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2003 Arizona Gymnastics Schedule/Results

1/11	@ Minnesota	W, 195.725-195.525
1/17	vs. Oregon State	W, 195.775-194.800
1/24	@ Washington, San Jose State	2 nd , 194.650
1/31	vs. Arizona State	L, 196.175-196.950
2/7	@ Cat Classic	3rd, 194.575
2/8	@ Cat Classic	
2/14	vs. Utah	L, 194.500-196.900
2/23	@ UCLA	L, 195.275-197.400
2/28	vs. Stanford	L, 196.850-196.950
3/7	@ California	L, 195.800-196.800
3/14	vs. Oklahoma	
3/22	@ Denver	
3/29	Pac-10 Championships	
4/12	NCAA Regional Championships	
4/24-	NCAA Championships	
4/26	NCAA Championships	

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2003 Overall Record 4-8

Pac-10 Conference Record 1-5

Home Record 1-3

Road Record 3-5

vs. Ranked Opponents 3-6

2003 Team/Individual Bests

Vault

@ Minnesota (1/11) 49.075
Abby Pearson (2/23) 9.925

Bars

vs. Stanford (2/28) 49.375
Monica Bisordi (2/28) 9.925

Beam

vs. Stanford (2/28) 49.275
Monica Bisordi (2/7, 2/14, 2/28) 9.925

Floor

vs. Stanford (2/28) 49.500
Katie Johnson (2/28) 9.975

Total/All-Around

vs. Stanford (2/28) 196.850
Monica Bisordi (2/14, 2/28) 39.600

Arizona Gymnastics Meet Notes

What's on Tap: The No. 18 University of Arizona women's gymnastics team (4-8, 1-5 Pac-10) will host No. 14 Oklahoma (9-6) in its final home meet of the regular season on Friday, March 14 at 7:30 p.m. (MST) in McKale Center.

Cats on TV: Arizona's match up with California last Friday will be televised on Fox Sports Net, with Barry Tompkins and Kathy Johnson Clarke calling the action. The meet will air from Friday, March 14—Sunday, March 16 at various times in various Fox Sports regions.

The Rankings: Arizona enters its final home meet of the season as the 18th ranked team in the nation owning a Regional Qualifying Score (RQS) of 195.750. Arizona's highest team mark (196.850) came in its last home meet against Stanford. As a team, the Wildcats are ranked 24th on vault (48.875), 21st on bars (48.955), 11th on beam (49.075) and No. 13 in the nation on floor (49.220). Individually for Arizona, sophomore Monica Bisordi is ranked 9th in the nation in the all-around (39.450), 23rd on beam (9.890) and 18th on floor (9.905). Sophomore Katie Johnson is ranked No. 18 in the nation on floor (9.905) and freshman Abby Pearson owns a No. 35 national ranking on vault (9.865).

About the Rankings: Unlike other collegiate athletic rankings, collegiate gymnastic rankings are not based on wins and losses or votes. Gymnastic teams are ranked by their meet scores. As of Feb. 24, teams and gymnasts will be ranked by Regional Qualifying Score (RQS). A Regional Qualifying Score is based on a team's top-six regular-season scores, with three scores coming from away meets. To obtain the regional qualifying score, the team's or gymnast's highest score is dropped and the remaining five scores are averaged. Complete rankings can be viewed at www.troester.com.

Arizona Head Coach Bill Ryden... is in his fifth season at the helm of the Arizona gymnastics program and holds a school and career record of 53-72-1. Ryden leads Arizona into 2003 after making his first appearance as a head coach at a NCAA Championship (2002), the program's first appearance since 1996. In 2002, Ryden earned Pac-10 Conference Coach of the Year honors as well as South Central Regional Coach of the Year honors, becoming the first head coach in Arizona history to have earned Regional Coach of the year honors.

Last Time Out: The No. 18 University of Arizona women's

gymnastics team fell on the road to No. 22 California, 195.800-196.800, on Friday, March 7 before a crowd of 975 in Cal's Haas Pavilion.

Arizona grabbed the team floor title for the second consecutive meet with a 49.325, the third-best mark of the season and the tenth-best score in team history. Arizona's overall score of 195.800 is the team's highest road mark of the season.

