

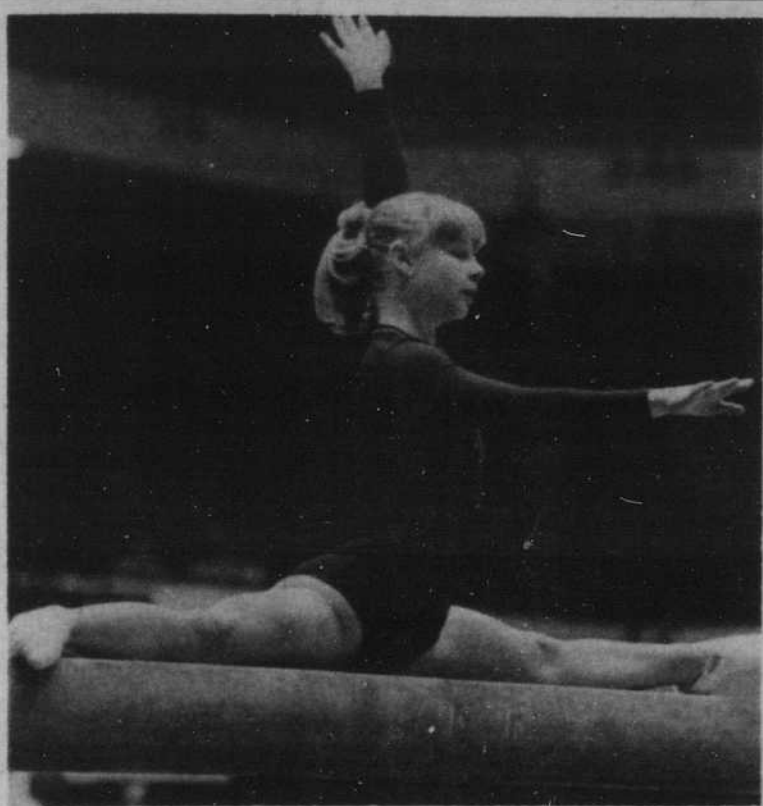


Photo by Steve Dykes

Sharron Blanchard, shown here on the balance beam, finished third overall for the Ducks, who scored a season-high team total of 127.35 in beating Chico State Saturday.

Gymnasts defeat Chico

Gustafson wins three titles

Freshman all-arounder Sara Gustafson won three individual titles and the all-around competition to lead the Ducks to victory over Cal State-Chico, 127.35 to 96.10, Saturday in Mac Court.

Gustafson won individual competition on the vault, 8.60, out of a possible 10, the uneven bars, 8.50, and floor exercise, 8.45. She was all-around champion with a score of 33.70, a team high this season. She also placed second on the beam behind teammate Dawn Haberland, who scored 8.20 to Gustafson's 8.15.

The team had been shooting for a season-high total score exceeding 128.00. They achieved their season high but fell short of 128.00 because of a minor knee injury which kept freshman all-arounder Haberland out of the floor exercise.

The gymnasts should learn today whether their score will place them in the national rankings. The women hope to win the AIAW Northwest championships and a spot in the nationals in March.

One problem the Ducks worked against this season is a lack of strong competition. "It's hard to compete against an abstract opponent, like a score, rather than against a good team," said Heiny.

For Saturday's meet, Heiny had a solution.

"At the beginning of the week, I showed the tapes of Oregon State to the girls and said, 'Consider how much better you have to be to beat Oregon State,'" Heiny said.

Heiny said she was pleased with the women's performances, particularly those of freshman all-arounder Gloria Shepherd.

Shepherd, who has been recovering from tonsillitis, scored 8.15, 7.25 and 7.90 in the vault, beam and floor exercise.

Next weekend, the Ducks will face Washington State and Seattle Pacific in Pullman, Wash.

Ducks extend lead on cellar race

Oregon now has a one and one-half game lead in the Pac-10 cellar race after two weekend losses in Washington. After losing to the Washington Huskies on Thursday, the 1-6 Ducks lost to Washington State 74-65 on Saturday.

Overcoming their own eight point lead in the second half of the WSU game, the Ducks managed to squander offensive opportunities and allow the Cougars to score almost at will.

Coach Jim Haney partly blamed the officiating for the turnaround. The Ducks were whistled for 33 fouls, and the Cougars had as many free throws as shots with 42.

