

Hawk matmen stunned by OSU

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STILLWATER, Okla. — "Welcome to the home of the next national champs," proclaimed the large banner hanging across the top of old Gallagher Hall on the Oklahoma State campus.

Well, Friday night the Cowboys of Oklahoma State wrestled like they believed in that slogan with all their hearts. Bringing the capacity crowd of 7,200 to its feet time after time after time, the Cowboys ambushed visiting Iowa, proud possessor of six straight NCAA team titles, 24-6, in a showdown battle of two previously unbeaten and top-rated mat teams. To find a worse pasting, you have to turn to page 33 of the Iowa press guide, where it proclaims Iowa State clobbered the Hawks, 29-9, in 1973.

"Is that the worst loss since then?" said Tommy Chesbro, a somewhat subdued victorious OSU coach. "I didn't know that. Well, that score up there is not an indication of the kind of teams these two teams are. Every match was close to the end."

Sure, that's true. And Oklahoma State won

eight of 'em, including the first five in a row for a 15-0 lead. It took marvelous Jim Zalesky to crack the stranglehold the Cowboys had thrown on the Hawks, and even Zalesky needed the last two seconds for a 3-1 victory at 158, preserving his long winning streak. Frustrated by the stalling of second-rated Bill Dykeman, Zalesky barreled in for a desperation takedown in the final seconds to break a 1-1 tie. He had chased the Cowboy all over the mat for eight minutes, but couldn't lasso him until the very end. The victory was the 80th straight for Zalesky, a two-time NCAA champ.

The ex-Cedar Rapids Prairie star was almost beside himself with anger in the dressing room moments after his match. Stalking around, sweat running off him in rivers, he vented his frustration.

"He just stalled like a . . . ; geez, I've never seen anyone stall so much. If it had been any other referee, he'd have been out. It's frustrating when you gotta force a guy to wrestle and all he does is run to the edge of the mat."

Duane Goldman, also top-seeded and unbeaten, was Iowa's only other winner in a

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gutty performance that belongs in a book like John Kennedy's "Profiles in Courage." With blood streaming from his nose, the plucky sophomore from Colorado chased wily Alan Lauchner all over the mat, finally settling for a 9-2 victory.

But other than Zalesky and Goldman, the night belonged to the Cowboys — and referee David Kincaid.

"What happened?" repeated Iowa interim

coach J Robinson after finally emerging from a long meeting with his team. "First off, we got beat. But the thing that bothered me most was the officiating. It was terrible. We heard about Kincaid before we came here (Kincaid refereed Iowa's 22-18 win over O-State in Stillwater in 1982).

"Chesbro said he was the best referee they had around here. That's unbelievable. I don't care if he calls us for stalling, but then he should call them too. How can he call Trizzino twice in 20 seconds and not call Perry, Anderson, and Dykeman . . ."

The calls against Trizzino may have changed the complexion of the meet. The Hawk senior appeared at 126 (down from 134) for the first time this season and was handling freshman sensation John Smith 5-2 with just 31 seconds left. Then, he got hit with two stalling points, and led just 5-4 with eight seconds left. Smith, the brother of former OSU great LeRoy Smith, then caught Trizzino with a beautiful double leg takedown as the clock ticked away the final seconds. The two points gave him a 6-5 victory, sent the crowd into

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hysterics . . . and probably also played a major factor in Clar Anderson's victory in the following match.

Anderson, the defending NCAA champ at 134, managed to hold on for a 4-2 victory over aggressive freshman Greg Randall, and send the Cowboys into a 9-0 lead.

"I would say Smith's victory played as big a role in the next match as Anderson did," said Bob Dellinger, one of America's best known wrestling writers. "That got the adrenalin pumping."

Luke Skove posted a 4-3 victory over Jeff Kerber at 142 to make it 12-0 and top-seeded and unbeaten Kenny Monday made it 15-0 with an 11-8 victory over Marty Kistler at 150.

Then came Zalesky.

But next came Mike Sheets, who upped his string to 66 straight, with a hard-fought 4-1 win over Lindley Kistler at 167. The two, rated one and two in the nation, neither asked nor offered quarter, and almost got into a punching match at the end of their bout. Sheets' margin of victory was a first period takedown and a devastating third period ride.

Goldman pushed Lauchner all around before Cowboy senior Karl Lynes posted a surprising 5-0 win over former-NCAA champ Pete Bush. The minute the match ended the scoreboard proclaimed "We Love It" and the public address announcer broke in: "Oklahoma State has just won its 44th straight dual meet victory," he said, sending the band into song and the crowd into a tizzy, even if it was just the 43rd straight.

Perry Kaufman completed the meet with a 4-3 victory over Steve Wilbur at heavyweight.

"We worked harder this year than ever before," said Chesbro. "We kind of changed our philosophy a bit. We set our goals on Iowa, we paid a bigger price than ever before. We've been working out two to three times a day since Christmas. We've never done that before."

"We did what Iowa does so well," added assistant coach Ricky Stewart, a graduate assistant coach at OSU and the last man to beat Zalesky. "The kids fought right back. That's all they did. We got the breaks tonight," he said, but quickly added, "this isn't an indication of nationals."

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118 — Mark Perry (OSU) dec. Tim Riley, 7-4; 126 — John Smith (OSU) dec. Mark Trizzino, 6-5; 134 — Clar Anderson (OSU) dec. Greg Randall, 4-2; 142 — Luke Skove (OSU) dec. Jeff Kerber, 4-3; 150 — Kenny Monday (OSU) dec. Marty Kistler, 11-8; 158 — Jim Zalesky (Iowa) dec. Bill Dykeman, 3-1; 167 — Mike Sheets (OSU) dec. Lindley Kistler, 4-1; 177 — Duane Goldman (Iowa) dec. Alan Louchner, 9-2; 190 — Karl Lynes (OSU) dec. Pete Bush, 5-0; Hwt. — Perry Kaufman (OSU) dec. Steve Wilbur, 4-3.