

Sports

Duck gymnasts sweep Washington four-way meets

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The Oregon gymnastics team started the second half of the season in style as it swept two four-way meets over the weekend in Washington.

The Ducks, who were coming off three meets in six days going into this weekend, showed no sign of fatigue as they recorded one of the biggest weekends in the history of Oregon gymnastics.

On Friday, the Ducks were in Pullman, Wash. and scored 173.15 to outdistance Stanford University (172.3), Washington State University (141.7) and the University of California (126.05).

Saturday, Oregon moved over to Spokane and finished off the weekend sweep with victories over

Spokane Community College, Eastern Washington University and the University of Montana.

"It was a great weekend for Oregon gymnastics," said Oregon coach Ed Boyd. "We just went out and did what we knew we could do — put together a consistent meet."

Friday night's victories were a total team effort as four Ducks had all-around scores of 34.15 or above. Once again, freshman Nicky Eden led the way for Oregon.

Eden, who finished second all-around in the meet with a score of 36.2, led Oregon in all four events, her top event being the floor exercise with a score of 9.25. Also pacing the Ducks Friday were Cyndee Maxwell, who had a season high score of 35.15, and Stephanie

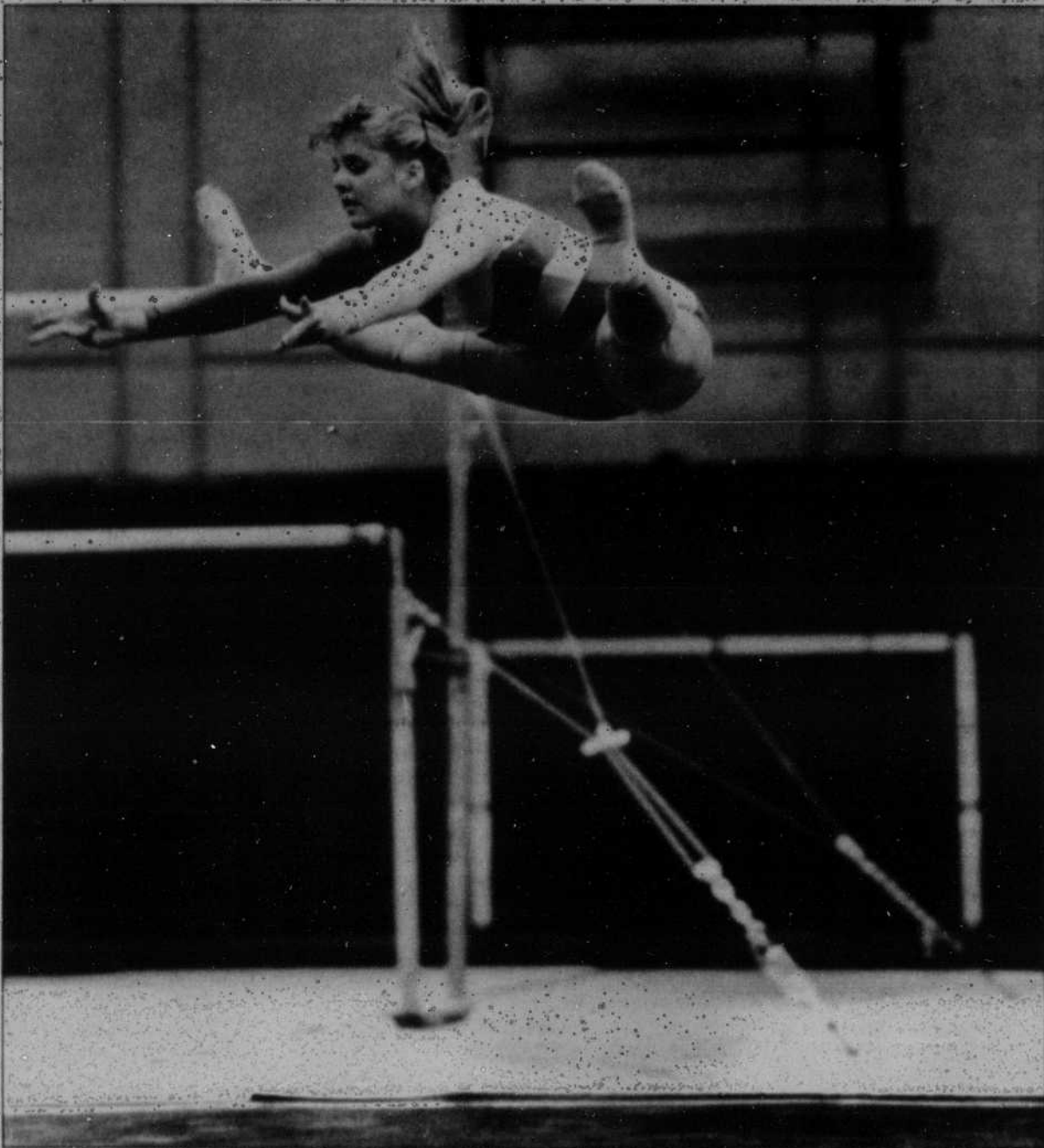
Marquett who scored 34.75.

Saturday, the Ducks had to show what they were made of. While warming up for the second event, the uneven bars, Eden fell off and injured her head.

With Eden unable to compete any further, the Ducks regrouped. Captain Denise Garcia responded, as she had her best meet ever as a Duck, taking first in the meet with an all-around score of 35.35.

With the six victories, the Ducks are now 14-7 and assured of their first winning season ever. More importantly, it puts the Ducks in a position to make the NCAA Western Regionals.

Unofficially, the Ducks are in seventh place and are fighting with two other teams for the all-important sixth and last spot in the Western Region.



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Cyndee Maxwell and her Oregon teammates enjoyed six victories over the weekend as they improved their season record to 14-7.

Floor hockey meeting slated

A clinic and orientation meeting for anyone who may be interested in participating either in the upcoming floor hockey intramural league or the floor hockey open gym nights will be held tonight in 352 Gerlinger Annex at 6:30.

The meeting will be used to go over floor hockey rules, orient people with the game and give them a chance to play in a short scrimmage, says Jay Walsh, one of the organizers of the floor hockey league that will be started for the first time at the University this spring.

Walsh also says that, at the meeting, an open gym time will be established during which time the floor hockey equipment will be set up in 352 Gerlinger Annex for people to use.

The gyms will be open for informal, drop-in play, but people will probably be organized into teams for playing.

The recreation and intramural

department recently purchased \$112 worth of floor hockey equipment including sticks and pucks to help get the league going, and they will be using nets borrowed from an elementary

school.

Walsh says he hopes the intramural league can get going next term, adding that he would like to get a lot of interest generated this term.

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