams pass and sprints 19 yards for the touchdown that puts the Cowboys in front to stay. They win 30-17. "Hunter's interception gave us the breathing room we needed," Dallas Coach Tom Landry says.

— The Detroit Lions, having blown their first scoring opportunity when Billy Sims fumbles at Washington's 19-yard line, are on the move again, thanks to Eric Hipple's passes to wide receiver Leonard Thompson. Then Hipple looks for Sims on a pass route, cornerback Jeris White slips between them, grabs the ball, juggles it for a moment and races 77 yards for the touchdown that starts the Redskins on their way to Saturday's 31-7 romp. "It was like a mirage," White says. "You see it, but you don't really believe it."

— The St. Louis Cardinals, already trailing 21-3, are trying to get within striking distance of Green Bay, when safety Mark Murphy intercepts a Neil Lomax pass and returns the ball 22 yards to the St. Louis 12-yard line. Three plays later, Lynn Dickey throws the second of his three touchdown passes, the Packers lead 28-3 and the rout is on. Green Bay wins 41-16.

Bruins pull out a squeaker over ASU

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — Rod Foster sank a 23-foot jumper with 15 seconds remaining to give sixth-ranked UCLA an 87-86 victory over Arizona State in a see-saw Pacific-10 Conference basketball game Monday night.

Foster finished with a game-high 30 points with 14 coming in the second half as the Bruins improved their record to 9-1 overall and 2-0 in league play.

Arizona State slipped to 7-7 overall and 1-1 in Pac-10 play despite 24 points from Byron Scott and 23 from Paul Williams. Scott had 18 of his points in the first half.

Williams' jumper with 47 seconds left in the game had given the Sun Devils an 86-85 lead before Foster drilled home his game-winning shot.

After a time-out, Arizona State tried to work the ball over to

Scott, but he was heavily guarded and Shawn Holiday's desperation jump shot at the buzzer went wide.

Kenny Fields scored 19 points for UCLA — 13 in the first half — while Darren Daye wound up with 13.

Billy Jordan and Walt Stone had 11 points apiece for the Sun Devils, who led 46-44 at halftime on Williams' two free throws with five seconds to go.

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