

Sports

Junior pedals toward top

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Going out for a simple bike ride seven years ago turned into the ride of a lifetime for Glenn Sanders.

Sanders, a 13-year-old at the time, was out riding around the streets of Portland when he was recruited by Chuck Richards, a former national pentathlon track team member who was forming a cycling club. "He just saw me out riding and decided I would be good for the club," said Sanders. "He and a few others on the team would just ride around and whenever they saw a likely candidate, they would stop him and try and talk him into joining."

Sanders, a junior who rides for the Oregon cycling team will finish out the long season Sun-

day at the Epilogue, a race near the freeway turnoff to Harrisburg, Junction City.

The Epilogue is the last race of the season, a season which saw Sanders rise close to the peripheral of breaking into national prominence in the cycling world.

After finishing second in an Olympic development race in Nevada City, Calif., which gave points toward making the national team, Sanders feels he is ready to try the bigtime. He plans on moving this winter to Colorado, a hotbed for cycling, where he'll get more national exposure.

"My performance there (Nevada City, Calif.) is indicative of the high level of ability I have the potential for," said Sanders. "I beat a few national class



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riders. Of course a lot of people can say that, it's just a matter of going on from there and keep improving.

"I've seen others break into the national class, and I feel I'm capable of it, too."

John Beckman, who was recruited off the streets of Portland like Sanders, burst on the national scene in 1979 with top finishes in big races, and has been a two-time national points race champion in 1981 and 1982.

"I don't think I will make as a dramatic start as John. I just want to do well in Colorado and be under the eye of the national team coaches. Hopefully, I'll be able to race on the national team, and maybe go on and race in Europe," said Sanders.

Those are big aspirations for someone who thought cycling would be "just a phase that I would go through before going on to something else," but the five-time state champion looks to have a good shot.

The Epilogue, which will close out the season, will feature four divisions and will begin at 12 a.m.

Warren requires surgery

Oregon's track and cross country All-American, Leann Warren, will undergo arthroscopic surgery Saturday morning for an injured knee.

"I'm 95-percent certain that she will redshirt this season," said Oregon cross country and track coach Tom Heinonen. "The surgery is just the last in a line of alternatives we've had."

Warren injured her knee early in July while beginning her training for the cross country season.

The loss of Warren, who was the top runner on the Duck cross country team, means the Ducks can realistically forego any hopes of winning this year's NCAA cross country championship.

"We will still have a good team," said Heinonen. "But anytime a team loses their No. 1 runner they can't expect to be as good as hoped. I think we can still finish in the top five, and maybe the top three."

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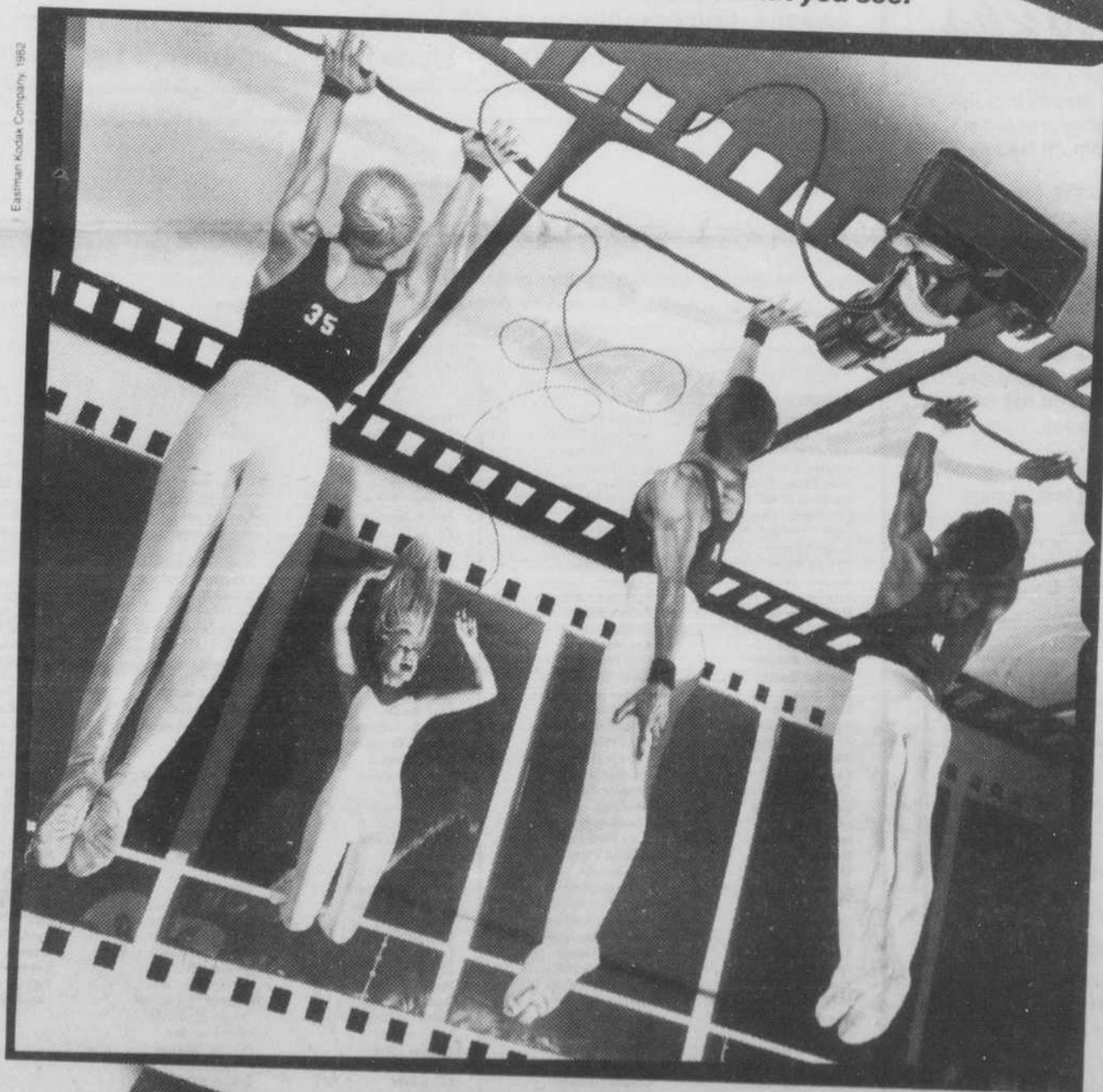
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