

Salem sets high school alumni basketball game

It won't be quite as prestigious as the Far West Classic in Portland or San Francisco's Cable Car Classic, but ex-varsity basketball players from Salem's high schools will get a chance during Christmas vacation to show they can still play the game.

The City of Salem's Regional Park and Recreation Agency is sponsoring a basketball tournament for all players who lettered on a Salem high school varsity basketball team in the past three years. The four team, double-elimination tourney will run on the nights of Dec. 27 and 28 at Sprague High.

Each of the four schools will have their own team consisting of its respective alumni. Recreation Director John Salstrom explained the tourney has been set at only four entries because of the uncertainty of response.

A \$20 team fee is due by December 15, and will cover officials and trophy costs. Trophies will be awarded to the first and second place teams. People wishing to play should contact these people from each school: North Salem-Mike Gilson, 363-1213; South Salem-Tom Marth, 393-0629; McNary-Scott Schultzel, 393-6513; Sprague-Denn McCarthy, 363-0346.



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Oregon's Gene Christensen shows the form on the parallel bars that led him to a first place score of 9.15 in the finals of the Oregon Open. Other fine performances on individual apparatus were turned in by Curt Rodgers and Tom Truedson on pommel horse, Don Lester in floor exercise, and Scott McEldowney on rings.

Ballester 'optimistic'

Kelch injured in Oregon Open

By MIKE MARINO
Of the Emerald

An air of optimism and excitement turned thick with concern this weekend as the conclusion to the Oregon Open Gymnastics Championship was marred by an apparent knee injury to top UO gymnast Jim Kelch.

Kelch's fall occurred on the weekend's final event, the high bar, and was the result of an errant dismount at the end of his routine. Landing with his leg straight, Kelch uttered a cry of pain, and although no immediate breaks were found additional tests will be administered today to find the extent of the injury.

"Nothing can be said until we find out more about it," said Oregon coach Bill Ballester. "The doctor put the leg in a semi-cast, because there was some swelling and pain."

Despite the obvious, Ballester was nonetheless proud of his team in their first competition of the season.

"We're farther ahead at this point than any team I've had," Ballester said. "For instance, Kelch totaled over 107 points, and last year's NCAA championships were won with 108. So we're defi-

netely optimistic about our chances this year, providing Jimmy is O.K."

Freshman Miki Moyal placed second to Kelch in both the optional and compulsories, totaling close to 102 points, and Gene Christensen broke out of a slump to capture the finals in the parallel bars.

"We've been trying to get Gene to change a few things from high school, and I was very pleased to have seen those changes," said Ballester. "It's tough for any freshman to make the change from high school to college, and it's good to see that Gene is adjusting."

Other top efforts included the rings, where Scott McEldowney, Breck Grigas, and Jerry Bush of Oregon captured first second and fourth respectively, but their performances were perhaps overshadowed by that of Portland State's Jim Holt. Holt took third in the finals despite the fact he had use of but one leg, completing his routine with a flipping, twisting dismount.

Former Duck gymnast Leonard Henderson won the finals in floor exercise with a tremendous exhibi-

tion of strength that excited the sparse but appreciative crowd.

"Overall I was quite impressed, even though we're still not healthy," Ballester added. "(Freshman Jum) Vokurka isn't ready yet, but nevertheless I am very happy with the overall effort."

The main concern for now is the left knee of Jim Kelch, for injuries have always plagued Oregon gymnasts and their efforts for the national championship. "It all depends on whether we stay healthy, and right now all we can do is wait," said the coach.



MONDAY, DECEMBER 6
Wrestling — Arizona State, at Tempe, Ariz.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9
Women's basketball — New South Wales all-stars, at McArthur Court, 5:30 p.m. Men's basketball — San Francisco State, at McArthur Court, 8:05 p.m. Wrestling — Utah, at Roseburg, 8 p.m.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10
Men's gymnastics — Golden State Invitational, at San Francisco (through Saturday). Swimming (co-ed) — Oregon All-Around, at Leighton Pool (through Saturday).

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12
Men's gymnastics — Washington Open, at Seattle (Saturday and Sunday).

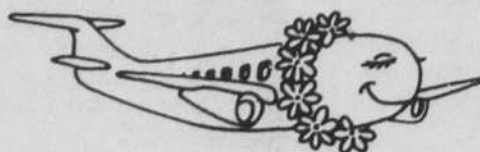
Racquetball club to hold meeting

The University Racquetball club will hold a meeting to organize an inter-club ladder and competition for next term, in the EMU at 6 p.m. Tuesday. Call Stan Myers at 686-5293 for more information.

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