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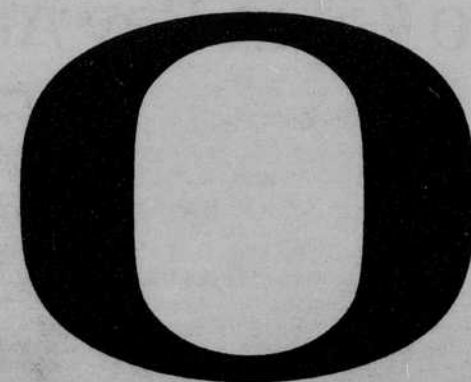
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# UO wrestling set to face four teams in one day

■ The Oregon wrestling team will face some Pacific Northwest rivals at the Oregon Classic Duals

By Robbie McCallum  
Oregon Daily Emerald

To go from facing the top wrestling programs in the nation to facing non-Division I wrestling teams from Oregon could be considered a little bit of a letdown.

But in the Oregon wrestling team's case, lower-level competition may be just what the Ducks need.

Not that No. 14 Oregon is overlooking Southern Oregon, Portland State, Central Washington and Pacific, but a trip to Portland is much less daunting than last week's trip to Oklahoma to face the No. 3 and No. 6 teams in the nation.

"The big challenge that you face after wrestling big powers, then wrestling people of lesser caliber, is keeping your intensity up," Oregon head coach Chuck Kearney said. "We are going to have to get up

to wrestle."

The Ducks return to action in the state of Oregon today at the Oregon Classic Duals at Portland's Memorial Coliseum. The Duals are a round-robin tournament in which each team faces four other teams from around the Pacific Northwest. Oregon takes on Southern Oregon at 10 a.m., followed by Portland State at noon.

Southern Oregon is currently ranked fifth among NAIA schools and boasts a 6-1 dual match record. The match against Portland State will count toward the Pacific-10 Conference standings.

The Vikings boast two players who are ranked nationally. No. 13 John Fasana will face the Ducks' No. 14 Shaun Williams at 125 pounds. At 184 pounds, Oregon's Doug Lee will take on No. 19 Jeremy Wilson of Portland State.

After a break in the afternoon, Oregon will return to action at 6 p.m. against Central Washington and then tangle with Pacific two hours later. Central Washington is ranked No. 18 among Division II schools while Pacific is 15th among Division III teams.

"Their seasons will be made by beating an Oregon wrestler," Kearney said. "They are still

solid wrestlers."

The Ducks will be the highest-ranked team at the Duals and bring in a strong lineup with six wrestlers ranked nationally, five in the top-10. Williams is the highest ranked at sixth among 125-pounders.

Senior All-Americans Chael Sonnen and Lee are ranked seventh at 184 and 197 pounds, respectively, while sophomores Brian Watson and Eric Webb remained in the top-10 at 133 pounds and heavyweight, respectively.

"We've made some real big improvements over the last month in how tough we compete," Kearney said. "We're no longer a bunch of guys who walk into a gym and feel like we can't compete. We're making progress across the board and hope to continue to make improvements."

The Duals mark the last multi-team tournament of the season before the Pac-10 Championships on Feb. 25-26 and the National Tournament on March 15-17.

"We're on the home stretch in my mind because every weekend here on out we have one weekend match," Kearney said. "That allows you to get better training in without traveling days."

# Oregon women's tennis swings into action against Pac-10 foes

■ The women's tennis team will get a sneak preview of the conference at the annual Pac-10 indoor meet

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After two months of preseason tournaments and a holiday break, the Oregon women's tennis team gets down to business this weekend.

The Ducks travel to Seattle for the Pacific-10 Indoors at the Nordstrom Tennis Center. All conference teams will be in attendance for the annual meet, which is a four-flight tournament.

Sophomore Monika Geiczys

leads the Oregon contingent. The Sopot, Poland, native was the Ducks' No. 2 singles player last year and finished the season ranked among the nation's top-100 by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association.

Supporting Geiczys is a band of juniors with significant varsity experience. Adeline Arnaud, Janice Nyland and Valerie Young are all two-year varsity lettermen with two NCAA tournament appearances.

Added to the mix is junior Vickie Gunnarson, who is 3-2 in singles matches since transferring from Northern Arizona.

Freshman Courtney Nagle adds talent as well. Nagle won her flight of the San Diego State Fall Classic in October and should make an immediate impact for Oregon.

Sophomore Jeanette Mattsson, another valuable asset, rounds out

the roster and is 4-2 on the year.

There will also be two flights of doubles play. Oregon has put together teams of Geiczys and Nagle, Nyland and Gunnarson and Arnaud and Mattsson.

The Pac-10 has always been a tough conference in women's tennis, and this year shouldn't be any different. All nine schools with tennis programs are ranked, and five of them are in the top-15, including top-ranked Stanford.

The Ducks are ranked eighth among Pac-10 schools despite a No. 54 national ranking.

Top individuals conference-wide are Laura Kalvaria and Laura Granville of Stanford, and Jewel Peterson of Southern California.

Oregon's Pac-10 regular season begins on Jan. 20 against No. 1 Stanford and No. 5 California.

# Stanford women shocked by OSU

The Associated Press

CORVALLIS — Felicia Ragland scored 20 points as Oregon State built a huge halftime lead and went on to upset No. 24 Stanford 81-65 Thursday night.

Oregon State (9-3, 1-1 Pac-10) shot 62 percent in the first half and led by as many as 28 points. The Beavers forced 30 Stanford turnovers, tying a school record for the Cardinal.

Lauren St. Clair had 21 points to lead the Cardinal (7-6, 1-2), which has lost two straight conference

games for the first time since 1993-94.

Stanford rallied briefly midway through the second half with a 23-6 run, with St. Clair scoring 12 points to cut the lead to 65-58 with 3:43 left.

Ragland made a 3-pointer on Oregon State's next possession, and the Beavers put the game away on a sequence that began with Ragland getting fouled. She made the first free throw and missed the second, but teammate Ericka Cook grabbed the rebound,

put it back and converted a three-point play to make it 72-58 with two minutes to go.

Nicole Funn added 17 points and eight rebounds for the Beavers, and Cook had 16 points.

Nicole Powell added 16 points for the Cardinal.

The Beavers scored the first 11 points of the game, and Stanford's careless ball-handling helped it extend the lead to 39-11 with 6 1/2 minutes left. Oregon State led 45-24 at the half.

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