

Quack Cracks



Rising Gymnasts

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AS FEW AS THREE years ago, the first trick an aspiring gymnast learned at this University was to keep his mouth shut.

That he probably learned the first day.

When he walked up to an interested individual and told him that he was a state high bar champion, and the person asked him what circus did he work for, that was the only thing he could do.

If a gymnast—any gymnast—asked for an athletic scholarship, it would have been the biggest joke since Stassen. A Student Union-supported chessplayer would have a better chance.

Gymnastics was a legitimate sport, all Oregonians recognized that. But so was Sumo, punchball, marbles and Chinese soccer. No lie, in 1962, if students were asked to evaluate what they knew about the above sports, gymnastics likely would have come in last.

But so much for then. Let's take a look at gymnastics, University of Oregon style, today.

THE SPORT IS CURRENTLY in the process of recruiting at least one Japanese national champion, draws close to 1,000 spectators for its big meets, enlists the services of two—sometimes three—coaches, is creeping closer and closer to prominence in national standings, and is enthusiastically backed by almost all who know anything about it.

Dick Smith, varsity coach of the suddenly booming sport, points only to his team's ever-increasing "meetly" point production as evidence of its growing appeal.

"Two years ago, if we used the same point system we use today, we probably would have picked up only about 140 points a meet," he said. "Last year, we averaged close to 150—and this year I expect to be at about 160."

And, with a big grin, he'll explain what kind of company that steady improvement will eventually put his team in.

The two top squads on the coast and the nation—Washington and California—he said get between 175 and 180 points in similar circumstances.

"We'll be holding our own with them in a few years," he says.

GYMNASTICS, TO SMITH and to most people who participate in it, is more than just a sport; it is a kaleidoscope of complicated though artistic activities that tax the athlete's body more thoroughly than does any other single sport.

"We don't want a boy practicing over and over in one single event such as the sprints or the javelin in track," Smith says. "We want the all-around kid—the one who can perform exceptionally well in everything. This is what you strive to develop in gymnastics."

The gymnast, in other words, must be an acrobat, a nimble dancer, a strongman, and a daring stunt man all rolled up into one.

The typical free-exercise routine, for example, includes every species of somersault, legs split, and delicate balance act in the book. But a still rings act requires muscle enough for a gymnast to be able to suspend himself horizontally in midair by means of two rings which his completely straightened arms are grasping at either side of him.

In short, gymnastics blends beauty, grace, skill, and strength in a way no other sport can.

OREGON'S FORTUNES in the sport were made increasingly bright this year because of the appearance of one Professor Koba, who is not only acting as a talented third coach, but who has also been instrumental in Smith's hopes of getting an outstanding gymnast from Koba's native Japan in the near future.

One of Koba's prospects, Hisato Kikuchi, a Japanese national high school champion on the horizontal bar, already has his passport and visa—but is being held up until his college entrance examinations are studied.

"If we don't get Hisato, we can probably get another one," Smith says.

Koba also figures to help the gymnastics team extensively this

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In Cross-Country Clash

Ducks Face OSU

Coach Bill Bowerman's Oregon cross-country team, having surprised one opponent already this season, heads into a meet with undefeated Oregon State at 1:45 p.m. Saturday at Avery Park near Corvallis.

The Ducks, according to Bowerman, will have their hands full against the Beavers.

Oregon State's number one man, Tracy Smith, is the defending National AAU champion at three and six miles. And the rest of the team, says Bowerman, "is balanced."

Oregon, meanwhile, will be led by Cedric Wedemere and Dave

Wilborn, who placed second and third to Western Canadian six-mile champion Jim Freeman when the Ducks upset the Vancouver, B.C. Athletic Club earlier this month.

The Webfoot harriers beat the Beavers twice last year—once just barely and again more solidly—but that was when Tracy Smith wasn't there.

"He (Smith) was training under Miglo Igloi at the time," Bowerman explained. "The guy has matured a lot."

A freshman meet is scheduled for 1:15 p.m.—a half hour before the varsity contest gets under way.

IM Schedule

Alpha Tau Omega moved into first place in intramural wrestling Wednesday with a total of 37 points. Second is Theta Chi at 31. The other top ten teams, in order are: Beta Theta Pi (27), Delta Upsilon (25), Phi Gamma Delta (24), Kappa Sigma (23), defending champion Sigma Chi and Phi Delta Theta (21), Sigma Alpha Epsilon (20) and Tau Kappa Epsilon (18).

