

*'That's gotta make us No. 1'*

# Flying Ducks slash top-ranked Sun Devils

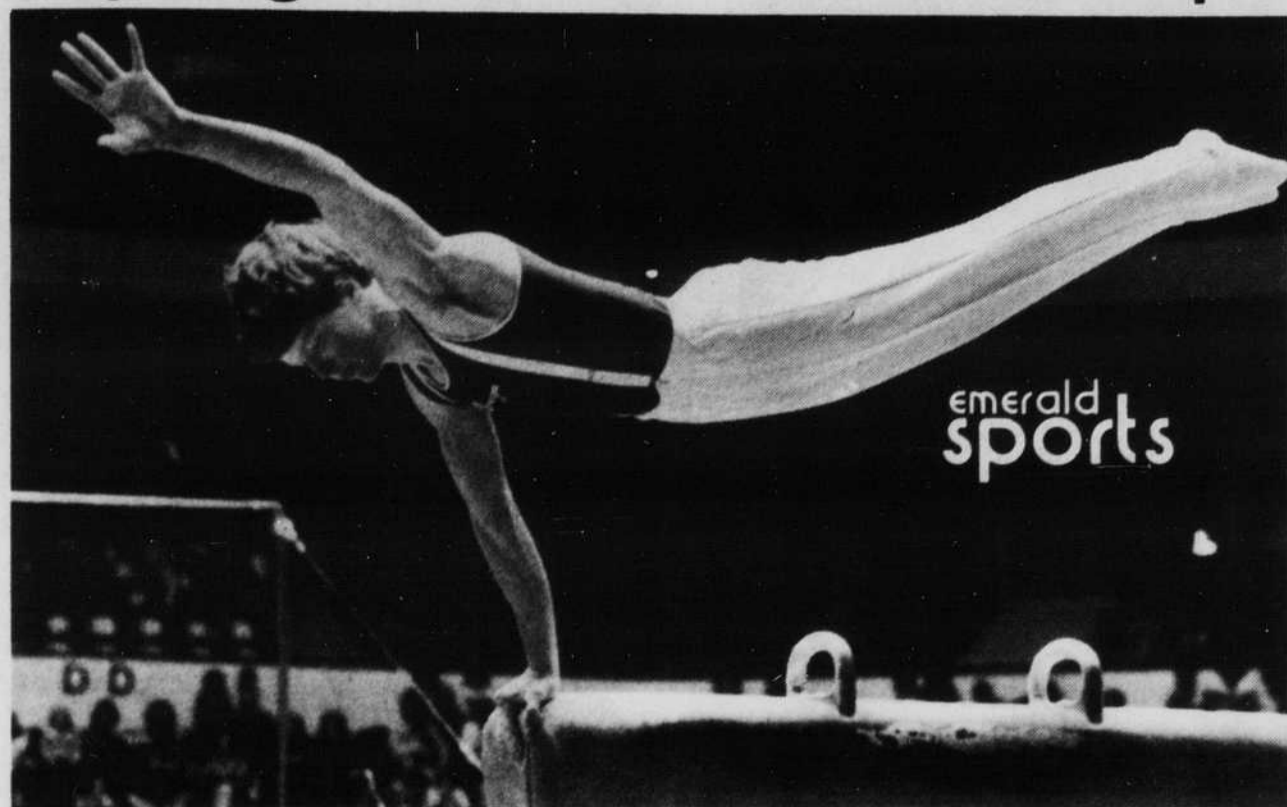


Photo by James Link

Tom Truedson set one of three Oregon school records

Oregon made a strong case for being the nation's best collegiate gymnastics team Thursday night at McArthur court, putting together a near-perfect performance to bury top-ranked Arizona State 216.75-211.65.

"That's gotta make us No. 1," said Coach Bill Ballester. "We've beaten three top-ranked teams in the country. If we can compete like this at the NCAA Meet, we'll win it."

The Flying Ducks' 216.75 total ranks second in the nation only to the Sun Devils' 217.60 set last week and tops Oregon's previous best this year of 210.55.

The meet, as 2,500 psyched-up fans will agree, was nothing short of awesome. "I've never coached a team that put together such a perfect performance," said Ballester. "We just didn't break. Not once."

