

150 basketball squads

Winter IMs --over 182 teams compete

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Faced with the largest number of IM team entries for basketball and handball in over five years, Oregon's intramural program began its winter term schedule this week with the first games in basketball and handball competition.

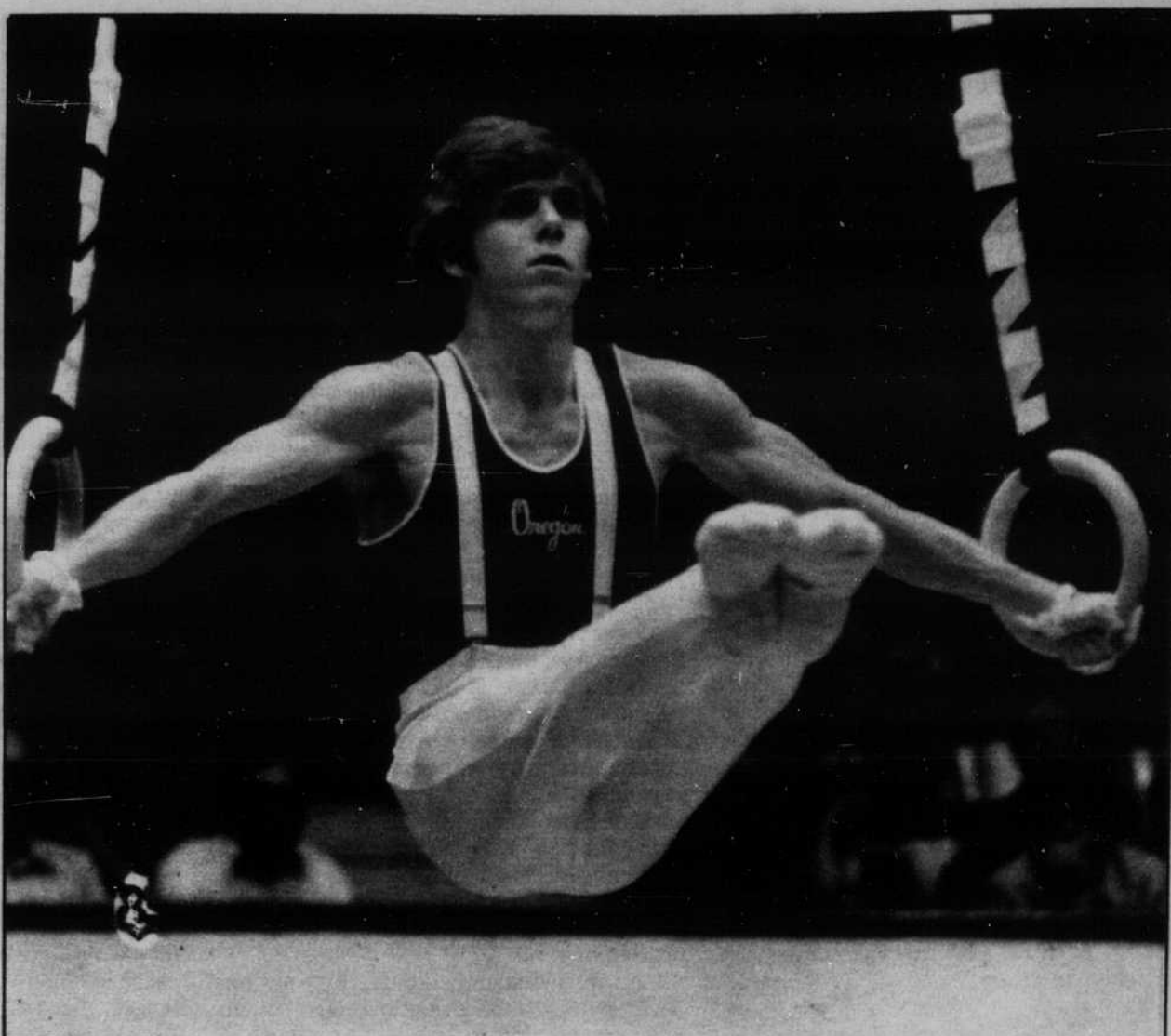
Over 150 squads are involved in two IM basketball leagues, (A and B), and 32 handball teams also represent the highest number of winter term intramural squads ever.

