

Sports Oregon gymnasts fall to OSU in Gerlinger

By Dean Connor Of the Emerald

It proved to be a long evening for the Oregon gymnasts Wednesday night as the defen-ding NorPac Champion Oregon State University Beavers continued their domination of the Ducks by the score of 177.7-171.35.

The Beavers, who last lost to the Ducks in 1976, were clearly the better team as they swept Oregon in all four events. Oregon tried everything from the Jim McMahon-look wearing headbands and dark glasses to bringing in the Oregon Duck mascot, but fell apart after two events and never recovered.

Entering the third event, the balance beam, the Ducks were only down by the score of 87.85-85.5. But the beam has been a sore point all year for Oregon, and it proved to be that way again as OSU opened up a 5.0-point lead and never looked back

"We gave it away on the balance beam," said Oregon head coach Ed Boyd.

Boyd also felt the judges were biased toward the Beavers because they had a larger crowd than Oregon.

"Every year when Oregon State comes to town they always draw a larger audience then we do," Boyd said. "It's very difficult to compete when the visiting team has the home advantage.'

All was not lost for Oregon as

several Ducks put together excellent performances.

Freshman Nicky Eden led the way for the Ducks as she won three of four events and was the all-around scorer in the meet with a score of 36.90.

"We weren't going to use Nicky in all four events because she injured her ankle over the weekend in the meets in California," Boyd said. "But she said she felt OK so we let her compete."

As it turns out Eden defeated last year's NorPac all-around champion Michelle Gabiola even with the ankle trouble.

Other outstanding performers for the Ducks were Annie Marquett, who scored a 34.35 in the all-around and Denise Garcia who put together her finest performance of the season with an all-around score of 34.3.

With the loss, Oregon is now 8-7 for the season but more importantly falls to 1-2 in NorPac Conference action.

The Ducks now take to the road as they will be in Pullman. Wash. for a tri-meet on Friday including the Washington State University Cougars, the Stanford University Cardinal, and the University of California Bears.

Saturday Oregon travels to Spokane for a meet against Spokane Community College.

The Ducks then return home for a meet against NorPac rival Seattle Pacific University on Feb. 27 in Gerlinger Annex.

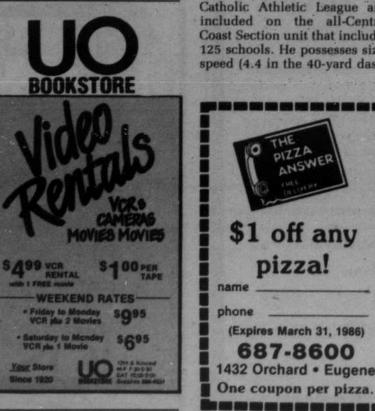


Cyndee Maxwell shows her form on the balance beam Wednes, day night in Gerlinger Annex as the Ducks lost to the visiting OSU Beavers, dropping to 8-7 for the season.

Oregon uncovers 1986 recruiting class

Oregon football coach Rich Brooks unveiled a list of 27 signees Wednesday as national letters of intent were sent out all over the nation.

The Ducks dipped into the junior college ranks and came up with three signees in a class that was heavy in the skillposition area. The Ducks signed six running backs, four wide receivers and two tight ends, to go along with one quarterback. Oregon finished off the list



with five offensive linemen, six defensive backs and three defensive linemen.

Oregon got 21 of the signees. from California, four from Oregon, and one each from Washington and Colorado.

The Ducks were very successful in the San Francisco Bay area as they came up with the San Francisco Examiner city player of the year in running back Derek Loville (5-11, 185).

Loville was the offensive back of the year in the Western Catholic Athletic League and included on the all-Ce Coast Section unit that includes 125 schools. He possesses size, speed (4.4 in the 40-yard dash)

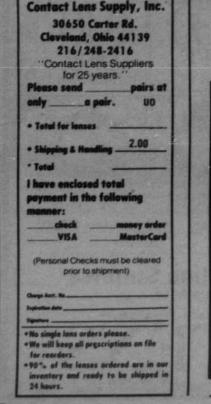
and strength (300 bench press).

Also from the Bay Area, the Ducks plucked running back-Russell Lawson (5-9, 170) from De La_Salle High School. Lawson was the San Francisco Examiner Bay Area prep.player of the year, and was included on the 40-player all-Northern California list and the first allstate team. He rushed for an incredible 1,586 yards and 29 touchdowns on only 13.8 carries

From the state of Oregon the Ducks got early signings from ded two more in staters to the list Wednesday with Crater's offensive linemen Preston Britton (6-5, 270) and Sheridan's defensive linemen Steve O'Connor (6-3, 215).

Oregon's other early signee was Colorado's Bill Musgrave (6-3, 185). Musgrave was the state 3A high school athlete of. the year in Colorado, and was tabbed by the Denver Post as the top collegiate prospect in the state.

One notable in-state recruit who got away from the Ducks was Hillsboro offensive lineman Adam Cooney. The 6-foot-7, 275 pound Cooney decide to attend-Washington.



\$1 off any pizza! name phone (Expires March 31, 1986) 687-8600 1432 Orchard • Eugene all-state tight end Mark Spear (6-2, 215) of Eugene's Churchill High School, and Forest Grove's defensive lineman Thad Holub (6-5, 220). They ad-



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