No less than 28 performances were rated 9.0 or above and an incredible 10 performances scored higher than 9.5.

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school records. Tom Truedson hit 9.65 in the pommel horse, Scott McEldowney scored 9.65 on the rings and Bob Rikli and Mark Stone upped the high bar record to 9.65.

"I've picked an outstanding gymnast every meet," said Ballester. "Tonight I'd have to pick the entire team."

The Flying Ducks won every event except the parallel bars, where Arizona State's Larry Cox took honors with 9.6.

**FLOOR EXERCISE**—1, Don Lester, UO, 9.50. 2, Craig Kirby, ASU, 9.45. 3, Bob Rikli, UO, 9.40.

**POMMEL HORSE**—1, Tom Truedson, UO, 9.6 (New school record, breaking the old mark of 9.55 set by Joe Percival in 1975 and Curt Rodgers in 1976). 2, Curt Rodgers, UO, 9.55. 3, L.J. Larson, ASU, 9.45.

**RINGS**—1, Scott McEldowney, UO, 9.65 (New school record, breaking the old mark of 9.60 set by McEldowney in 1976). 2, Steve Roskam, UO, 9.10. 3, (tie), Scott Phillips, UO, and Gary Rust, ASU, 8.85.

**VAULTING**—1, (tie), Bob Rikli, UO, and Craig Kirby, ASU, 9.50. 2, (tie), Marvin O'Neal, UO, and Mark Dedrick, ASU, 9.45.

**PARALLEL BARS**—1, Larry Cox, ASU, 9.60. 2, Mike Blumenstein, UO, 9.3. 3, Bob Rikli, UO, 9.25.

**ALL-AROUND**—1, Steve Roskam, UO, 52.10. 2, Scott Phillips, UO, 50.10. 3, Gary Rust, ASU, 47.85.

**TEAM**—Oregon 216.75, Arizona State 211.65.

## Kramer out as Ducks host finale

Oregon's chances of knocking off eighth-ranked Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo tonight in the Ducks' last home wrestling meet were dealt a serious blow when 158-pounder Kevin Kramer came up with a hip pointer in a mid-week practice session.

"We're definitely in the hole," said Oregon Coach Ron Finley, "but I expect us to compete pretty well, even with the team we have."

Tonight's meet will mark the final home appearance of NCAA heavyweight runner-up Greg Gibson and 134-pounder Shuichi Shoji. "I'd like to make it a special tribute to those guys," said Finley. Shoji holds a 23-4-3 record while Gibson is 19-3-1.

Freshman Gary Bailey will substitute for Kramer. Tim Stroble, meanwhile, is dropping down a weight to 167 to replace injured Randy Besaw and freshman Brian Dunagan will wrestle in the 177 bracket.

With the Pacific-8 Championships just a week away, Joe Sade (126) will be held out. Dewey Travis will replace Sade, as he's done most of the season.

"It's a move we have to make with the Pac-8s only a week away," said Finley. "We just can't take a chance on these guys getting hurt anymore."

Cal Poly 12-2-1, has only lost to second-rated Iowa State, and third-ranked Oklahoma State. The Mustangs tied fifth-rated Oklahoma.

Charles Harmon will be Gibson's opponent and through the Washington meet had posted a 14-6 record.

"Shoji and Randy Robinson should do a pretty good job for us," Finley estimated. "I expect Randy's match (against Ron McKinney) to be a pretty close match."

The 190-pound bout could very well be the best match of the evening (and pivotal if the Ducks are within striking distance), pitting Cal Poly's Chris Anaya against Bob Bragg. In their first meeting Anaya humiliated the junior college transfer, 10-0. Bragg was injured at the time, but will face the Mustang at full strength tonight.

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OCE slips by Ducks, 48-47

The Oregon women's basketball team was nipped 48-47 by an Oregon College of Education squad Tuesday night at McArthur Court. Karen Banks was high scorer for the Ducks with 11 points, while Sally Blickle and Peg Rees had 10 points apiece.

The JV score was OCE 39, Oregon 36.

Volleyball tourney Saturday

The University Volleyball Club is sponsoring an A, AA and AAA division volleyball tournament Saturday in Gerlinger Annex. The all-day tourney will start at 8:30 a.m., and will feature teams from northwest colleges and from the Northwest region.

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