

# Gymnastics teams to wage ranking battles

Rankings will be the key this weekend as the Oregon gymnastics teams travel to Arizona for two meets in two days.

The men will take on Arizona State and Arizona in dual meets, while the women face California and Arizona State in a three-way meet before facing Arizona in a dual.

The men will put their number-four national ranking on the line Friday night against a

highly touted ASU team that is currently ranked 14th. Oregon coach Bill Ballester emphasized before the season that "Arizona State will finish third, and could challenge for second" in the Pacific-10 Conference.

That second-place spot is currently held by Oregon, and the Flying Ducks are coming off their best showing of the season, a 274.60 score against Stanford. The Ducks set season-high marks on the

pommel horse (45.35) and the rings (46.30) while improving their season mark to 4-1.

Another plus was freshman Johnny Moyal, who won the all-around with a personal best 55.85. Ballester has called Moyal "potentially the best gymnast we've ever had."

Meanwhile, the women try to take another step toward a national ranking this weekend against a strong ASU team

which knocked off powerful Oregon State earlier this year. Oregon already has posted wins over 20th-ranked Minnesota and 17th-ranked Stanford — tough teams on a tough schedule which coach Henriette Heiny feels "will help us get exposure."

Revenge could be on the minds of Arizona State. Last year, the Oregon women pulled an upset victory over the ASU team, which was then ranked

ninth in the country.

The women are coming off a narrow 137.5-136.05 win over Stanford in which freshman Maureen Nolan took second in the all-around with a 34.20 mark. Nolan and freshman Holly Holmes back up Heiny's claim that "the quality of the freshmen has improved. It will be those two, along with Dawn Haberland and (Sara) Gustafson, who will key the Duck hopes against Arizona State."

## Swim squads wrap up duals against OSU

Oregon's swimming teams will wrap up their seasons with a dual meet at Oregon State University Saturday at 7 p.m.

Both Oregon teams have topped the Beavers this year in earlier duals.

The men's squad, 6-2, will use the OSU meet as a tuneup for the NorPac championships at Leighton Pool on Feb. 19-21.

The women, 5-2, upset the Beavers, 89-51, in January. They will compete without the services of their top three divers. Debbie Sill, Laura McNaught and Cindy Light will skip the meet in order to travel to the University of New Mexico for the AIAW Zone Diving Qualifying Meet Feb. 16 and 17.

"The meet will be much closer without our three divers, but I think we can pull it out again," said Oregon coach Virginia Van Rossen.

Senior All-American Kathy Hemmer is only two-tenths of a second away from the qualifying standard in the 1,000 freestyle. Sophomore Tina Helm is Oregon's only AIAW qualifier, in the 200 backstroke.

The top 12 finishers in each event at the New Mexico diving meet will advance to the AIAW championships March 18-21 in Columbia, S.C.

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