



Wrap 'em up

Tom Begay won the calf roping contest at the informal jackpot rodeo at the Warm Springs arena November 4. About 30 cowboys gathered for the chilly event.

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Marita Johnson Makes National Finals

Marita Johnson, a local barrel racer, is representing the Western States Rodeo Association this year at the National Finals which will be held at Salt Lake City, Utah in the Salt Palace November 23, 24 & 25.

Marita earned the right to go to the national finals by winning the finals at the Western States Rodeo Association held in White Swan, Washington.

Marita led the WSIRA all year long and earned a total of 1850 points to qualify for the right to go to the finals.

At the national finals she will have to make five runs. The

competition is anticipated to be very tough as there will be girls vying for the title from all parts of the U.S. and Canada.

Marita, the lone representative from Warm Springs this year, will represent Warm Springs in the barrel racing. Warm Springs contestants in all other events failed to qualify.

Competition was real tough this year in the rough stock and roping events. There were others who just didn't quite make enough points to represent their respective events.

Rodeo is America's No. 1 Sport.

Van Pelt Named To All-Stars

Chester Van Pelt was selected as an all conference defensive back in the Greater Oregon Football League. Van Pelt of Warm Springs was also very instrumental on the Buff offensive unit playing in the split end position.

One of the most important receptions for him this year was a pass from quarterback Jim Souers with just four seconds remaining in the game. The touchdown pass gave Madras a 13-12 victory over Vale. At that time Vale was the No. 1 rated AA team in the state.

There was only one other Buff to make No. 1 in the all conference selection and this was Doyle Gilliland, an offensive tackle. Gilliland also kicked the P.A.T. for the Buffs during

regular play.

Other all conference picks are as follows: In the fullback position on the second team was Branding Lofting. With honorable mention on the offensive unit were Jim Souers, Quarterback; at Center Rod Fessler; tight end, Pat Earl; running-back, Tony Carson; and split end Chester Van Pelt.

On the defensive unit in the secondary first team was Van Pelt. Defensive end on the second team is Brandon Lofting. Honorable mentions went to Doyle Gilliland at defensive end, and at down lineman was James Monroe.

The Greater Oregon League consists of teams from Crook County, Grant Union, Burns, Vale, Nyssa, Mac Hi and Madras.

"Hoss's" Team Fourth

Conrad "Hoss" Queahpama played tackle for the Mayfair Realty sponsored team, in the Portland Pop Warner Football league in Portland, Oregon.

During this year's regular football season Hoss's team won

6 and lost one.

Mayfair Realty lost the consolation in the All-City Game 25 to 9 in overtime. The team placed fourth in All-City.

Conrad is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Calvin Queahpama of Portland.

District Meet a Good Experience

At the District 7 Gymnastics finals held in Bend last week, the Madras girls, nervous because it was their first appearance in such competition, failed to place despite vigorous efforts by all team members.

"We knew we wouldn't place," said coach Leah Conner. She saw it as good experience for the young team.

"They know what district is and what to expect," Conner said.

Not having their full team at district, scores were low. Five members from each team are

allowed in each event. The Madras team filled that allowance in only one event.

The absence of Sharon Martinez also had a large effect on the Madras team. Sharon suffered a hand injury prior to the meet and was unable to compete.

Conner said the "judging was stiff and very efficient." She said the coaches of District 7 were saying that if the judges were efficient at all the meets, the teams would've been more efficient, too.

Bend won the District title for the second straight year.

Pendleton took second and Redmond was third.

The Madras team took over seven girls to the meet and they scored a total of 41.40 points. The title winner, Bend, had a total score of 112.45.

Cathy Danzuka, the only all-around competitor in Bend, for Madras, scored a total of 12.60. Her coach says she has done better at other meets.

Total scores for the season up to the seventh meet are: Carol Conner, 13.8; Dana Conner, 22.75; Tricia Courtney, 14.25; Cathy Danzuka, 44.06; and Eydie Switzler, 10.55.

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Gymnasts Have Promising Future Team

Just completing their first year in varsity action and competing for the first time in district finals, the Madras High School Gymnastics team, headed by Leah Conner, gained "good experience." The squad's first year in competition was in Junior Varsity.

With only two years tucked under their belt, the team is growing fast. "Everybody is a real hard working bunch," said assistant coach, Lola Freeman. I enjoy working with them all," she added.

The girls will be stronger in a few years. A large portion of the girls are freshman and sophomores and will have them extra years to help them. And with each performance comes more experience and improvement. "They show a lot of improvement from meet to meet," Freeman informed Spilyay.

It was learned that to be a gymnast it takes a lot more than what one would expect. Routines are done till they are perfected, being in good physical condition is almost a necessity, and watching your diet is advised.

A lot of girls take gymnastics in Jr. High and when they get to high school, they found there was a big difference. In Jr. High, the routine is already set. But in high school, the gymnast has to make up their own routine.

Cathy Danzuka, like most other girls, started gymnastics while in Jr. High. She said she wanted something to do so she joined and is really enjoying it. Cathy competes in all four events which are Balance beam, Uneven parallel bars, Floor Exercise, and Vault. She says she's best on the bars. According to Freeman, Cathy has a lot of potential. "She is real easy to teach and really tries hard to learn," said Freeman. But Cathy says "everything came pretty easy." Cathy admitted she's pretty nervous in front of all the people watching. "it's embarrassing if you fall or make a mistake," she said.

Most of the girls admitted not really watching their diet. Said Cathy Danzuka, freshman, "Other gymnasts come to practice and say they have to cut sweets and starches and stuff like that, I never. I don't really worry too much about it." On the other hand, sophomore Eydie

Switzler said she tries to watch what foods she eats and doesn't eat too much.

Eydie Switzler, sophomore, competed in the floor exercise and was learning the uneven parallel bars. This is her second year in gymnastics. She said she joined the team because it was fun and it's a good way to get exercise. She also said that she made a lot of friends by going to the various meets. A gymnast has to be working out and working out hard advised the gymnast. She said that she is going to stay in gymnastics while in high school and she some day

wants to be a coach in gymnastics. "It's scary," said Eydie about gymnastics, "it looks easy when you're watching."

Susan Guerin practices and travels with the Madras Team, but not as a competitor. Susan is from Culver and Culver doesn't have a team. So when Susan goes to meets, she just does exhibitions. Susan displays a lot of talent in all events. Lola Freeman accredits this to the many gymnastics camps she has gone to.

Tricia, and Dana Conner and Carol Conner round out the team for the Indians. They couldn't be reached for comment.



WITH A SMILE - Freshman gymnast Cathy Danzuka wears a perpetual smile even while practicing the most grueling routines. A competitor in all four events, Cathy "tries hard" and has lots of potential according to her coach.

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