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season by defeating Boise State's Travis Krawl 3-1 Monday night. Jarrett needed an escape with less than a minute to go to tie Krawl and added a take-down with 17 seconds left to win the match.

Jarrett's only losses have come from matches against wrestlers ranked higher than he. If there's one thing he's learned over the past four years of competition, however, it is that "rankings mean very little once you're out on the mat."

Even though he has been in such a statistically dominant position, he admits "I still get a little nervous before the big tournaments."

Since the 1984-85 season, when Jarrett, a native of Missoula, Mont., earned the Most Valuable Freshman and Most Improved honors, he has won virtually every wrestling award offered.

Except for the 1986-87 season wherein he was injured with torn knee ligaments, he has progressively improved upon his skills and record each year. His dedication to excellence has also earned him the unwavering respect of his coaches and teammates.

"Jarrett has got to be the most well-rounded athletes I've ever coached," said Oregon head coach Ron Finley.

"He's always been an outstanding, hardworking team leader who never questions when the coach tells him to do something," he added.

"He's an inspiration," said teammate Joe Rissone. "I've never met a more well-rounded person."

Assistant coach Dean Dixon added that despite his subdued attitude in public, "he's a different person in competition."

Jarrett is not only an athletic standout, but he has also found time to devote to campus and community organizations, such as the Athletic Team Council, for which he represents the wrestling program.

In addition to the energy he puts into the team, he insists that it's important to have other convictions also.

"My wife Peggy, family, friends and devotion to Christianity have been great inspirations to me," Jarrett said. "Sometimes it's these supportive things which make the difference to me.

"It helps a whole lot to have someone come up and congratulate me on a win," he said. "Everyone has been real supportive."

Jarrett also praises the Oregon Athletic Department for standing behind him in both the athletic and academic endeavors at the University.

"The neatest thing about Oregon," professes Jarrett, "is that they don't keep you on an island of athletics. They provide a great atmosphere for the student athlete. If I tell them that my primary objective is to do well in school, they'll respect and support that."

Jarrett, Oregon's only starting senior, believes the team, which was ranked 25th nationally as of last week, owes much of it's success to the "family-type" atmosphere within the group. Everyone seems to be helping everyone else for the betterment of the team.

Next year Jarrett believes Oregon will be able to excel as high as its desire in competition due to the young talent and dedication shown this year.

"They may be young pups, but they're pups who wrestle well," Jarrett said. When coupled with the fact the team will have almost entirely the same roster for the 1989-90 season, the future seems pretty promising.

Just as all good things must come to an end, Jarrett's wrestling career will be completed at the end of the NCAA tournament on March 18 in Tempe, Ariz. He is looking forward to the new challenges facing him as he enters the Oregon Health Sciences University next fall.

With the coming challenge of med-school, he doesn't forecast there will be time for wrestling competition in the future.

Despite his "well-rounded" nature which has won him the respect of his peers, coaches, and instructors, he will have to limit his aspirations to a few with his coming studies. And if it is in fact true that athletes will by nature carry over the discipline they've exhibited in sports to other areas of life, then Glenn Jarrett's tenacity and dedication should aid him in excelling in his new challenge to become a great doctor also.

Oregon wrestler Vidlak takes Athlete of the Week

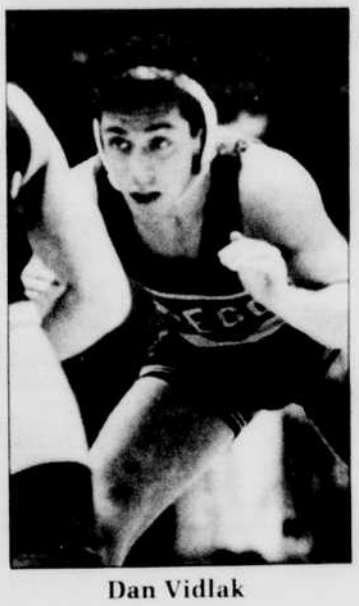
Oregon wrestler Dan Vidlak takes this week's Oregon Daily Emerald Athlete of the Week award for his efforts in last weekend's Pacific-10 Conference Championships in Tempe, Ariz.

Vidlak, a 118-pound freshman, upset Arizona State's top-seeded Zeke Jones 17-12 in the surprise match of the tournament.

Athlete of the Week

Vidlak, now 26-7-1 on the season, held a 5-4 lead after the first period but built a 13-7 margin by the end of the second period and coasted to the victory over Jones, the defending Pac-10 champion.

Vidlak was the unanimous choice by the conference coaches as the most outstanding wrestler of the two-day tournament.



Dan Vidlak

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