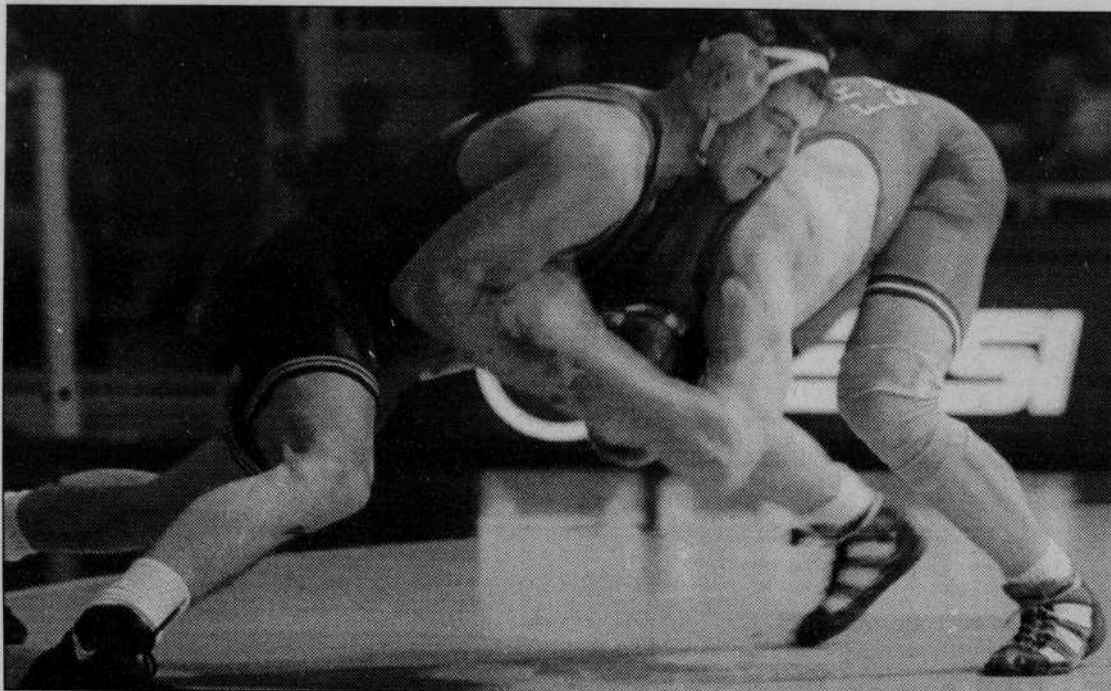


Oregon's senior wrestlers hit record heights



Junior Leif Williams (left) and the Oregon wrestling team return home to face Arizona State at McArthur Court on Friday night.

■ Duck wrestlers are climbing the national polls and the school record books

By Robbie McCallum
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Part of the reason this season's wrestling team has been called the best in school history is because of two seniors: Doug Lee and Chael Sonnen.

The senior All-Americans will leave their mark on the team's win column and in the school record book.

With wins last weekend, Sonnen and Lee moved to eighth and ninth on the career victories list, respectively. Sonnen has 98 wins to his name as a Duck, while Lee is two wins behind at 96.

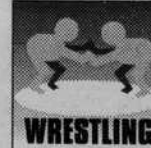
Sonnen is second on the career pins list at 45, only eight behind school record holder Don Brown.

Sophomore Eric Webb is another key contributor to this year's team. The heavyweight is 10th on the single-season winning percentage list with a .851 average. Webb is 23-4 this season.

out the ranked Ducks at No. 19.

Insult to injury

With both matches already clinched, both Fresno State and Cal Poly proved to be poor sports in its wins over Oregon.



In the final match on Sunday, Lee was leading Cal Poly's Chuck Sandlin in the third period

when Sandlin bit Lee. Sandlin was disqualified and Lee was awarded six points. The win pushed the score to 23-20 in the Mustang's favor.

On Friday, Webb faced long odds against Fresno State's No. 2 Billy Blunt. But by the end of the match, Webb had a takedown and an escape to lead Blunt 3-2. At the buzzer, a frustrated Blunt threw a punch over Webb's shoulder that landed in his face. Webb was awarded an extra team point, but that proved to be irrelevant as the Bulldogs won by seven points.

Pac-10 standings

After sustaining Pacific-10 Conference losses on consecutive weekends, the Ducks essentially eliminated themselves from contention for the regular season title. It is noteworthy that the regular season standings have absolutely no effect on postseason qualifying.

The Ducks (4-2) are tied for fourth-place with Oregon State, a team Oregon beat 22-16 on Dec. 13.

Oregon has yet to wrestle second-place Arizona State and does not wrestle first-place Cal State-Bakersfield.

Ouch!

The Oregon State wrestling team put forth a better-than-perfect record against Pac-10 rival UC-Davis, whipping the hapless Aggies 43 to negative-2. The Beavers won every match while UC-Davis was penalized for unsportsmanlike conduct in two matches.

In the polls

Despite two devastating losses last weekend, the Oregon wrestling team held its ground in the national polls. Though they dropped to No. 20 in the InterMat.com national poll, the Ducks actually gained ground in the National Wrestling Coaches Association poll to the No. 14 spot.

Junior Shaun Williams, who sat out last week's matches due to a concussion, remained the No. 5 125-pounder in the nation.

Lee and Sonnen were both ranked No. 7 by InterMat. Sophomore Brian Watson moved up one place to No. 9 following a win over Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo's Nate Ybarra.

Webb remained the No. 8 wrestler despite an upset over the No. 2 heavyweight in the nation.

