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Photo by Julie Howard

Some cheered and others only watched as Oregon State's talent beat Oregon's in gymnastics Saturday.

Women break drought by beating UW

Oregon's women's swimming team broke a string that has lasted since 1972 by beating Washington 61-52 Friday night. They went on to defeat Pacific Lutheran 90-48 on Saturday.

The Husky loss was their first dual meet loss in six years.

Oregon had eight first-place finishes, while recording five varsity records and four national qualifying times.

Michelle Menkens and Tama Cuddeback as usual led the Ducks, with Menkens defeating rival Mary Baxley of Washington in the 100 freestyle.

Menkens also won the 200 in a school record time of 1:56.49. In addition, she swam on two record-setting relay teams in the

200 medley and 200 freestyle.

Cuddeback had a lifetime best in the 100 breaststroke, and her time of 1:08.59 also qualified her for nationals.

Oregon's lowest finish in any one event came in the diving, where Jo Steinseifer finished third both times.

Other top finishes for Oregon came in the 500 and 1,000 freestyle events, where Kathy Hemmer blew out her opposition to win by margins of 20 and 40 seconds respectively.

Robin Weheler edged teammate Hemmer in the 100 butterfly, with Weheler's time of 1:00.13 just under Hemmer's 1:00.46.

The Huskies won five events, but in all but the diving and the 200

IM the Ducks took both second and third to counter the Washington efforts.

The women next face Southern Oregon State College in Ashland on Wednesday.

Low scores, tough OSU hold gymnasts to second

By JULIE HOWARD
Of the Emerald

Lower than usual scores and Oregon State depth put the Oregon women gymnasts in second place Saturday, as they finished with 112.15 team points to Oregon State's 125.71.

Montana finished third in the four-team event with 107.30 points, while Portland State, competing without the services of all-arounder Creslyn Crumm, held down the last place with 89.15.

OSU won 12 of the 16 places in the four gymnastic events to dominate the meet. They relied heavily on all-around leaders Linda Parker and Donna Southwick, and the performance of Ann Gianotti, in pulling off the victory.

Parker commanded attention in every event, taking first in the vault, balance beam, and floor exercise, and placing third in the uneven parallel bars competition to win the all-around title.

Wendy Halberg of Oregon finished second, less than three points behind Parker, after winning the bars and placing third in the vault and fourth on the beam.

Southwick placed third in the all-around competition.

Oregon coach Henrietta Heiny said in terms of performances, the meet went as expected. The Ducks experienced some unexpected weaknesses in the vault and the bars, the latter usually a strong event for Oregon.

"Freshman Cindi Gleason had a big breakthrough today," Heiny said. "She didn't get the scores she should have, but she had a very even, very pleasing performance."

Vault — 1, tie, Linda Parker, Oregon State, and Marlene Smith, Oregon State, 8.55. 3, Wendy Halberg, Oregon, 8.34. 4, Donna Southwick, Oregon State, 8.3. 5, Ann Gianotti, Oregon State, 8.15.

Uneven Bars — 1, Wendy Halberg, Oregon, 8.35. 2, Cynthia Parker, Oregon State, 8.1. 3, Linda Parker, Oregon State, 8.0. 4, Ann Gianotti, Oregon State, 7.9. 5, Marcia Hamilton, Montana, 7.7.

Balance Beam — 1, Linda Parker, Oregon State, 8.7. 2, Donna Southwick, Oregon State, 7.9. 3, Marcia Hamilton, Montana, 7.15. 4, Wendy Halberg, Oregon, 6.9. 5, Jacqueline Cheatham, Oregon State, 6.6.

Floor Exercise — 1, Linda Parker, Oregon State, 8.7. 2, Sharon Lowe, Oregon State, 8.0. 3, Donna Southwick, Oregon State, 7.9. 4, Ann Gianotti, Oregon State, 7.6. 5, Wendy Halberg, Oregon, 7.5.

All-around — 1, Linda Parker, Oregon State, 33.95. 2, Wendy Halberg, Oregon, 31.10. 3, Donna Southwick, Oregon State, 31.00. 4, Marcia Hamilton, Montana, 29.15. 5, Ann Gianotti, Oregon State, 29.10.

Team — Oregon State 125.70, Oregon 112.15, Montana 107.30, Portland State 89.15.

Cushing and Clawson lead win

By MARK STEWART
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It was the Julie Cushing-Kerry Clawson show Saturday, as the Oregon women's basketball team defeated the Portland State women's team 81-63, and raised its season record to 11-1.

Cushing scored 16 of her team high 20 points in the first half, canning 9 of 11 shots from the floor,

while Clawson blocked six shots and was the game's second leading rebounder with nine. Shannon Kelly led all rebounders with 10.

"I was impressed with Kerry," said Oregon coach Elwin Heiny. "I told her we wanted points and she delivered."

And Cushing? "She," said Heiny, "was Julie."

"When she is hitting, she can do nearly whatever she wants." And she did.

Oregon opened up a 4-0 lead after the opening tip and Portland State closed to within one, 5-4, with two minutes gone in the game.

It was as close as the Vikettes could get the rest of the evening. The Ducks then reeled off eight straight points to take a 13-4 lead less than five minutes into the half.