All 41 organizations entered in the meet have scored after the first three days of competition.

The first week of action will conclude today since there are no matches on Friday.

Wrestlers are reminded to look on the pairings outside the wrestling room for the official time of their matches.

Although match times are printed in the Emerald, lack of a match being printed is not an acceptable excuse for failure to show.

Wrestling

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5:30—Everson (Campbell Club) vs. Misiyama (Wristlockers).

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4:00—Lumkins (Adams) vs. Burke (SAE).

5:06—Hollister (SAE) vs. Ruppleyer (Adams). Lay (TKE) vs. Buck (Chi Psi). Tice (Phi Delta Theta) vs. Morris (Dymont).

5:12—Adams (Delta Upsilon) vs. Black (Sherry Ross).

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4:30—B. Larson (Sigma Phi Epsilon) vs. Eason (Delta Chi). Condray (Sigma Chi) vs. Wiemer (Phi Delta Theta). B. Cox (Wristlockers) vs. Arnold (Chi Psi).

4:42—Jacobson (Sheldon) vs. Bilyen (Willcox). Clark (Delta Chi) vs. Asbury (Sigma Alpha Epsilon). Henderson (Campbell Club) vs. Walters (Sheldon).

4:48—Hodges (Delta Chi) vs. Hassler (Willcox). Gunn (Phi Delta Theta) vs. Ellis (Beta Theta Pi).

5:00—Nicoll (Tau Kappa Epsilon) vs. Briggs (Adams). Rutan (Phi Kappa Pi) vs. Buschoff (Phi Kappa Alpha). Szymarak (Wristlockers) vs. Janes (Phi Kappa Pi).

5:24—Glover (Chi Psi) vs. Hahn (Tau Kappa Epsilon).

5:30—Karlen (Phi Ji) vs. Holley (Watson). Arnsbury (Wristlockers) vs. Glasscock (Dymont). Kleen (Sigma Alpha Epsilon) vs. O'Dwyer (Theta Chi).

5:36—Westfall (Hale Kane) vs. Yonner (Phi Delta Theta). Graham (Biology) vs. Anderson (Beta Theta Pi).

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4:00—Goodrich (Theta Chi) vs. Jones (Sigma Chi). Com (Phi Delta Theta) vs. Greenfield (Delta Upsilon). Schen (Sigma Alpha Epsilon) vs. Evans (Chi Psi).

4:06—Worth (Douglas) vs. Wilson (Boynton).

4:12—Stevenson (Kappa Sigma) vs. C. Smith (Delta Chi). R. Smith (Lambda Chi Alpha) vs. Merner (Delta Upsilon). Farley (Wristlockers) vs. Wimberley (Campbell Club).

4:18—McClellan (Phi Ji) vs. Wolf (Delta Upsilon). Van Weller (Sherry Ross) vs. Shaw (Theta Chi).

4:24—Holland (Chi Psi) vs. Poplock (Delta Upsilon). Isbell (Sigma Alpha Epsilon) vs. Graham (Tau Kappa Epsilon).

4:30—Nash (Adams) vs. S. Brown (Phi Delta Theta). Klang (Phi Kappa Pi) vs. Alden (Delta Upsilon).

5:12—Voegtley (DeBusk) vs. Desmond (Sigma Alpha Epsilon). Good (Phi Ji) vs. Zamskey (Phi Kappa Pi).

5:18—Bohle (Sigma Alpha Epsilon) vs. Goslee (Chi Psi). Cook (Beta Theta Pi) vs. Williamson (Wristlockers). Houseley (Kappa Sigma) vs. Johnson (Phi Kappa Pi).

5:24—Rogers (Phi Kappa Alpha) vs. C. Johnson (Delta Upsilon).

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4:24—Black (Willcox) vs. Bayman (Phi Kappa Alpha).

4:30—Corey (Alpha Tau Omega) vs. Lindsey (Phi Delta Theta).

4:48—Caster (Wristlockers) vs. R. Jones (Chi Psi).

4:54—Barney (Phi Kappa Pi) vs. Wachsmuth (Hauna). Alexander (Phi Delta Theta) vs. Oyalo (Delta Upsilon).

Heavyweight

5:15—Dennis (Tau Kappa Epsilon) vs. Osibau (Alpha Tau Omega).

WRA VOLLEYBALL RESULTS

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