

Women's Sports

PSU beaten, 52-36

Three weeks into their season, the University women's intercollegiate basketball teams found success Friday night with their first season victories—wins over Portland State University.

The Oregon varsity team won their game 52-36; the B team defeated PSU's B squad 33 to 23.

High scorers for the Oregon A team were Becky Racicot and Karen Banks.

B team coach Leigh Akins said that her squad "played their best game of the season."

Thursday night, however, both Oregon teams lost games to Oregon College of Education teams.

Banks led the Thursday's 40-37 losing Oregon effort with nine points. She was followed by Racicot with 8. Leading scorer for OCE was Linda Goodman with 12 points.

The Oregon B team lost 31-26. Peggy Bartholomew scored 10 points for the Oregon women.

Olson shines

Oregon women gymnasts set a team record of 84 points in defeating Eastern Washington and Central Washington State Colleges in a three-way meet at Cheney Saturday.

Again freshman Ann Olson led the Oregon team with a first place win in the balance beam and second places in the floor exercise, vaulting and all-around.

Eastern Washington was second in the meet with 81.69 points; Central finished last with 50.39.

First three places for each event:

Balance Beam: 1. Ann Olson, UO, 7.86. 2. Martha Warner, UO, 7.4. 3. DeLapp, EW, 6.9.

Floor Exercise: 1. Jenne Wayerski, EW, 7.83. 2. Ann Olson, UO, 7.53. 3. T. Humphrey, EW, 7.3.

Uneven Bars: 1. Jenne Wayerski, EW, 7.3. 3. Linda Stuber, UO, 7.2. 3. Jyl Rice, UO, 7.03.

Vaulting: 1. Jenne Wayerski, EW, 7.76. 2. Ann Olson, UO, 7.2. 3. Jyl Rice, UO, 6.83.

All-around: 1. Jenne Wayerski, EW, 29.22. 2. Ann Olson, UO, 29.15. 3. T. Humphrey, EW, 26.05.



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OREGON'S STU DICKENSON

Unbeaten soccer boast ended

Mallards nip OSU

Oregon's Mallard soccer team hosted unbeaten Oregon State in the second meeting between the two teams this year Saturday at Autzen Stadium. Oregon upset OSU, 2-1.

In the earlier game just prior to the big football game the green-shirted booters received the expected beating at the hands of the undefeated northerners. The final score in that one was 3-1, closest game of the year for OSU.

Since that time they have bulldozed their way through the schedule and clinched at least a tie for the championship and were given a good shot at a perfect season. Carrying them to these heights was the best defense and the best offense in the Oregon Intercollegiate Soccer Season.

Saturday the bubble burst with the blasting of two early goals from the feet of Stu Dickenson and Rick Woodling. Within the first two minutes the Mallards had a 2-0 lead and began protecting it with strong defensive play and great goal work by Alex Cardenas who saved at least one goal by his play.

At the half the score was unchanged. Within a few minutes of the opening whistle for the second stanza though, the hopes of the Beavers and their booing fans rose with a kick from the Orangemen's Dwayne Schaad which deflected off a defense-man's leg into the net.



Photo by Matt McCormick

LIMBERING UP IN THE FLOOR EXERCISE

Gymnasts beat San Jose

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Injuries are always very dangerous, and Oregon's 'Flying Ducks' are having their share, but still managed to defeat San Jose State on Friday night, 153.90 to 146.60.

Senior Greg Maxwell and sophomore Joe Percival tied existing marks for all-time individual event record bests, and freshman Tom Phillips defeated fellow frosh teammate Steve Roskam in the all around competition for the first time this year.

Equaling his own previous 9.20 mark, set many times during the season, Percival captured the side horse competition defeating freshman Jim Lester who took second with an 8.85. Senior Greg Maxwell also equalled an all-time existing mark, set by former Oregon gymnast Wayne Reagan in 1972, with a win on the long horse vault at 9.20.

