

Wrestlers streak with wins over Fresno, OSU

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The Oregon wrestling squad extended its dual meet win streak to six matches this weekend, taking consecutive victories over conference rivals Fresno State and Oregon State.

Oregon, ranked No. 23 in the latest *Amateur Wrestling News* poll, defeated the Bulldogs 19-11 in McArthur Court Friday night then earned a 21-14 Civil War decision in Corvallis Saturday.

Against Fresno State, the Ducks gained the win on the strength of the upper weight classes who erased a three-point deficit.

Curt Strahm at 177 pounds, Joe Rissone at 190, and heavy-weight Cam Strahm all registered victories by four or more points.

Strahm dominated heavier Bulldog senior Larry Sidiropoulos 12-3 to start the comeback. Sidiropoulos came into the match with a 10-2 record to his credit.

Also earning victories for Oregon were 118-pounder Dan Vidlak, 142-pounder Pat Craig, and 150-pounder George Johnston.

Duck senior Eric Messner was impressive in a losing effort, falling to Fresno State's

Wade Zimmerman by a count of 3-0. Zimmerman is currently listed among the nation's top three 158-pounders.

In the Oregon State match, the Ducks jumped out to an early 18-2 lead over the 25th-ranked Beavers, then held on for the 7-point victory.

In a contest that pitted Ore-

gon head coach Ron Finley against Dale Thomas, the man who coached Finley in his college wrestling career, neither team registered an outstanding overall performance.

"In all honesty neither team wrestled really well tonight," Finley said. "It seems like when these two teams get to-

gether, they try to not lose rather than win."

Oregon State spotted the Ducks the first six points of the match, giving Dan Vidlak a forfeit at 118 pounds.

Vidlak, whose record stands at 14-3 for the season, was the sixth ranked 118 pounder in

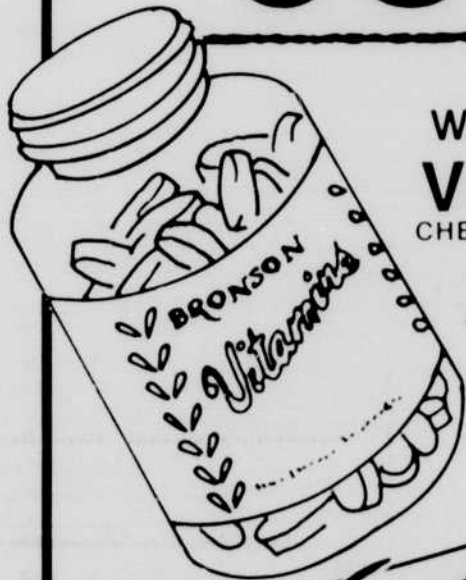
the nation in the *Amateur Wrestling News* Jan. 4 poll.

126-pounder Rob Stone and 134-pounder Jason Pehling took the next two matches to build Oregon's lead to 12-0.

Oregon got a lift from red-shirt frosh Pat Craig at 142

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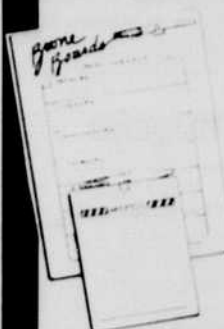


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