



Photo by Steve Dykes

Holly Holmes performed consistently Friday to finish with a fourth on the beam (8.10) and fourth in the all-around (33.35).

Women upset Gophers in close gymnastic meet

From the first event to the last Oregon's women's gymnastics team showed its skill and ability Friday night as the Ducks defeated 20th-ranked University of Minnesota 133.25 to 129.70.

The victory leaves Oregon with a 6-0 dual meet record.

Junior all-arounder Sara Gustafson keyed Oregon's victory by scoring a close, but decisive victory over Big-10 champion Robin Huebner. Gustafson, who tied for first in the vault (8.90) and floor exercise (8.75), earned 34.65 points from the judges, just edging Huebner's 34.40.

Huebner tied with Gustafson in the floor exercise.

After the victory over the Big-10 team, which was favored to win the meet, Oregon coach Henrietta Heiny said she wasn't surprised by the victory.

"I thought we could beat them," said Heiny about the Ducks first match against a nationally-ranked team. "Because we're from different regions they really didn't know what to expect."

The Ducks surprised the Minnesota crowd, and pleased about 1,000 gymnastics fans, as they soared to an early lead over the visiting Golden Bears.

Gustafson lead Oregon in the floor exercise, while Maureen Nolan followed in fourth place with 8.25 and Holly Holmes in fifth with 8.20.

In the Vault, Gustafson tied with Nolan for first, while Minnesota claimed the next three places. Holmes was sixth scoring an 8.25.

Minnesota took the top places in the balance beam and uneven bars as Judy Klein scored an 8.85 in the uneven bars and Karen Floor scored a 9.20 in the beam, the highest score given any performance.

But Holmes claimed second on the bars with an 8.60 and Gustafson did the same on the beam (9.00).

Minnesota was very confident coming into the match, Heiny said. "But I think they were a little surprised when they saw us warming up."

Ducks dump Cougars, 70-66

On a night that almost saw Oregon State fall from the top, Oregon pulled its men's basketball team from the bottom of the Pac-10 with a gritty 70-66 win over Washington State University Saturday.

The win pulls the Ducks up to 2-5 and seventh place in the conference, due to their 9-7 overall record.

It was the first time Oregon has defeated the Cougars in Pullman since 1975. The Ducks also broke an eight-game losing streak to the Cougs.

Oregon coach Jim Haney, who has visibly distraught after Thursday's 102-91 loss to University of Washington, said Saturday's win was reminiscent of the mental toughness his team displayed in the California game.

After leading at halftime, 32-30, Oregon's Fred Cofield popped in a couple quick

jumpers to key a quick 39-30 Duck advantage.

But the Cougars, led by Steve Harriel's 19 points, pulled back into contention.

With 1:57 remaining and the Ducks ahead 63-62, the Cougs' Aaron Haskins missed the first of some one-and-one free throws. Oregon's Mike Clark and John Grieg skied for the rebound, but knocked into each other and lost the ball.

Oregon women lose swim meet

Oregon's women's swimming team was defeated, 62-51, by the UC-Santa Barbara in a dual meet Saturday.

Oregon senior Kathy Hemmer was top point-winner for the Ducks, capturing first-place finishes in the 200 butterfly, 200 freestyle and 1,000 freestyle, in which her 10:25.13 time was 12 seconds below her lifetime best.

WSU's Angelo Hill grabbed the ball and laid it in to give the Cougars their first lead of the game.

But Grieg came back down the court with the Ducks and scored after an offensive rebound to put Oregon ahead for good.

The Cougars used a tight-to-the-basket defense to bottle up Clark, Oregon's leading scorer. While Clark managed 10 points, Oregon forwards Grieg and Felton Sealey contributed 15 and 16 points, respectively.

Oregon (70) — Grieg 7 1-1 15, Whiting 2 5-7 9, Clark 3 4-7 10, Cofield 6 0-0 12, Sealey 4 8-13 16, Bain 2 1-2 5, Walker 1 0-0 2, Burns 0 1-2 1, Brantley 0 0-0 0, Cheatham 0 0-0 0. Totals 25 20-32 70.

Washington State (66) — Hill 4 2-3 10, Harriel 8 3-7 19, Johnson 2 1-1 5, Brown 2 2-2 6, McFadden 6 0-1 12, Joyner 0 1-2 1, Meyers 0 2-2 2, Pollard 2 3-4 7, Haskins 2 0-1 4, Ness 0 0-0 0. Totals 26 14-23 66.

Halftime — Oregon 32, Washington State 30. Fouled out — Sealey, McFadden. Total fouls — Oregon 25, Washington State 27.

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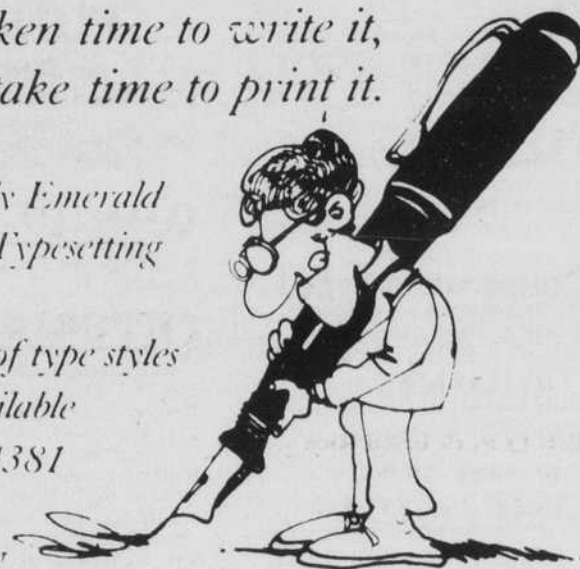
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