Other San Jose State meet wins for Oregon included freshman Bob Rikli in the floor exercise competition at 9.10, freshman Tom Phillips on the parallel bars with a 9.00, and senior Warren Weiseth at 9.15 on the high bar. Phillips tied with San Jose State standout Bill Barnwell to win the all around at 48.50, junior Kevin Cornelius tied for first with San Jose State specialist Steve McCormack on the rings at 8.85, and Greg Maxwell scored an impressive 9.05 on the high bar to take second place. Freshman Steve Roskam also took a second on the parallel bars with a 8.90.

"We're all right as a team, just a little bit rough," says Coach Bill Ballester. "We've got more

finess and maturity then when we started but Kevin (Cornelius) has a hurt hand, Joe Percival has a sore elbow, Jim Lester has shin splints, Don (Lester) has leg splints, and possibly most serious of all... Mike Blumenstein has a sprained wrist. But I don't think this will affect us, totally, from doing our jobs."

Before the San Jose meet, Ballester stressed that he was "looking forward to seeing how quickly the team could come back after such a long road-swing." Afterwards, he expressed relief saying "I'm really peased with the way the squad performed, they were a bit ragged but the performances of Maxwell on the long horse and Percival on the side horse... in addition to Maxwell's full twisting hack off the high bar really highlighted the meet."

Ballester observes that, "the biggest difference between this team and the one we had at the start of the year is that we're just doing our routines like we should, we're in much better shape with more finess, and we're rounding out into mid-season form. I just hope these injuries won't affect us, adversely."

After completing this win over San Jose State, the 'Flying Ducks' now travel to Pullman to do battle with the Washington State Cougars on Friday. Ballester comments that "this Washington State team is vastly improved and should be extremely competitive but we're actually looking more ahead to our match-up with the University of Washington the next weekend."

The Huskies are Oregon's next home stand dual meet, which will be held in Mac Court on Friday, February 16, and begins at 8:00.

Oregon swimmers establish 13 lifetime bests in Dolphin meet

This is the week that Don Van Rossen ups the stakes for Oregon's swimming team.

Beginning today the Ducks increase their practice tempo. The emphasis is on speed, on shaving lifetime bests—and on the Pacific-8 Championships in Los Angeles the first week of March.

Nobody picks the Ducks to win but then nobody thought they could beat New Mexico a couple weeks ago. They did it by 111 points.

That large margin is significant, because this year's team appears capable of making up ground fast. The Ducks have been setting lifetime bests every time Van Rossen gets them into the water.

The Dolphin Championships held at Leighton Pool were no exception. When the meet ended Sunday night Oregon had won nine of 14 men's events and 13 of 16 squad members set lifetime bests.

John Topar and Tony Ciochetti made NCAA qualifying times, and for Ciochetti, it looks like just the beginning. His rise this season has been meteoric.

Ciochetti blasted the NCAA qualifying time of 4:20 in the 400-yard individual medley Friday evening. He swam a 4:16.06 to break the school record and in the process dropped 10 seconds from his performance in a meet at Salt Lake City earlier in the year.

What's the significance of that?

"It's like Steve Prefontaine dropping down four

more seconds in the mile," said Van Rossen Sunday evening. "It's incredible."

Ciochetti also won the 200-yard medley and the 100-yard freestyle while teammate Topar was setting a meet record in the 200-yard butterfly.

Topar's time of 1:57.66 was good enough to qualify for the NCAA championships.

One of the high points of the Dolphin Meet didn't have anything to do with NCAA qualifying standards.

Oregon freshman Lee Friermuth, who didn't even make the finals in his high school championships, dropped 10 seconds off his lifetime best in the 200-yard freestyle. His previous best was 2:03 and the 1:53.58 the Gresham High product swam Saturday was probably the high point of his young collegiate career.

His Duck teammates loved it.

"Our guys were as excited by his 1:53 as they were about Ciochetti's NCAA time," smiled Van Rossen.

"We're that close."

That closeness and the fact that Van Rossen has one of his most talented squads ever makes the Pacific-8 meet in Los Angeles something to look forward to.

"I think we're going to surprise a hell of a lot of people," he said.

Breaststroker Roy Clark was another big winner in the Dolphin meet. He won both breast-stroke events and nosed teammate Matt McCudden over 200 yards by just four one-hundredths of a second.