

Impressive Ducks host LSU tonight

Sparked by their sweep of two powerful Midwest teams, Oregon's undefeated gymnastics team hosts Louisiana State tonight at 8 in a rematch of an earlier dual meet that Oregon won, 205.85 to 203.30.

That loss was only the second in three years for LSU, and coach Bill Ballester is looking for a tough meet.



"They'll be out for revenge."

"They will be out for revenge against us," said the Duck coach. "We are definitely looking forward to coming back and having the home court advantage."

Top performers for Oregon include all-around Bob Rikli, who was narrowly beaten in the last LSU meet; Mike Blumenstein, who was voted outstanding gymnast for his performance on the parallel bars and in floor exercise; and Mark Stone, who tied LSU's Steve Bonham on the high bar with a score of 9.40.

The Ducks whipped Indiana State Monday night in a meet where they scored 209.20 points, fourth best in the nation this year. LSU boasts the nation's third best score—211.60—set earlier this year.

Oregon hadn't faced any stiff competition until the trip to the Midwest. It's apparent now that the Ducks are capable of upending defending Pac-8 and NCAA champion California if things fall in place.

As for now, it's Louisiana State. And a chance to prove a point.

Van Rossens 'having fun' as husband-wife team

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"Marrying Don," said Ginny Van Rossen, "was the only way I could get equal time in the pool for my girls."

Don Van Rossen, the men's head swimming coach, and Ginny Van Rossen, the women's coach for eight years at Oregon, were no strangers when they were married a little over a year ago. The two met in 1961, and have worked together on many projects in aquatics since then.

But now, the two coaches are working on what they consider to be a project of great importance—the Oregon combined men and women's varsity swim team.

The Van Rossens are the only husband-wife coaching team at a major university in the United States, and their goal is to "put the swimming teams at Oregon at the best level they can be."

That can often be a difficult task. The Van Rossens' day begins at 5:30 a.m., when they leave their house in Springfield. After long hours at Leighton Pool, they sometimes get home late at night. In between everything else, there are meets to be put on, clinics to run, even recruits to visit—all the trappings of intercollegiate coaching.

But they manage quite well, thank you, and do the better for it. Ever since Ginny became "Mrs. V," the swimming program at Oregon has resembled somewhat of a family affair—one Van Rossen, Charlie, even competes for the Aqua Ducks. Don loves it.

"Our future as a husband-wife coaching team is solid," said Doctor Don. "It works out great. If I'm gone, Ginny can coach the guys, or vice-versa. We get the most from our coaching."

Above all, the two manage to sometimes forget their work. Lest someone think chlorine runs in their veins 24 hours a day, the Van Rossens have other interests besides swimming.

"We've still got our own lives, too," insists Ginny. "We still can get away sometimes and forget about swimming."

Ginny, who is working on her doctoral thesis in Physical Education, has been around the swimming program long enough to have her own ideas about financing minor sports—and Title IX. She believes one of the best ways to beat the crunch is to combine competition.

"I believe swimming will be one of the first intercollegiate sports to become co-educational in competition," she said. "Washington, Stanford and USC all are going that way, and UCLA is interested. By having separate programs, competing together, you can save."

And how does she like the life in a sport where you're always wet behind the ears and the weekly laundry consists of 27 pair of sweat socks and three assorted Speedos?

"It's been a very happy life. A lot of fun."

Adds Don:

"If you can get around young people, it's great to associate with them. You feel like you never grow old."



For Don and Ginny Van Rossen, 'it's been a very happy life'

Photo by Bob Perin

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IM deadline Friday

The IM deadlines for entries in the men's singles and doubles single tennis tournament, the men's doubles Oregon handball tournament and the faculty men's singles Oregon handball tournament are 3:30 Friday, according to IM head John Brochardt.

Tickets on sale today

Student tickets for the Oregon State and Seattle University games in Portland (Jan. 26 and 29) will go on sale Wednesday, Jan. 14 at the Athletic Department Ticket Office. Price is \$2 per ticket and students will have to show their fee card.

Davis' season cut short

Oregon wrestler Buck Davis may be out the rest of the season with a broken arm. It was reported that Davis, who wrestles at 177 lbs., hyperextended his elbow in the consolation round of the Colorado Invitational Tournament Saturday but further examinations showed the arm was broken.

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