Individually for the Wildcats, sophomore Monica Bisordi tied for first-place honors on bars (9.900), finished second in the all-around (39.500), tied for second place on floor (9.925) and placed fourth on vault (9.875).

Sophomore Katie Johnson won her second-consecutive floor title with a 9.950 and landed in fourth place on beam with a season-high 9.875.

Junior Sheehan Lemley led Arizona on beam, posting a career-high 9.900 in the event, becoming the fifteenth gymnast in school history to post beam score of 9.900. Sophomore Kristine Harper finished fifth on floor with a career-high 9.875.

Freshman Abby Pearson finished fifth on vault with a 9.850 and senior Nikki Beyschau placed fifth on bars with a score of 9.825.

About the Sooners: The University of Oklahoma Sooners (9-6) enter Friday's meet as the 14th ranked team in the nation, owning a RQS of 195.935. As a team, Oklahoma is ranked No. 22 in the nation on vault (48.910), No. 13 on bars (49.060), No. 10 on beam (49.180) and No. 12 on floor (49.225). The Sooners are led by senior Patricia Aoki, the 25th ranked gymnast in the all-around (39.285), and freshman Kelly Haggerty, ranked No. 16 in the nation on beam (9.895). Oklahoma returns seven gymnasts from last year's squad, including six freshman newcomers. Head coach Steve Nunno (Umass, '79) enters his third year at the helm of the Oklahoma program and owns a career record of 46-23.

Oklahoma rides into Tucson on a season-best winning streak. The Sooners have won their last five meets, including four-straight dual meet victories. Oklahoma is coming off a record-setting performance after posting a school record team mark of 197.525 on March 7.

Last Season: Arizona and Oklahoma squared off last season in Norman, Okla., where the Sooners topped the Wildcats, 195.550-196.700. In spite of the loss, Arizona was able to post its second-best team vault score in school history (49.500).

Against Oklahoma: Arizona has not hosted Oklahoma in McKale Center since March 12, 1999, when the Wildcats

defeated the Sooners, 195.575-194.625. Under head coach Bill Ryden, Arizona is 2-4 against Oklahoma overall and 1-0 against the Sooners in Tucson.

On the Road: Arizona was able to increase its RQS after posting a solid mark of 195.800 at Cal last Friday. The Cats' score of 195.800 is the team's highest road mark of the season.

Beam me Up: Junior Sheehan Lemley was able to hit a career-high 9.900 on beam last week at Cal, leading the Wildcats in the event with a second-place finish. Lemley became the fifteenth gymnast in school history to post beam score of 9.900.

Floor It: Arizona posted a 49.325 against Cal to win the team floor title for the second consecutive meet. The score was the third-best mark of the season and the tenth-best score in team history. Arizona has posted a team floor mark of 49.000 or better in the last four meets. Also at Cal, sophomore Katie Johnson won her second-consecutive floor title with a 9.950 and sophomore Kristine Harper finished fifth on floor with a career-high 9.875.

Senior Night: Friday's meet will be the final home meet for senior team captain Nikki Beyschau. The team will honor Beyschau for her four years of leadership and dedication to the Arizona program.

Against Ranked Opponents: With its loss to Cal, Arizona dropped to 3-6 against ranked opponents on the season. The Wildcats are 1-3 versus ranked opponents at home and 1-4 against ranked Pac-10 opponents.

Stacked Pac: The Pacific-10 Conference is well represented in the national rankings with all seven Pac-10 teams ranked in the top-25. UCLA leads the Conference at No. 1, followed by No. 2 Arizona State, No. 6 Stanford, No. 10 Oregon State, No. 12 Washington, No. 17 California and No. 18 Arizona.

Cats on the Radio: The Arizona Gymnastics team will make a series of guest appearances to two Tucson radio stations throughout the season. On every Thursday before a home meet, the Wildcats can be heard on KiiM-FM Tucson's Country Leader's early morning show. On each Wednesday, the Cats will join Rich Herrera on Fox Sports Radio 1290 AM.

Up Next: Arizona will travel to Denver, Colo. for its final meet of the regular season to take on Denver and West Virginia on Saturday, March 22 at 6 p.m. (MST).