Each of the three top intramural teams, after all fall term was over, will be competing in the first week of basketball A confrontation but the defending champ Hummers A team does not return to defend. Theta Chi meets Sigma Phi Epsilon on Friday at 3:35; the Legal Eagles take on the Fork Lift Operators on Tuesday at 7:30; and Sigma Alpha Epsilon tackled Beta Theta Pi at 3:35, Monday.

Starting off the handball competition yesterday, the Legal Eagles handball squad again challenged the Fork Lift Operators in the first game of the season at 3:45 on courts 42, 44 and 46 in the MPE building. All confrontation in handball is single elimination and each squad consists of one doubles team and two singles players.

Trailing Theta Chi, (453), by only ten points after the fall term, the Legal Eagles are still extremely optimistic and IM manager Ray Whitlow states that "Overall, we're pleased that we did as well as we did do. Our A volleyball team should have done better than we did, but again overall I'm sure we're going to be competitive in the winter months."

Strong basketball, handball and cross country squads should highlight the winter term for the Legal Eagles and team members Dave Price, Dick Rasmussen, and Jim Barker in basketball, Rick Peterson and Ed Sites in handball, with Dan Hausley, Bob Yanity, and Earl Woods in cross country should put the 'Eagles' back near the top at the end of the term again.



KEVIN CORNELIUS ON THE RINGS

Photo by Matt McCormick

Injury-bitten gymnasts take on Chico Saturday

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PORTLAND—From a spectator's point of view, Oregon's gymnastics meet against the Portland State Vikings last Friday night wasn't very exciting. Even 'Flying Duck' Coach Bill Ballester was a bit dismayed, but still displayed optimism, stressing "it's still very early and we've got a lot of work to do."

Winning by almost 30 points, 145.5-117.3, the young Oregon team completely dominated the entire PSU squad in almost every way. Only one PSU performance, that of sophomore standout Ron Nissen (winning the all-around and parallel bars competitions, and tying for first in the long horse vault), even compared to the Duck's devastating depth.

Oregon took 17 out of 21 top three places in seven different events, took four first place championships and tied for another as seven freshmen contributed 110.85 points towards the win including two of Oregon's five individual titles.

Collecting those championships were freshman Bob Rikli with a 9.05 floor exercise; sophomore Joe Percival on side horse with an 8.10; junior Kevin Cornelius at 8.75 on rings; freshman Randy Lary (tied with Nissen) on the long horse vault with an 8.85, and senior Greg Maxwell on the high bar with an outstanding 9.2 mark.

Ballester said "The low scoring in the meet didn't affect the outcome, we still won, but we didn't score as high as we could have. The scores just ran a little bit lower than they should, and it was a bit discouraging."

Oregon's co-captain, senior Warren Weisseth put it another way, "this really was a poor meet, our competition has just started and we're already keying to the future too much. We're just not paying enough attention to our dual meets like we should."

Specialist Joe Percival said "Our team is a good one, we've got a lot of good gymnasts with a lot of potential. They've just got to decide that they want to win bad enough."

Illustrating Oregon's depth at the PSU meet, freshman Mike Blumenstein scored at 8.70 in the long horse vault for a third place; Warren Weisseth took second place on the high bar with an 8.60; and Steve Roskam captured second place in the All-

Around competition (behind Nissen 45.50) with a 44.3 mark.

Other Oregon highlights in the meet included freshman Don Lester taking second place in floor exercise with an 8.2; freshman Jim Lester scoring second on the side horse with an 8.05; Bob Rikli capturing second on the parallel bars at 7.35; and freshman Tom Phillips with three third places on the side horse, on the rings, and in all-around.

Phillips had marks of 7.45, 7.2, and 41.90 respectively and Roskam also captured the four other third place spots, in floor exercise 7.9, on the rings 7.6, and on the parallel bars 7.25. Coach Ballester admitted that "John Lehmann and Trey McDowell are both injured and this hurts us. Nine of our thirteen competitors are freshmen but we'll still be good and very competitive early."

"Injuries are definitely a factor on our team," nodded Greg Maxwell, "but not a major factor. We'll be strong because we're up mentally. We've got to be."

