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Oregon's 142-pound Lorenzo West looks for unforeseen help during match with PSU's Boyd Goodpaster Tuesday. West won 11-3, Ducks won 19-18.

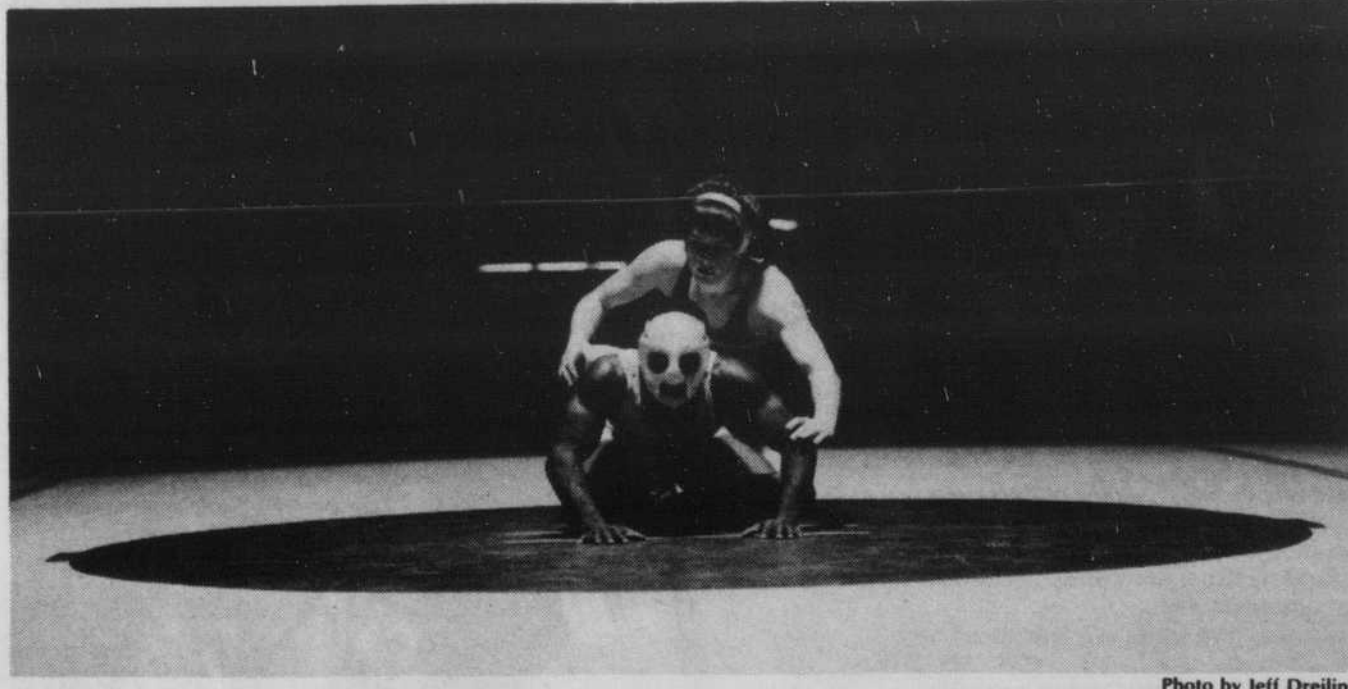


Photo by Jeff Dreiling

Oregon's Steve Newton takes down Humboldt State's masked Alen Edwards Wednesday night at Mac Court. The mask didn't intimidate Newton, who pinned Edwards. However, the rest of the Ducks weren't so fortunate — Humboldt State won 31-11.

Lumberjacks chop down Oregon, 31-11

By Brent Paz
Of the Emerald

Injuries forced Oregon's wrestling team into hibernation Wednesday night as Humboldt State University thrashed the Ducks 31-11 at MacArthur Court.

The wrestlers were without three starters — Sean Braddock, Lance Hochanadel and Rafe Mumford — when the match began. The Ducks sorely missed the trio as the Lumberjacks dropped them to 1-1 for the year.

Oregon started the match off on a bad foot. The Ducks' 118-pound Garrett Clayton gambled that he could take down HSU's Bill Alton with 40 seconds left and the score tied at two. Clayton had control and let Alton escape for a point. That proved the difference as Alton held on to win a 3-2 decision.

