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Wrestlers awarded team honors

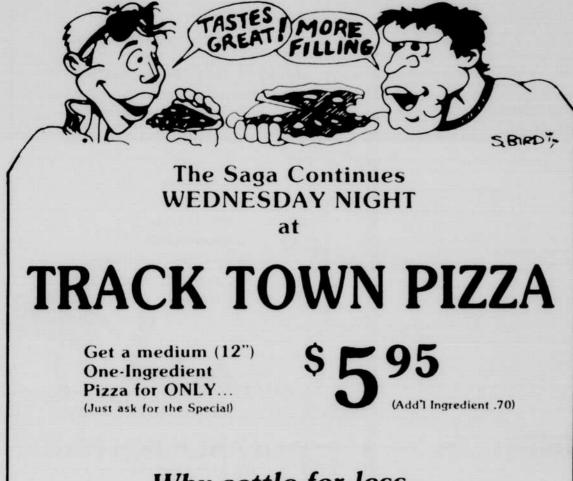
Oregon's all-America sophomore Dan Vidlak was named Oregon's most valuable wrestler at the team's annual awards banquet Sunday.

Vidlak, who is from Grants Pass and wrestled at the 118pound weight class, led the team in victories with 28 while going undefeated in 12 dual meets during the 1989-90 season. Vidlak amassed a total of 52 wins in the last two years. Vidlak took third in the Pacific-10 championships in Bakersfield, Calif., last month and participated in the National Championship meet in College Park, Md.

Heavyweight Cam Strahm, a junior from Portland, took home the John Miller award for the Oregon wrestler who shows the most dedication to his sport over the course of the season. Strahm took third in the Pac-10 meet to earn a berth in the Na tional Championship meet.

Joe Rissone, a 190-pound senior from Reno. Nev., walked away with the Jed Kesey-Lorenzo West Most Improved award for this season. Rissone went to the National Championship after taking runner-up at the Pac-10 championships.

The 1989-90 most valuable freshman award went to Pat Craig of North Bend



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Art Skipper, who broke his old school record with a javelin toss of 243-1 last weekend, was selected as field athlete of the week.

Lopez, Skipper lead talented track team

Oregon track athletes Danny Lopez and Art Skipper, who helped lead the Ducks to an 89-74 dual meet win over Washington State Saturday were honored by the Pacific-10 Conference Monday as the men's track athlete and field athlete of the week, respectively.

Lopez, a senior, led Oregon to a 1-2 finish in the 3,000-meter steeplechase to give the Ducks an early lead in the meet that they never relinquished. Lopez won in a time of 8,42,35, which qualified him for the NCAA Championships in Durham, N.C. May 30 through June 2.

Skipper, a sophomore from Sandy, continued his improvement in the javelin and remained undefeated in that eventthis season with a toss of 243-1. The mark broke Skipper's school record of 238-4 set at the Oregon Preview. The mark also broke the 1987 meet record set by Washington State's Randy Mendenhall (241-2).

In other track news:

• The Ducks return to action Saturday with the Pepsi Team Invitational at Hayward Field with Washington State, Georgetown and Cal Poly-SLO. Both the Duck men and women won the Pepsi meet a year ago and will likely be the favorites again.

• Skipper and hammer thrower Scott McGee are both ranked in the top five nationally in their events. Skipper is ranked third while McGee has the top collegiate hammer throw this season.

Other Pac-10 leaders besides Skipper and McGee include 1,500-meter- runner Eric Peterson, who has the top conference time. Peter Fonseca. Terrance Mahon and Brad Hudson are still the top three Pac-10 runners in the 10,000. They are three of five runners nationally who have met the NCAA qualifying standard of 29:08 in the 10K. The other two are George-

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• The Duck women have five of the Pac-10's 11 qualifiers in the 3.000, led by Liz Wilson's conference-leading time of 9:28.3.



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