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Ducks rebound after streak ends

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Hospitality can only last so long for visiting teams as far as the Oregon gymnastic team is concerned.

Saturday night the University of New Mexico found just how long, as the Flying Ducks pinned an easy 217-208.6 victory over the outmanned Lobos. The Oregon victory came after a tough loss Friday to a flashy Arizona State team in one of the season's best meets.

The injury-plagued Lobos, with three of their top gymnasts unable to compete, realized how hard it is to battle the nation's number three ranked team. Especially when your opponent has had a win streak of 25 snapped the night before.

Using three individual-event wins by Mark Knupp, the Ducks never looked back on the Lobos. Knupp opened up with a 9.35 victory in the floor exercise and continued his domination by sweeping both the high bar and vault.

Knupp, however, was not alone in his winning efforts as his teammates also found the groove. Sweeping the ring competition with Jerry Bush, Scott McEldowney, Gene Christensen and Jim Kelch placing one through four respectively, the Ducks found the depth in their squad that they

sorely missed the night before against ASU.

Although the victory over UNM was fine for the Ducks in terms of the win column, the "real" meet as far as Flying Duck followers were concerned occurred 24 hours earlier against ASU, as the Sun Devils slipped past the Ducks for a 219.10 to 218.05 victory.

Living up to its billing as one of the most dynamic teams in the nation, ASU used some true razzle-dazzle along with a steady performance from its top gymnast Scott Barclay to pull out the come-from-behind victory.

After taking an early lead in the floor exercise competition, thanks largely to the inventive moves of Gary Rust (9.5) and Steve Economides (9.35), the Sun Devils slipped behind the Ducks in the side horse which followed. With the nation's number one side horse man Tom Truedson (9.7), the Ducks were able to capture the first place honors in the event with ease.

Although the Ducks still owned a slim eight-tenths of a point lead coming out of the side horse, the remaining four events showed the Sun Devils' strengths.

Even though the Ducks did come out on the short side of the team score, the meet was not without several superb performances by Duck competitors. Both Truedson and McEldowney continued their national supremacy in the side horse and rings respectively. McEldowney used his combination of strength, flexi-

bility and imagination to set a school record of 9.7 in the rings. Christensen also set a personal best of 53.7 in the all-around, tying for second with teammate Jim Kelch.

ARIZONA STATE 219.10, OREGON 218.05

Floor Exercise—1, Gary Rust, ASU, 9.5 2, Steve Economides, ASU, 9.35 3, Mark Knupp, Oregon, 9.3 4, Jim Kelch, Oregon, 9.25 5, (tie) Gene Christensen, Oregon and Scott Barclay, ASU, 9.2

Pommel Horse—1, Tom Truedson, Oregon, 9.7 2, Jerry Bush, Oregon, 9.4 3, Gary Rust, ASU, 9.4 4, Scott Barclay, ASU, 9.25 5, Gene Christensen, Oregon, 9.10

Vaulting—Jim Nelson, ASU, 9.55 2, R.D. Webster, ASU, 9.4 3, Jim Kelch, Oregon, 9.35 4, (tie) Jeff Disque and Scott Barclay, ASU, 9.30 5, Jim Hamilton, Oregon, 9.20

Parallel Bars—1, (tie) Mike Naddour and Scott Barclay, ASU, 9.25 3, (tie) Gene Christensen, Oregon, and Lindsay Nylund, ASU, 9.15 5, Jim Kelch, Oregon, 9.05 6, Dave Villanor, Oregon, 8.80

High Bar—1, R.D. Webster, ASU, 9.35 2, Mark Knupp, Oregon, 9.30 3, (tie) Dave Martin, ASU, and Jim Hamilton, Oregon, 9.25 4, Rick Hall, ASU, 9.20 4, (tie) Gene Christensen, Oregon, and Lindsay Nylund, ASU, 9.0 5, Jim Kelch, Oregon, 8.9

All-around—1, Scott Barclay, ASU, 54.10 2, (tie) Jim Kelch and Gene Christensen, Oregon, 53.70

OREGON 217.0, NEW MEXICO 208.6

Floor Exercise—1, Mark Knupp, Oregon, 9.35 2, John Bernal, UNM, 9.3 3, Jim Kelch, Oregon, 9.25 4, Chuck Wiggins, UNM, 8.9 5, Phil Gonzales, UNM, 8.75

Pommel Horse—1, Tom Truedson, Oregon, 9.6 2, Chuck Wiggins, UNM, 9.15 3, Gordon Hocking, Oregon, 8.75 4, Jim Kelch, Oregon, 8.7 5, Dave Goff, UNM, 8.1

Rings—1, Jerry Bush, Oregon, 9.45 2, Scott McEldowney, Oregon, 9.25 3, Gene Christensen, Oregon, 9.25 4, Jim Kelch, Oregon, 9.1 5, John Bernal, UNM, 8.9

