

Overtime losses hurt wrestlers at OSU

Senior Casey Hunt wins his final Civil War match, but Oregon cannot hold a halftime lead

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CORVALLIS — Oregon traveled to Corvallis on Sunday knowing it hadn't won an Oregon State-hosted dual meet in six years.

The Ducks also began the afternoon match knowing they were forced by six points, after they were down to forfeit the 125 match.

Oregon (7-11 overall, 5-4 Pacific-10 Conference) led the Beavers (10-8, 8-2) at the halftime intermission, 10-6. Oregon State, however, scored 21 points immediately after that, winning the dual 27-13.

Senior Casey Hunt began his final Civil War with a bang at 141. A take-down in the first period, and points for an escape and an illegal hold from his Oregon State opponent in the second period, gave Hunt a 4-1 victory.

Tony Overstake, also wrestling in his final Civil War, was not as lucky. The Duck senior and Beaver Tony Hook battled to a scoreless first period in the 149 match. Overstake earned an escape point in the second, while

Hook answered with two points on a reversal in the third. Overstake had one point for riding time at the end of the match, forcing overtime.

In the first overtime, Overstake and Hook battled scoreless for the entire minute. Oregon State won the choice for the second overtime, and Hook chose to start down. He managed an easy escape in the 30-second period, earning the 3-2 win.

Junior Branson Phillips had the surprise result of the night. Phillips, normally a low-scoring wrestler at 157, won his match 13-0. The four-point major decision was Phillips' first of the season, and only the second of his collegiate career.

Redshirt sophomore Luke Larwin and Beaver Matt Ellis fought the second two-overtime match of the afternoon. Each wrestler scored an escape during regulation, but Ellis pulled out the victory with a two-point reversal in the second overtime.

"Those two overtime losses were real important in this dual," head coach Chuck Kearney said. "That being said, both of our guys wrestled hard, and they'll be fine for the Pac-10 tournament."

Shane Webster closed out the first

half with a win for Oregon at 174. The sophomore scored five points before his opponent answered with four. A questionable escape by Webster in the last five seconds led to no points, but Webster still earned the win, 5-4. Oregon led 10-6 at halftime.

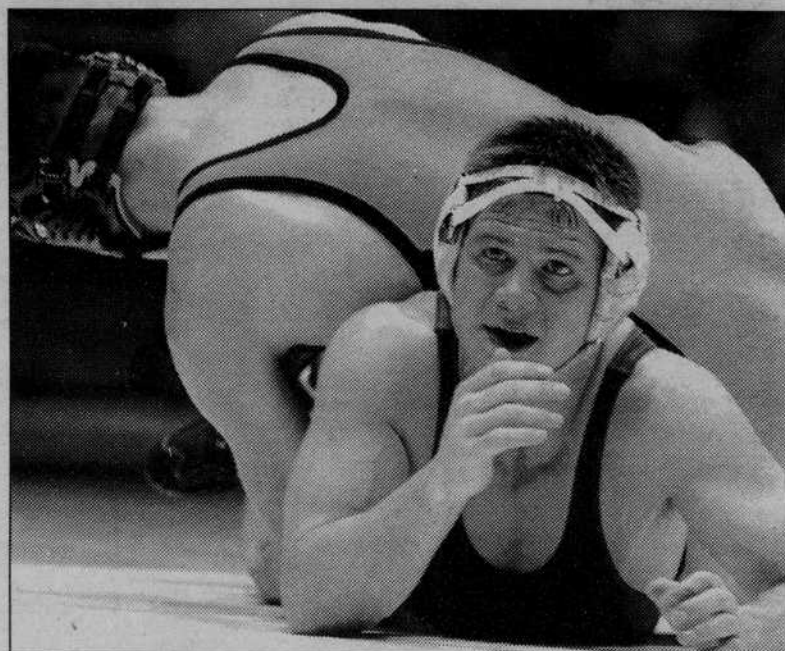
"Shane needs to not allow his opponents to slow him down," Kearney said. "The way the match fell, he left his opponent in the match."

After the half, Oregon State ran right over the Ducks.

Freshman Tony Rolan lost a 7-1 decision to Beaver Jed Pennell at 184. Sophomore Elias Soto was pinned in the second period of the 197 match, giving Oregon State its first lead of the day, 15-10.

Redshirt freshman Neil Phillips gave up his first pin of the season at heavy-weight, adding another six points to the Beavers' score. Oregon forfeited the 125 match, handing Oregon State an insurmountable 27-10 lead.

Someone forgot to tell redshirt junior Jason Harless, though. Harless missed the four-meet trip to California with a knee injury, but in his first meet back he wrestled like the dual was on the line. Harless had a chance for a major decision, but missed it by one



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Senior Casey Hunt won his last Civil War matchup Sunday with a 4-1 decision.

point. He won the 133 match 9-2, leaving the Oregon loss on a positive note. "(Jason's) one of those guys that can overcome," Kearney said. "He steps up and competes hard."

Oregon closes the dual meet season Wednesday at Portland State.

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Sports briefs

Softball has rollercoaster weekend

After starting the season 8-1 in two tournaments, the Oregon softball squad went 1-3 at the Campbell/Carter Classic in San Diego this weekend to move to 9-4 on the season.

But that one win was over No. 4 Michigan, Oregon's third win over a ranked opponent in the young season.

The Ducks opened the tournament with a 2-0 loss to California-Santa Bar-

bara on Friday. It was the first time Oregon's suddenly-powerful offense was held in check this season. On Saturday morning, Duck outfielder Amber Hutchinson hit a two-run home run in the bottom of the seventh to force extra innings against California-State Northridge, but the Matadors won 6-5 in the ninth.

The Ducks went to extra innings again on Saturday night with the Wolverines. Oregon freshman shortstop Breanne Sabol knocked over Michigan's catcher for the winning run in the eighth inning, as the

Ducks won 8-7.

On Sunday, Oregon was held scoreless again by host San Diego State, which won the game 1-0.

—Peter Hockaday

Golfers climb to 14th

The Oregon men's golf team improved its play in the final round of the Taylor Made/Waikoloa Intercollegiate tournament Friday. After finishing the first round in sixth place, the Ducks struggled on the second day before coming on strong Friday to finish 14th overall.

Duck freshman Gregg LaVoie and senior John Ellis each capped Friday's play with one-under-par 71's to help lead the Ducks' third round resurgence.

No. 12 UCLA captured the tournament crown by one stroke over No. 3 Texas Christian. Texas Christian's Adam Meyer captured the individual crown.

—Scott Archer

Track scores in Iowa, Seattle

The Oregon track squads had success over the weekend in two meets,

the Husky Invitational in Seattle and the Iowa State Classic in Ames, Iowa.

Ten Duck women notched personal or season bests in the Husky Invitational. Two women — both pole vaulters — won their sections for the Ducks' two individual event wins.

The men had four personal or seasonal bests in Iowa, and all four equaled or bettered Pacific-10 Conference qualifying marks. The Duck distance runners, led by a win in the 5,000-meter run by Ryan Andrus, had the strongest showing for Oregon.

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