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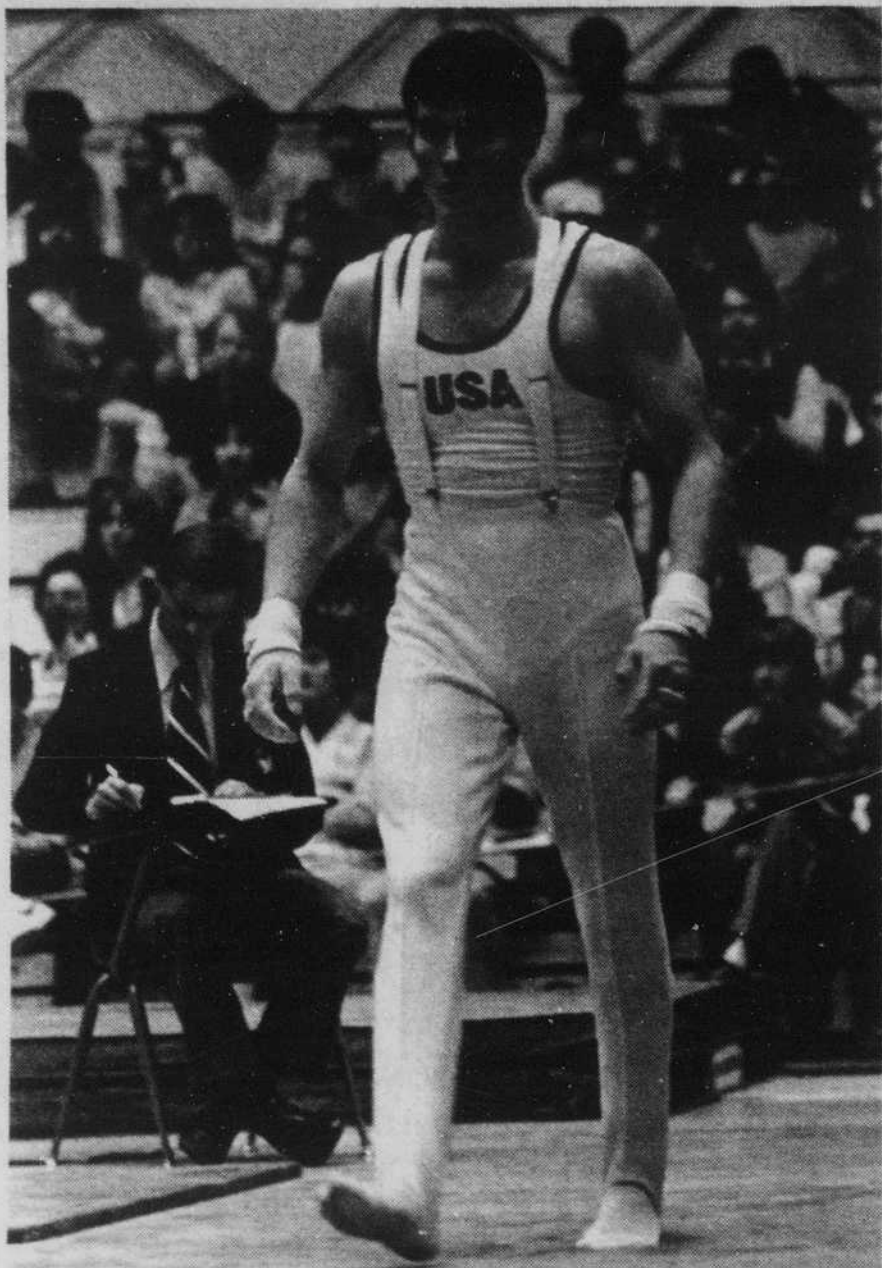


Photo by Steve Schneider

Jim Kelch will be stalking Cal this weekend, as the Bears — Oregon's fiercest rival — come to Mac Court for what will be a preview of the Pac-8 meet in Seattle.

Ducks meet Bears in 'preview'

By BARRY BREEDE
Of The Emerald

"Revenge" could be the key word in Sunday's gymnastic meet between Oregon's Flying Ducks and California's Golden Bears at Mac Court.

After winning the Pac-8 title for nine years straight, the Bears were ousted last year by the Ducks in the finals, and Sunday's 7:30 p.m. match-up is the first step the Bears can take towards retaining some of the prestige the Ducks stole last year.