Junior Eugene Harris rounded



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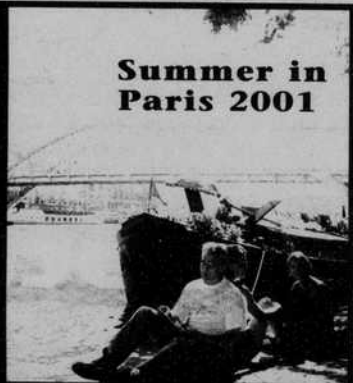
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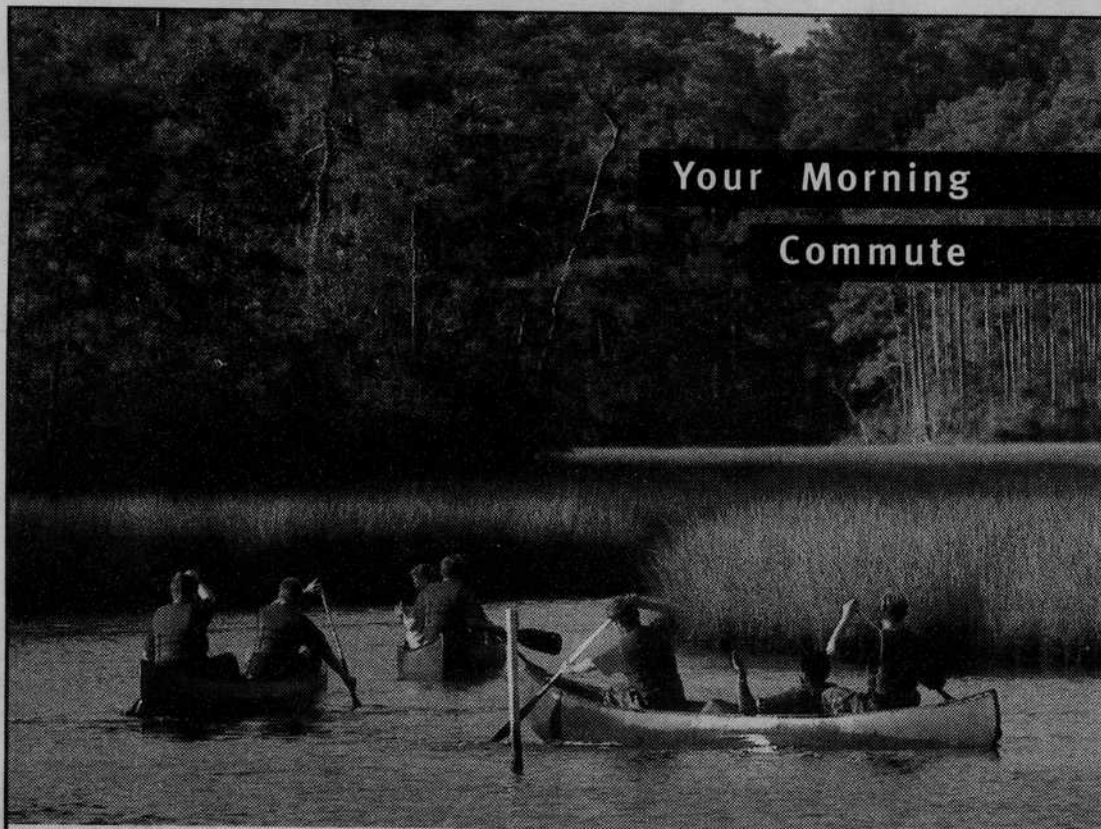
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Schrempf resumes basketball career

By Landon Hall
The Associated Press

TUALATIN — Detlef Schrempf made it through his first practice since being coaxed out of retirement, but he didn't sound ready or able to play in an NBA game right away.

"I don't even want to think about it," Schrempf said with a smile Wednesday when asked whether he might play for the Portland Trail Blazers in their next game, Thursday night against Phoenix.

"Let's try one day at a time," he said. "I'm not in the best of shape. I haven't played since June, so it's going to take a little while."

Schrempf, who announced his retirement Oct. 2, after 15 years in the league, has remained on the Blazers' roster at the request of team president and general manager Bob Whitsitt. Portland has kept the 6-foot-10 forward on the injured list and is paying him his full \$2.2 million salary, just in case a key player got hurt.

The Blazers were forced to call in their marker when it became apparent that Scottie Pippen's sore right elbow wasn't healing. He had arthroscopic surgery on Monday and is expected to be out at least a month.

Schrempf, who turned 38 on Jan. 21, is expected to back up Stacey

Augmon at small forward.

When Schrempf might be able to play isn't known. Last season, his first with the Blazers, he appeared in 77 games. He averaged 7.5 points and 4.3 rebounds and knows coach Mike Dunleavy's system.

"We're going to kind of let him go at his own pace, see how he feels," Dunleavy said after Wednesday's workout. "He looks like he's in good shape. I don't think it'll take much for him to understand or know what we're doing. He hasn't been gone, really, that long. Things haven't changed all that much."

Pippen, who watched practice while wearing a wrap on his right elbow, said keeping Schrempf in the wings was a smart move.

"It's a nice luxury to have," Pippen said.

Schrempf last played on June 4, 2000, in the Blazers' Game 7 loss to the Lakers in the Western Conference finals. He scored six points in 21 minutes.

Suffering from pain in his neck because of a pinched nerve the entire season, and frustrated by having a bit part on a loaded team, Schrempf called it quits on the first day of training camp. But Whitsitt persuaded him to stay ready, and Schrempf never submitted his official retirement paperwork to the league office.