

## Matmen shine in front of 'Today Show' cameras

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In front of the "Today Show" cameras, a bruised and battered Oregon wrestling team reversed its three-match losing skid with a 27-19 decision against Boise State University on Wednesday night at McArthur Court.

"It was nice to get a win again," said Oregon coach Ron Finley. "We finally found a team as hurt as we are. They've had their share of injuries and illness just like us, so I can feel for them."

Oregon jumped out to a quick 12-0 lead when the Broncos were forced to forfeit the 126-pound match because Travis Krawl became ill on Wednesday, and 118 pounder Roberto Pelayo won an impressive technical fall over Danny Tennant, 15-0.

"Roberto wrestled well for us tonight. He's always so reserved, but he was moving and helped us jump to an early lead for a change," Finley said.

The lead quickly increased to 18-0 when Shon Lewis, who is nationally-ranked at 126 pounds but wrestled at 134, won a 22-5 technical fall against Robert Ewald, ironically, also a true 126 pounder.

"I was moved up to meet (Tracy) Yeates (BSU's nationally-ranked 126-pounder), but he became sick today and I thought I would have a forfeit tonight," said Lewis, who pushed his record to 21-3-1. "Then Ewald couldn't make weight and I found out at 6:30 this evening I had a match. I ended up wrestling the same guy I would have wrestled at 126."

Boise State made its best run at the Ducks in the middle weights. Brett Ogata decisioned the Duck's Tom Kastrava 8-7 in the 142-pound event, and the Broncos' 150-pound Ben Coronado upended Leonard Anderson 14-5 to cut Oregon's lead to

18-7.

Then Oregon's 158-pound Vince Hochanadel, who sports only a 6-12-1 record, crushed Bill Lavin for a 15-0 technical fall, which won praises from Finley.

"Vince was especially good tonight; he came out and wrestled strong and wasn't reserved. I like that a whole lot."

Boise State took the 167- and 190-pound matches, but Chuck Kearney solidified the win with his 7-2 decision over Brad Cook. The nationally ranked Kearney became frustrated early when Cook slowed down the match — a tactical move to immobilize the more experienced Kearney.

"It's frustrating," said Kearney. "That's the type of wrestler that usually gives me problems. He slows down the action and it eliminates the motion, keeping the score close. I like to have a cushion going into the second or third period, not be tied 1-1 with a guy I know I'd drill if we were working out in a gym."

"Chuck has to deal with that (opponents who stall) better," said Finley. "He can't let himself get frustrated. He's got to realize that everyone he meets is going to do that because he's so good."

With the score insurmountable, Finley decided to forfeit the heavyweight match where 167-pounder Todd Schaaf was ready to replace starter Cam Strahm and his back-up James Knott, both out with knee injuries.

During the match a "Today Show" camera crew filmed former Duck wrestler and famous author Ken Kesey for a feature to be aired on NBC in early February. Kesey will talk about the NCAA and his opinions about its lack of commitment to the minor sports.

"What I'm doing is putting pressure on the NCAA to make better travel regulations, and

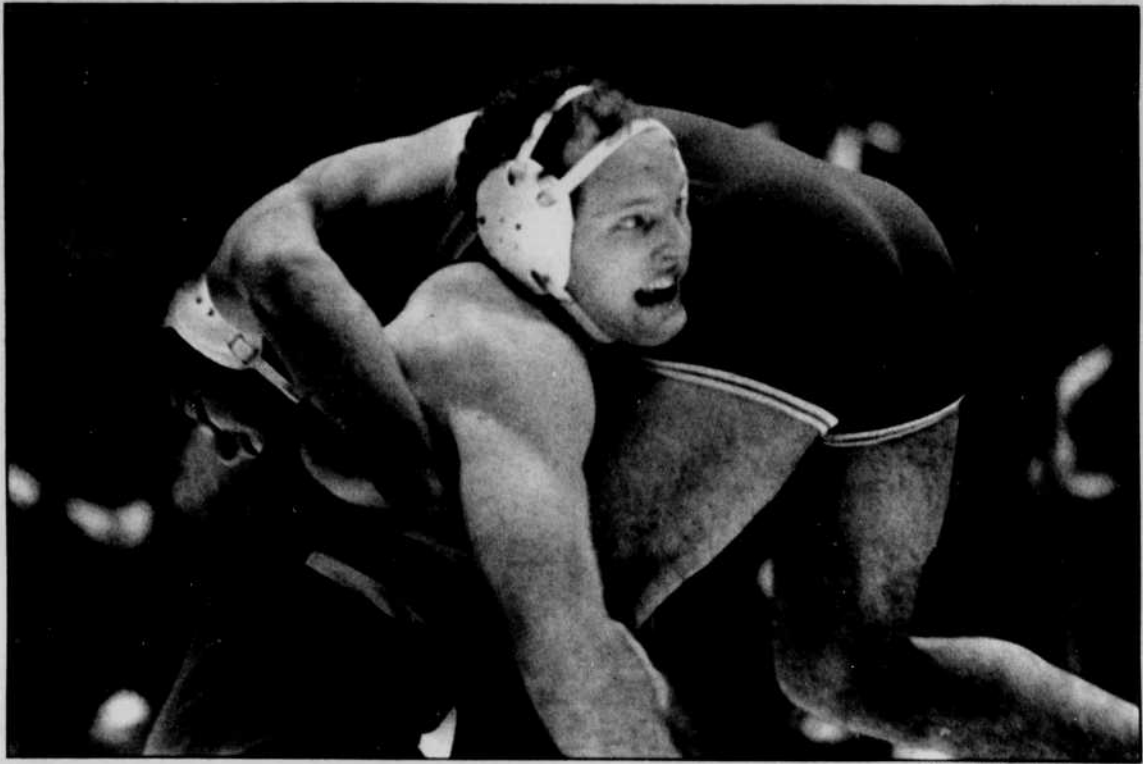


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Chuck Kearney helped to secure a team win for Oregon with his 7-2 decision against Boise State University's Brad Cook in the 177-pound bout. The Ducks won the dual 27-19 and halted a three-match losing streak.

help out the minor sports," said Kesey. "They (the NCAA) just signed a \$154 million contract for the television rights to the Final Four basketball tournament; now where is that money going? I want to find out."

"To be sanctioned as an NCAA Division I school and receive money for that position, a school must keep six men's and six women's varsity sports;

that means wrestling is as important as basketball, yet Ron Finley only makes as much as a janitor — and he's won more Olympic gold medals as a coach than anyone in the nation."

Kesey added he believes the NCAA's priorities are mixed-up.

"How can they tell a kid he can't play basketball because he received a pair of tennis shoes;

that's looking after his moral welfare. I can look after that.

"The NCAA needs to look at the kids' physical welfare. I'm sure Boise State isn't traveling with great accommodations. Their chances of getting in a wreck on the way home is larger than a kid dying of a cocaine overdose. The NCAA needs to give physical help, not moral."

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Heiny said. "From here on out, we have to go in with the attitude of going there to beat them."

A pivotal part of the Oregon game is guard Lauri Landerholm, who captured first team, Kodak Region-8 honors

after last season but has been struggling lately.

Landerholm has been shooting only 41 percent in five Pac-10 games after averaging 46 percent in nine non-league games earlier this season.

In spite of the poor shooting,

Heiny is not worried about the play of his junior guard. "We feel she does many things other than score. Lauri gives the team stability out there, and therefore even when she might not be shooting her best, she still does many things that contribute."

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