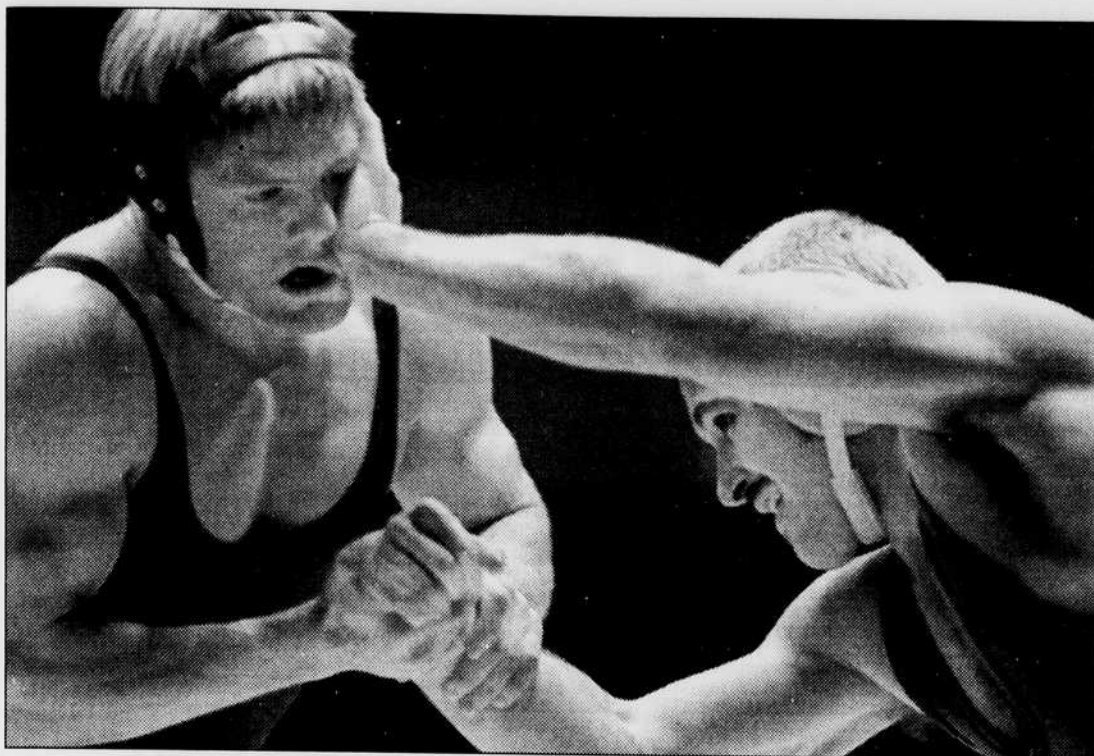




Boise State's Steve Blackford and Oregon's Sean Morgan fought one of the most exciting matches Saturday at McArthur Court. With seconds left in the final round of the tied match, Morgan completed a reverse to win 4-2.

Ducks cut down by No. 10 ASU

Forfeits cost Oregon again as it drops two more dual-meets

By Scott Peszner
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Approximately 1,300 spectators passed through the doors of McArthur Court over the weekend to watch the Oregon wrestling team in action.

The fans got to see the Ducks win plenty of matches, but once again Oregon could not overcome its forfeits, losing to No. 10 Arizona State, 24-15, Friday night and then to Boise State, 24-15, Saturday.

Two Oregon wrestlers — Doug Lee at 184 pounds and Kenny Cox at 133 pounds — received suspensions from the athletic department Friday for violating NCAA regulations about cutting weight.

"I made a mistake, I'm paying the price for it," Lee said. "I wanted to be in there."

Cox was unavailable for comment.

Neither wrestler competed against the Sun Devils, and with an State's Randy Leydecker. Tied at 5-5 with 32 seconds remaining, Keeney escaped to take a 6-5 lead, and he was able to hold off Leydecker in the closing seconds.

"I've been losing a few lately so it's good to finally get one under my belt," Keeney said. "It was really good to be back in front of the home crowd. It lights a little more fire underneath you to have your home fans behind you, and that was great."

The Ducks did not fare as well against Boise State. Oregon only won three of seven matches, including losses at 157 pounds and

165 pounds to Larry Quisel and Kirk White. Of the Ducks' four losses, three of them were decided by three points or less.

"Boise State wrestles a style that's a low risk style, where they control your head and control the mat space by keeping the center of the mat to their back," Oregon head coach Chuck Kearney said. "They aren't really aggressive with it, but they do kind of dominate the way the action's wrestled."

Emotions began to take control in the final match at 174 pounds, when an unnecessary roughness call against the Broncos gave Shawn O'Rourke a chance to win in overtime. But O'Rourke, who was injured the week before against Oklahoma, could not find a way to beat his opponent and lost in the first overtime period.

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