"I thought he would take him down easy," said Oregon assistant coach Dean

Dixon, replacing head coach Ron Finley (in Europe coaching the U.S. Greco-Roman World Cup squad). "He had beaten that guy before and pinned him."

The strategy didn't work — a sign of things to come for the Ducks.

The grapplers received a reprieve at 126 pounds. Oregon freshman Steve Newton pinned Humboldt's Allen Edwards at 4:21 of the second period.

Oregon took its first and only lead at 6-3, but the Lumberjacks were just beginning to sharpen their axes.

HSU defeated Oregon in the next three weights to take a 14-6 lead and never looked back.

The Lumberjacks' Dave Navarre defeated the Ducks' Travis Hancock easily in the 134-pound match, 10-1. Eric Lessley of Humboldt took Lorenzo West by an 11-6 count at 142 pounds. HSU's Jerry Olson won another lopsided match over Reagan Ross,

10-2.

Humboldt led 14-6 at that point, but the Ducks still had a chance to come back in the heavier weights. A draw at 158 ended any hopes Dixon and his team had. Oregon sophomore Dan Martin and HSU's Jerry Sauers battled to a 6-6 standoff which put the Lumberjacks comfortably in front.

"It is nice to beat them two years in a row," said HSU coach Frank Cheek, who saw his squad upset Oregon 25-20 a year ago.

Oregon lost the next two matches and Dixon had to move his remaining three wrestlers up in weight. The disadvantage didn't stop freshman Brad Steward from improving his record to a perfect 5-0 on the season. Steward, normally a 177-pound wrestler, slipped by HSU's Paul White 10-9 at 190.

"They competed well," Dixon said in the post-game aftermath. "Humboldt has five

seniors and we were starting five freshmen."

Dixon praised the performance of one of those freshmen, Newton.

"It was his first dual meet of the year," said Dixon of Newton, who collected his first win of the season. "He picked up a fall which was a big win."

Oregon had better luck against Portland State University Tuesday night. The freshman-loaded Vikings came to Mac Court looking for a win, but the Duck's sent them home disappointed with a 19-18 victory.

Freshman Dameon Knight highlighted the Ducks' triumph. He defeated PSU's Tony Babin 14-7 at 177 pounds to vault Oregon to a 16-12 lead and the win.

"It was interesting match between two teams very much alike," said Dixon. "Five freshmen or sophomores wrestled for us, and that's a pretty young team."

NBA vice president to Moe: No 'D' equals five grand

From Associated Press reports

Led by Lloyd "World B." Free's 34 points, the Cleveland Cavaliers defeated the Portland Trailblazers 112-105 Thursday night, but National Basketball Association officials were more worried about Portland's game against Denver Nov. 22.

Denver Coach Doug Moe was fined \$5,000 and suspended for two games Wednesday by the NBA for ordering the

Nuggets to stop playing defense near the end of a 156-116 loss to the Blazers.

Moe was suspended from coaching Wednesday night in Milwaukee and Saturday against Seattle.

"It is clear from your own admissions, from the statements of the game officials and (Portland) Coach Jack Ramsay and newspaper accounts that you did, in fact, take a 20-second timeout with 1:12 remaining in the game and instruct your team to stop playing defense and let the

Portland team 'have it,' meaning the (Blazers) points record," Scotty Stirling, NBA vice president for operations, told Moe in a letter.

Moe said he viewed the episode from a different perspective than the league, adding, "I know what I did, when I did it. It was for our ball club and our ball club only."

Asked about fan reaction to his tactic, Moe replied: "The fans kind of like it. The fans aren't upset. Nobody's upset except the league."

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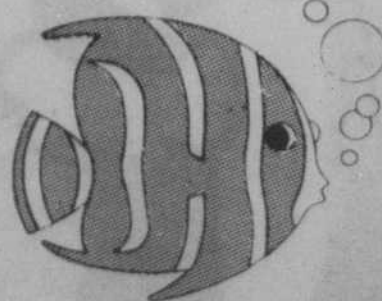
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