"Realistically they are the only competition we will face in the conference this year," said Duck coach Bill Ballester. "All the other teams are at least six or seven points behind us in each meet."

Although tonight's meet is not a "do or die situation" according to Ballester, "it will be one of the better dual meets of the season for us. This is somewhat of a preview for the conference finals."

Cal is led by nationally ranked, all-around specialist Warren Long. Joining Long is Al Garcia, the Pac-8 ring champ as a freshman. Garcia left the team last year as a sophomore and is attempting a comeback of sorts. He is currently ranked second in the nation in ring competition.

However Ballester feels Cal may still be lacking in areas, as there is no one to really challenge the Ducks on either the side horse or parallel bars, and in particular

the side horse where they have the nation's best, Tom Truedson.

The Ducks were idle last week, with the exception of Jim Kelch, who competed for the U.S. in last week's international meet against the Japanese. But the layoff should come as a plus according to Ballester. "I think we have benefited from not competing last week," he said. "We had a lot more time to polish up our routines in practice and it gave us a chance to train much harder for the upcoming meets."

Kelch, who competed in his first

international meet last weekend here at Mac Court, did a fine job according to Ballester, who also coached the U.S. squad.

"Jim did a very fine job for us," said Ballester. "He counted for us in four of the six events and really contributed well towards the team's performance."

"It was a real steady performance," he added, "and he needed it because he had been bothered by sinus problems the week before, and this performance put him back on the right track."

Women gymnasts to host teams in triangular meet

By JULIE HOWARD
Of The Emerald

Oregon's women's gymnastics team hopes to rebound from a loss to Oregon state Wednesday, as they face Pacific and Seattle Pacific Saturday at 1:30 in Gerlinger annex.

The Ducks fell 125.80 to 113.55, for their third loss of the season. All of the losses came at the hands of the Beavers.

"I'm confident we can win this one," said Oregon coach Henriette Heiny. "In our second meet with Oregon State last Wednesday the girls realized what they really can do if they go for it. But they need a little tough competition in order to perform better."

Pacific University's Widdy Thomas and Cindy Ballard will give the Ducks their biggest challenge in the all-around division after placing second and third respectively to Oregon's Wendy Halberg in last week's Forest Grove competition.

"Both teams have a few good competitors, but they don't have depth," added Heiny.

She went on to explain Seattle Pacific has always been a good team but this year, like Oregon, had to start with almost an entire new team. July Switzer and Janice George will more than

likely be standouts in Saturday's meet.

For Oregon, Heiny had praise for the reliable performances of Wendy Halberg and commended senior Lorene Gamble on her bars performance Wednesday which placed her second to Halberg during the OSU meet.

Another senior, Sue Wilson, is also expected to do well on the bars, and freshmen Cindy Gleason is coming along in the all around category.

"We're performing better now than we have before. After passing our lowest point last week against Pacific University we're on our way up."

**Oregon State 126.80-
Oregon 113.55**

Vault — 1, Donna Southwick, Oregon State, 9.25. 2, Linda Parker, Oregon State 8.55. 3, Wendy Halberg, Oregon, 8.4.

Uneven Bars — 1, Wendy Halberg, Oregon, 8.6. 2, Lorene Gamble, Oregon, 8.4. 3, Linda Parker, Oregon State, 8.5.

Balance beam — 1, Linda Parker, Oregon State, 8.7. 2, Donna Southwick, Oregon State, 7.6. 3, Cindy Gleason, Oregon, 7.2.

Floor exercise — 1, Linda Parker, Oregon State, 8.8. 2, Donna Southwick, Oregon State, 8.3. 3, Wendy Halberg, Oregon, 7.7.

All-around — 1, Linda Parker, Oregon State, 34.2. 2, Donna Southwick, Oregon State, 33.3. 3, Wendy Halberg, 30.80.

Wrestlers nip SOSC, 19-18

Ashland — The Oregon wrestlers won their eighth match of the season on Thursday night against Southern Oregon State College, 19-18. Registering wins for the Ducks were Larry Gleason in the 126-pound division, Scott Bliss at 150, Don Hollembaek at 158, Randy Besaw at 177 and Don Brown at 190.

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