Guard Rob Closs forgot he was sick with the flu and made eight out of nine shots in the game, pacing the Ducks with 17 points. But it was free-throw shooting that turned the tide late in the second half.

The Ducks went into a semi-stall offense with nine minutes remaining, and the Cougars, in chasing the ball, began to foul. Oregon Daily Emerald

Closs missed two free throws, and Duck center Dan Hartshorne was only 2-6 at the line.

As a team Oregon was 11-for-20 — poor for a team that went 20-21 in a loss to Arizona State.

One bright spot for the Ducks was the return of forward Felton Sealey, who had missed the last two games with a foot injury. In 11 minutes Sealey was held scoreless but did manage three fouls and two turnovers.

Hartshorne played all 40 minutes for the second time this season, the first being against UCLA. The 6' 10" junior lead the Ducks Saturday with nine rebounds, but was neutralized by James Donaldson, who had 12 for the winners.

This was the fifth consecutive time the Cougars have beaten the Ducks. The two teams meet again in McArthur Court on Feb. 17.

The Ducks' next four games are at home, which may help them give up their dubious lead on the race for the cellar.

Women cagers unbeaten after big win over Beavers

By MARK STEWART
Of the Emerald

CORVALLIS — The Oregon women's basketball team kept its perfect 10-0 record intact with a 69-57 victory over Oregon State here Friday night.

"The game was a good test for us," Oregon forward Bev Smith said of what was the Ducks' toughest game to date. "We played a really good game. We came through when we had to."

"I don't think we played as well

Wrestlers win; Beavers next

The Oregon wrestling team will return to action against a national power when Oregon State visits Mac Court tonight at 7:30.

The Ducks, who have taken on some of the nation's best wrestling squads during the past three weeks, won two matches during the weekend against teams a little less formidable. Friday night they whipped Arizona 31-16 and on Saturday followed with a 43-6 drubbing of Washington. The wins upped Oregon's season win-loss record to 7-6.

The sixth-ranked Beavers warmed up for tonight's match by beating two different opponents Saturday. In the afternoon they crushed Central Washington 52-0, and Saturday night they disposed of Arizona 56-0.

as we could have, but I think Oregon State was very tough," Oregon coach Elwin Heiny said. "They presented us with some problems."

The problem Oregon had was with Oregon State's zone defense. The Beavers, who are the toughest in the Northwest Women's Basketball League defensively, played a sticky 2-3 zone that had the top two players constantly playing the ball.

"The zone they ran really frustrated us," Heiny said. "They have two that play out of position and just chase the ball. We practiced against it but we didn't execute well."

"I don't think we attacked it like we should have."

Oregon State coach Aki Hill said before the game that the Beavers would have to shut down Oregon's running game to have a chance against the Ducks. While the Beavers did contain the Ducks' break, the tempo at times was still quite fast.

The game started with the teams trading baskets before Oregon took an 18-11 lead half way through the first half. After an Oregon State timeout, the Ducks ran the score to 40-24 by the half.

The Oregon lead went to 50-30 before the Beaver defense took over and Oregon State outscored Oregon 15-4 in the next seven minutes.

"We had a lot of dumb turnovers," Julie Cushing said of Oregon's offensive lapse. "We were too hyped after building a big lead in the first half. After we realized what we were doing, we got it together."

Oregon's NWBL record improved to 5-0 with the win, while the Beaver's record fell to 3-2.

The next action for the Ducks is Saturday against Portland State at McArthur Court.

Steelers win 'Super' game

MIAMI (AP) — Terry Bradshaw fired four touchdown passes and shattered two Super Bowl passing records Sunday, leading the Pittsburgh Steelers to their third National Football League championship in a 35-31 victory over the Dallas Cowboys.

Bradshaw hit John Stallworth on touchdown pass plays of 28 and 75 yards, found Rocky Bleier with a 7-yard pitchout play and connected with Lynn Swann on an 18-yarder. Franco Harris added a 22-yard touchdown run as the Steelers came from behind, then had to fight off a late Dallas scoring spree for victory.

Bradshaw, the NFL's most valuable player this season, passed for a career high 318 yards and smashed the Super Bowl record of 250 yards, set 13 years ago in the first game of this series by Green Bay's Bart Starr.



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