

Women gymnasts look to newcomers

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With the addition of 10 new athletes, Oregon coach Henriette Heiny's women's gymnastics team has come further than a mere hop, skip and jump from last year.

Leaders among the newcomers are freshman Sara Gustafson from Parkrose High School, who last year captured first place all-around honors in the high school state competition, and Dawn Haberland, from Sunset High

School, who finished second to Gustafson at the state meet.

Haberland has an impressive record beginning with her elite competition in 1972-73 in Europe where she won first place in the 15-years-old and under bracket in the French Nationals. She qualified for the World Championship in 1974 and for the United States Gymnastics Federation (USGF) Nationals in 1976-77 along with Gustafson.

Another addition to the Oregon squad is Darla Jones, who has qualified for the USGF Nationals

and last year won the all-around category of the Jackson Invitational held in the Portland area.

Senior Wendy Halberg returns as the Ducks' captain. A strong gymnast for the last three years, Halberg is being counted upon for another big year. She placed first on the uneven parallel bars in the Western Hemisphere Games in 1976-77, and last year finished second. In the regional meet she was first in the uneven bars and sixth all-around.

Co-captain for Oregon is sophomore Sharron Blanchard. After competing her freshman year for the Ducks, she took last year off, but has returned looking better than ever.

Other returnees from last year include sophomores Patti Thompson and Cindi Gleason, who qualified for the Western Hemisphere Games and went to the finals of the regional meet last year.

On reserve for the Ducks are strong tumblers Barbara Andrews, Mona Reisinger and Gail Bruner. Elizabeth Perry will concentrate on uneven bars and vaulting with further backup provided by Theresa Larsen and Joan Cameron.

There are new faces on the staff. John Kolb, who competed on scholarship at USC and then taught in Santa Cruz, is the new assistant coach.

Lee Shevenell, a physical therapist from Washington D.C., takes over as trainer.

Randy Huntington returns as spotter for the second year, providing extra help as his time allows.

A new and more difficult judging system, voted in this summer, changes the format of the meets. No longer will each routine start with a perfect 10.00 and receive deductions and credits. Instead,

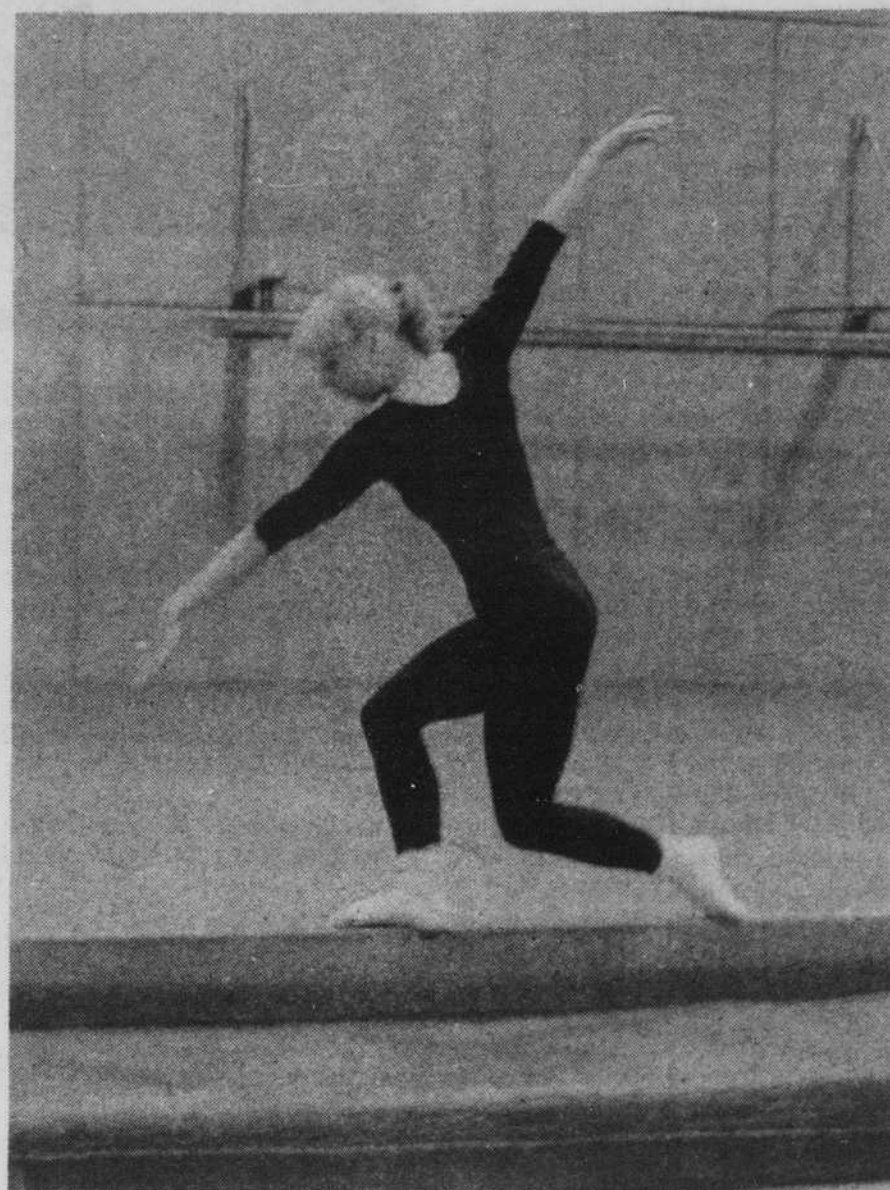


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Co-captain Sharron Blanchard has returned to the Duck lineup after a year's absence. She and other newcomers give coach Henriette Heiny optimism.

the routine will have to contain certain high risk moves just to begin the scoring at 10. Otherwise, it will begin at 9.2.

The highest risk moves are D moves, and Heiny doubts whether any college routines will contain these. The gymnasts will receive credit for successfully executing C risk moves with the B and A level

moves decreasing in difficulty.

This standard may place a psychological strain on women who are competing on the collegiate level for the first time, since it may drop the scores as much as a full point for each routine. The new system does offer a more objective manner of rating nationwide, though, according to Heiny.

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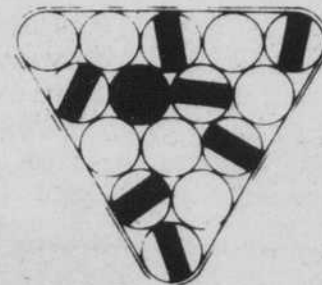
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