

Basketball Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE
Nov. 28	Sub Pac	EUGENE
Dec. 1	Portland	EUGENE
Dec. 2	Wichita St.	EUGENE
Dec. 7	Montana St.	EUGENE
Dec. 15-16	Kentucky Invitational Oregon vs. Colorado St. Kentucky vs. Nebraska	Louisville
Dec. 19	Providence	Providence
Dec. 22	Gonzaga	EUGENE
Dec. 27-30	Far West Classic	Portland
Dec. 27	WSU vs. Minnesota	
	Oregon vs. Columbia	
Dec. 28	TCU vs. Wyoming	
	Oregon St. vs. Baylor	
Jan. 5	USC	Los Angeles
Jan. 6	UCLA	Los Angeles
Jan. 12	Washington	EUGENE
Jan. 13	WSU	EUGENE
Jan. 16	Athletes in Action	EUGENE
Jan. 20	Cal Poly Pomona	EUGENE
Jan. 26	Oregon St.	Corvallis
Feb. 2	Oregon St.	Portland
Feb. 9	Stanford	EUGENE
Feb. 10	California	EUGENE
Feb. 16	California	Berkeley
Feb. 17	Stanford	Palo Alto
Feb. 24	USC	EUGENE
Mar. 3	WSU	Pullman
Mar. 5	Washington	Seattle
Mar. 10	Oregon St.	EUGENE

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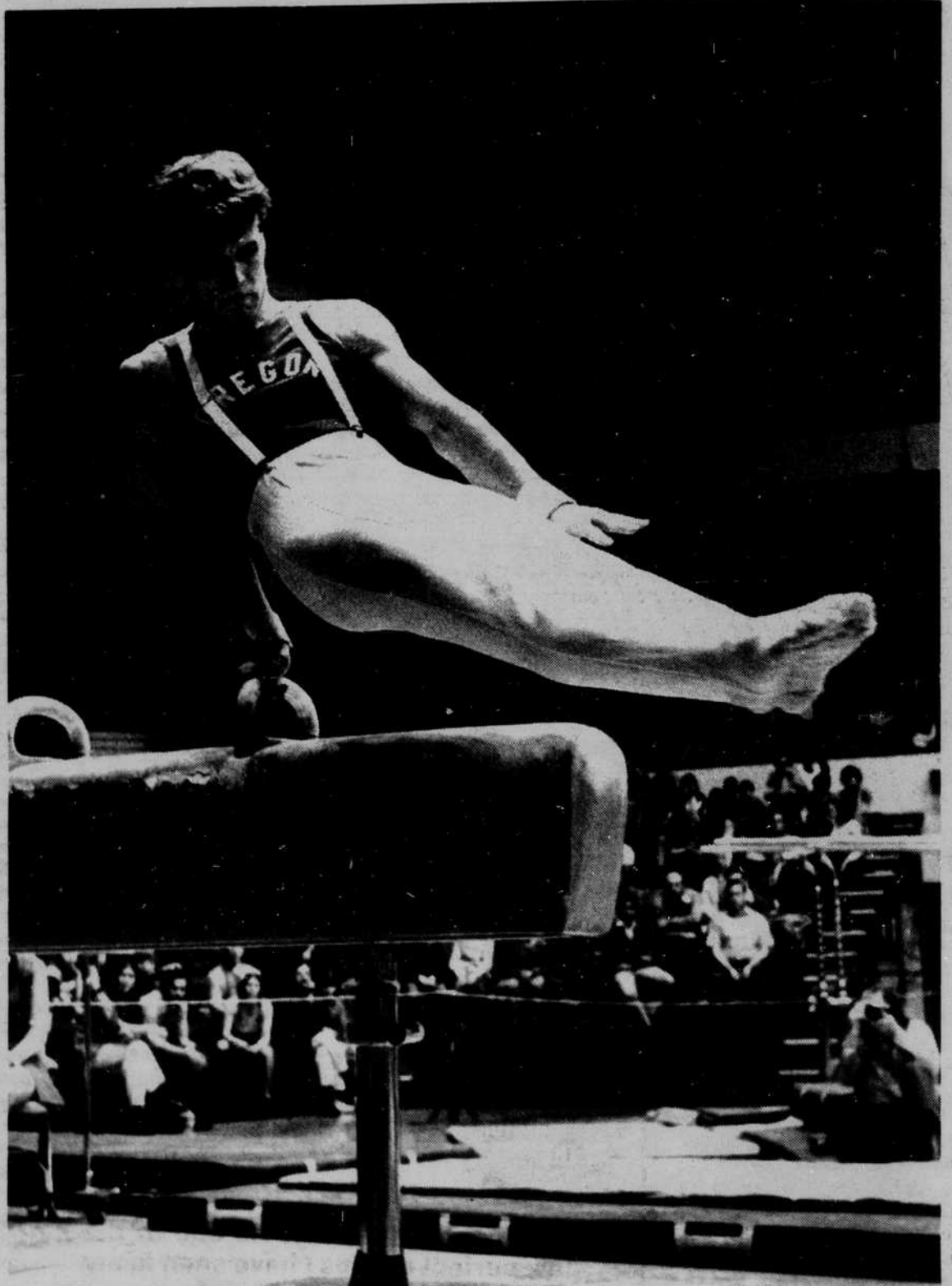
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Gymnastics