Vault—Mark Knupp, Oregon, 9.45 2, Phil Gonzales, UNM, 9.4 3, (tie) Harry Ricks and Jim Hamilton, Oregon, 9.3 4, George Martinez, Oregon, 9.25

Parallel Bars—1, John Bernal, UNM, 9.45 2, Jim Hamilton, Oregon, 9.15 3, Mark Knupp, Oregon, 9.0 4, Dave Villanor, Oregon, 8.95 5, Phil Gonzales, UNM, 8.9

All-around—1, John Bernal, UNM, 53.75 2, Jim Kelch, Oregon, 52.85 3, Gene Christensen, Oregon, 51.85

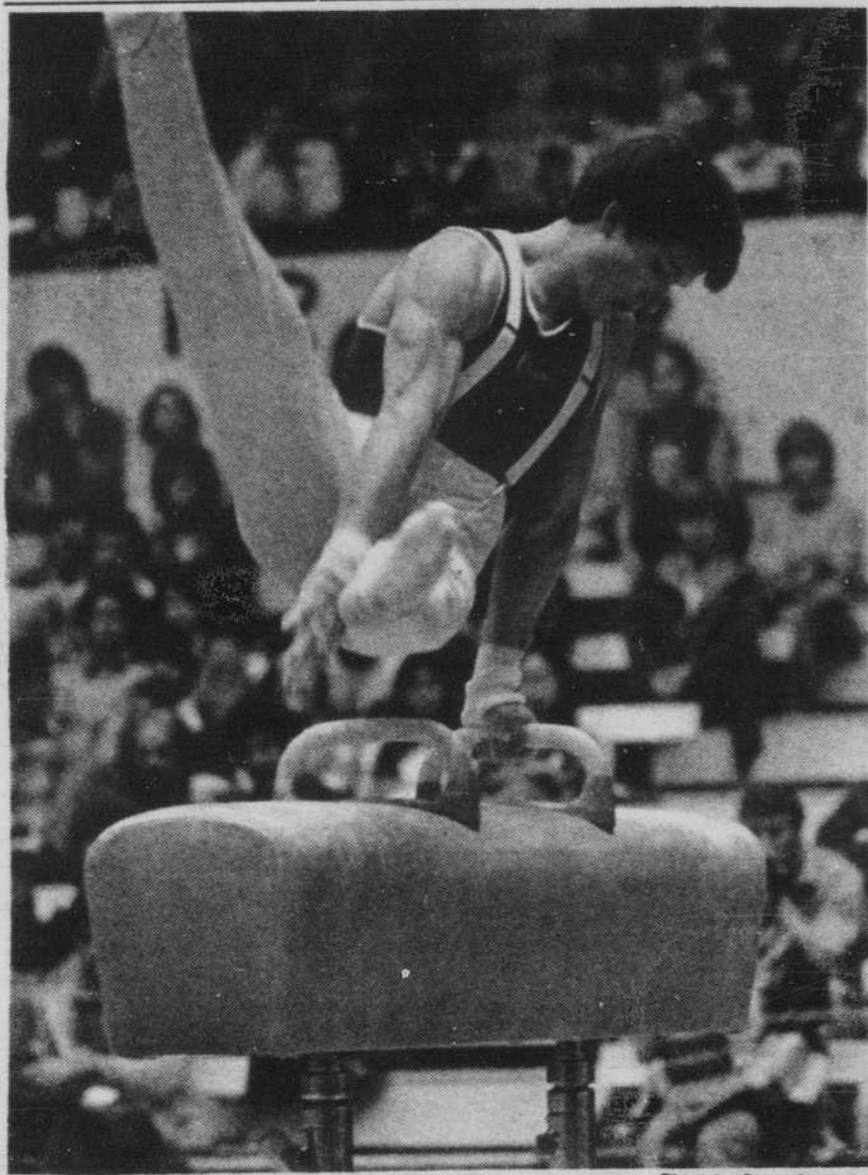


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Jim Kelch nabbed an 8.75 for his performance on the side horse Friday night against Arizona State, but the Ducks needed a bit more from everyone on the event as they dropped a narrow loss to the Sun Devils, their first loss in 25 straight dual meets.

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Women coaches step down

Karla Rice, women's volleyball coach, and Diane Smith, women's fieldhockey coach, have resigned their positions, Oregon women's athletic director Becky Sisley announced Friday.

Both women were very successful while at Oregon, taking their teams to national appearances. Both quit in order to pursue academic interests.

Oregon bowlers roll past OCE

Trent Zabelle rolled a 611 series and Terri Gunter a 587 series, in leading Club Sports' men's and women's bowling teams to a sweep Oregon College of Education last Thursday.

Volleyball team loses match

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