"The way we're working it," states Jim Lester, "we should get better every meet...we should also peak at the nationals."

Ballester remarks that "one good thing about this PSU meet, is we'll have a lot of room for improvement as the season progresses."

Coaching both the youngest and the strongest gymnastics squad ever to assemble on the University, Ballester projects that "this team is capable of scoring up to 155 or 158 points, right now. We have a definite goal here, and a purpose, even a dream if you will...to be the best we can be and to succeed in what we do."

"Looking ahead into our upcoming schedule, California and Stanford are probably the top two teams in the Pac-8. Cal-Berkeley has always been traditionally strong and if we don't finish first in the Pac-8 championships then we won't be going to the nationals."

The 'Flying Ducks' now move on to meet Chico State in Chico, California Saturday at 8 p.m. Meets against Illinois, Indiana State, Colorado and nine other teams complete the dual meet competition schedule and the season will culminate with the Pac-8 championships and the nationals in late March and early April.

Steve Roskam concludes, that "we've had some setbacks, and we've had some injuries, even a little bad luck—but I still think we can win the Pac-8. I think we can win it this year."

Women gymnasts open new season Wednesday

The University women's gymnastics team opens its 1973 season Wednesday and coach Marilyn Fitch expects four "outstanding" freshmen and three returning seniors to give the team a real boost this year.

Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. the University meets Oregon State University in Gerlinger Hall. Admission is free.

Last year's women's team placed sixth in the Northwest College Women's Sports Association tournament. Fitch hopes for a placing in the top three at this year's regionals in late February.

The freshman woman with the most impressive credentials is Ann Olson from Sheldon High School. She placed first last year in state high school all around competition and third in floor exercise.

A South Eugene graduate, Lynne Aiken earned second in state competition in vaulting and fifth in all around. Other freshmen are Linda Stuber from Lakeridge High School, Lake Oswego, and Jo Rice from Churchill High in Eugene.

The team's three seniors are Patty McCarthy, all events except vaulting; Rozann Shipley, bars; and Linda Isaacs, beam. Shipley qualified for the nationals last year but was unable to attend. (The top one or two teams and the top six individuals in each event at regional competition qualify for the Division of Girls' and Women's Sports (DGWS) nationals—this year in Des Moines, Iowa.)

Fitch also expects points from Martha Warner, a Portland State University transfer student. She too qualified for last year's DGWS nationals. Warner competes in all around competition.

Other team members are: Karen Lenz, floor; Lee Ann Aiken, vaulting; Kim Harms, beam and floor exercise; Judy Stephenson, vaulting; and Kathy Sullivan, bars.

Feb. 17 the University team will host the first Pacific-8 gymnastics meet for women. Five of the Pac-8 schools will be represented: the four Northwest universities and UCLA. Fitch says that other California Pac-8 schools do not have intercollegiate teams that participate in out-of-state competition.

Trampoline, fitness events scheduled by women

Beginning this week, the Women's Recreation Association (WRA) has scheduled special activities for Tuesday and Wednesday nights throughout the remainder of winter term: Fun & Fitness for women and trampolining for both men and women.

Every Tuesday night from 7 to 8 p.m. a WRA interest group will hold Fun and Fitness—an extension of last year's Slimnastics. Instruction will concentrate each week on various areas.

Tonight and next week pre-ski conditioning will be offered. The second two-week period will emphasize personal self defense, the fifth week trampolining and the sixth and seventh weeks folk and line dancing. Women are welcome to attend any or all of the sessions.

Tory Kauffman, an ex-competitive trampolinist, will instruct interested students on the trampoline from 7:30 to 8:30 on Wednesday nights beginning this week.

Both activities will be held in B50 Gerlinger.

Open recreation for women's and coed activities is also scheduled throughout the term every evening from 6 to 9 p.m. and on Saturday from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. and on Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m.

Oregon-OSU basketball tickets

Tickets are on sale for the Oregon-Oregon State basketball game scheduled for Portland's Memorial Coliseum on Friday, February 2. This year, Oregon

and Oregon State will meet just three times.

Tickets for the Feb. 2 game in Portland are priced at \$3.00 for reserve tickets. They can be

purchased at either Oregon and Oregon State athletic ticket offices or the Memorial Coliseum ticket office.