It could be super season

By MERLIN MANN
Of the Emerald

Bill Ballester is speedily digging inroads into the eastern collegiate gymnastics dynasty.

Only Pacific-8 school California has had any claim of breaking up the dynasty of the east in past years. The Golden Bears consistently rank high at the NCAA's. Now Ballester has brought Oregon into the spotlight.

"An NCAA championship contending team is just 1-2 years away," Coach Ballester said optimistically last week. And Ballester has big reasons to be optimistic.

For instance: possibly the best recruiting season every completed at a United States university. Ballester lured the top two high school gymnasts in the country to Oregon.

Long recognized as the top high school gymnastics state in the union, Illinois sends its all-around state champion Steve Roskam to attend Oregon.

Recognized as the second-best high school gymnastics state, Colorado sends its all-around state champion Tom Phillips to also join the Oregon squad.

Ballester knows of no other university that has ever grabbed the top two high school gymnasts in the country. Yet, surprisingly enough, Ballester's recruiting dominance over his colleagues didn't end with just the top two.

Ballester also grabbed Oregon's all-around champion and runner-up, Ross Couthorn of David Douglas in Portland and South Eugene's Mike Blumenstein. Also coming to Oregon are Rand Lary, state high bar champ; Tim Crambit, state rings champ; and Doug Smith, third in state on rings, all from South Eugene.

From strong Illinois come parallel bars specialist Steve Swaydrak; brothers Jim and Don Lester; Jim on the side horse, Don, however, will wait until next year to enter school. The 17-year-old will work out with the team, but not compete.

From Colorado, side horse specialist Mike Luzny and still ringsman Marc Friedman join the team. Two recruits attended North Salem: Mike Wells and Bryan Lea; and another hails from Missouri, an all-around competitor Bob Rikli.

Consequently, after one recruiting season—his first recruiting season—at a university west of the Rockies not known for its gymnastics, Coach Ballester swept the side horse right out from under the more-famous gymnastic coaches in the east.

And Ballester has his eyes set on high goals in the coming years for his "Flying Ducks." For this year the goal is beating California in the Pac-8 meet. "Stanford and Washington will also be strong, but we certainly have a chance at beating them. That would automatically boost us into the top five in the country. But we probably won't be able to go much higher than fourth or fifth in the NCAA's. We're still 1-2 years away from being title contenders," Ballester said.

Can a sophomore coach be seriously talking about NCAA titles?

Indeed, if he were in Ballester's shoes. Because Ballester, who has not, and who may never suffer through a losing season, already has a strong nucleus of a team on which to build his title-contender.

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