After a time out, the Vikettes got back to within four, at 14-10 with 12:43 left in the half. Oregon then

went on a tear, outscoring the Viks 16-5 in the next five minutes to go up 30-15. Cushing got 12 of her 20 points in this span, most in the 15 foot range to the left of the key, where she was left open by Portland State.

Portland State took control of the boards and struggled back to within five at the half, 41-36.

The Vikettes stayed within five points of the Ducks during the first two and a half minutes of the second half, but then the roof caved in. Oregon outscored Portland State 20-3 in the next nine minutes and took a 65-43 lead. Many of the Duck baskets in this flurry were off the break, several the result of steals. Clawson had six of her 19 points during this deluge.

"We played better tonight," Heiny said. "In the first half we got an easy lead."

Sue Smith and Brenda Skinner paced Portland State with 20 points each. Smith was the only Vikette to make more than her floor shots. While the Viks as a team shot 38 per cent for the game, Oregon shot nearly 56 per cent, well above its 43 per cent average.

Portland State (63) — Meyer 5, Skinner 20, Graham 4, Yoder 1, Lewis 10, Mollet 6, Hannam 2, S. Smith 20, M. Smith, Holzjuss.

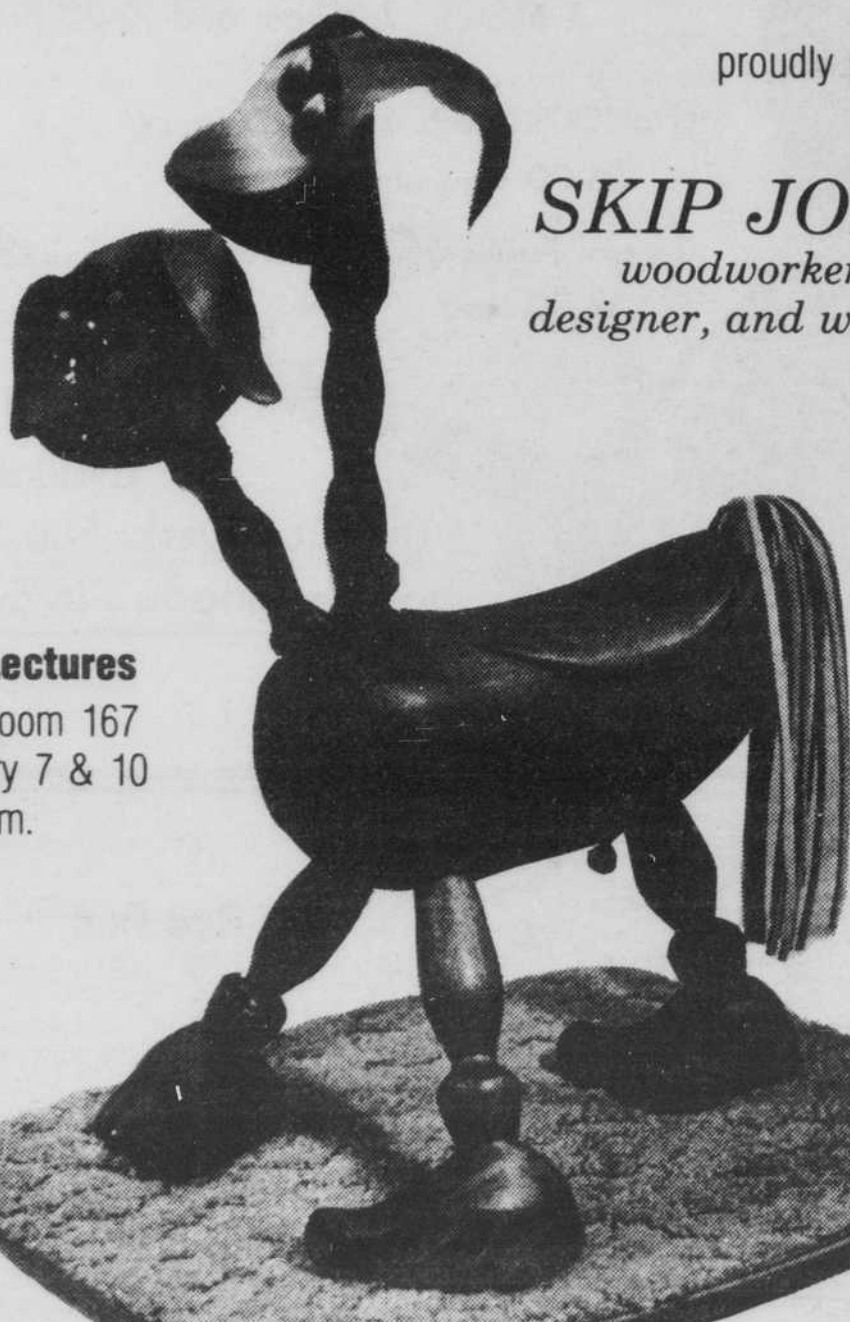
Oregon (81) — Adams 7, Doherty 8, Paschke 9, Thrasher, Bickie 1, Cushing 20, Hunt 4, Clawson 19, Kelly 10, Smith 4.

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