

Frosh Cogers Love, Drozdiak

'Big Two' Speak Out

By JOHN ANDERSON

It would be hard to find a more different pair of basket-ball-playing classmates than Bill Drozdiak and Stan Love.

Their personalities, opinions and backgrounds are from two different jigsaw puzzles—they just won't fit together right.

Love High Jumper

"I was a track man," Stan explained. "I excelled in the high jump. As a high school freshman I went six feet, then quit the team.

"When I was a sophomore," Stan continued, "my high school coaches asked me to try out for the basketball team. The next, I guess, is history. I had an 8.8 average as a junior and 25.4 as a senior, with a high game of 48 points."

Drozdiak, on the other hand, has been playing since he was a fourth grader. "My dad was a former coach," Bill said, "and he got me playing organized ball in fifth grade. I played varsity ball for three years at Del Mar High in San Jose, and was lucky enough to be picked as a couple all-star team."

He wouldn't say it, but Bill was an all-Northern California choice as a senior, when he averaged 24.5 points a game.

Their past revealed, the fellows began to talk about the present.

Coaches' Goal . . .

"The coaches' main goal for the Frosh is to develop the players for the Varsity," Bill explained. "As for the players—our goal was to go undefeated."

The players' goal will have to go unfulfilled this year. The Frosh, who now sport a 13-1 record, were 11-4 until Love, Drozdiak, starting forward John Coover and reserve Jay Crittenden were suspended for a game due to a minor infraction of training rules. The four missed the Jan. 27 contest at Oregon State, and the Duckling cogers dropped a 73-44 decision.

Bill wouldn't say a thing about the suspension. He reacted only with an icy stare and an abrupt "No comment."

But Stan was willing to voice



STAN LOVE (L) AND BILL DROZDIAK

Among Top Frosh Prospects

(Jay Crittenden is at extreme right)

his opinion. "I thought the punishment was too harsh for the players involved and also for the rest of the team. It did not serve its purpose. We were all aiming for an undefeated season," he added.

Opinions Clash

His opinion clashes with that of the coaching staff. "The discipline had to be done," head coach Steve Belko has said, "and we do not regret it, regardless of the loss."

Neither Bill nor Stan seemed too bitter. "We're looking forward to next year's running offense," Stan commented. "And I would very much like to play under Steve Belko—he's a very fine coach."

"That goes for me, too," Drozdiak said. "We're a well-balanced team and we're all pretty good friends, so we play well together. As for Frosh coach Steve Hener—he's really great."

Stan and Bill are much more than just basketball players. Their thoughts revolve around many things—particularly the opposite sex. Their opinions on this aspect of campus life, however, are as diversified as everything else between them.

"I've met a few really great girls here at Oregon," Bill offered, "as I'm playing the field."

Cock-Eyed Glance

Stan took a cock-eyed glance at his roommate. "The girls here," he drawled, "are not as friendly or as good-looking as Southern California girls." Maybe this attitude can be traced to his "very beautiful girlfriend in

L.A.," in Stan's own words. Both students, like nearly everyone at the University, are vitally concerned with academics. Bill is a pre-law student who had a 3.83 GPA first semester. Stan is majoring in Liberal Arts.

Both would give pro basketball a try if they had the opportunity. "If I ever gained the chance," Bill explained, "I'd try it, but not for more than one or two years, because I feel retiring with a scrapbook of newspaper clippings is not worthwhile. I want to contribute something more to society than just playing basketball—I want to accomplish something worthwhile."

Would Take Pro Challenge

"If I had the chance to play pro," Stan said, "I would, to see if I could accept the challenge, and to satisfy myself as a ball-player."

Scouting reports say that Stan "could be the top 'big man' to enter Oregon in several years; at 6-9 he is fast enough to play forward, and he shoots extremely well."

Stan's 23.8 average this year and 57.2 shooting percentage substantiate these remarks.

Bill, according to reports, is "an outstanding shooter from any point on the court . . . an outstanding prospect." Currently he carries a 17.7 average, with a 52.7 percentage from the field.

No one is going to differ with the fact that they're both outstanding prospects. That's one thing they have in common.

Swimmers Meet Pacific Saturday

Saturday afternoon at 2 p.m. the Oregon swim team meets University of the Pacific from Stockton, Calif., in Leighton Pool.

Last season, the two teams met at Sasekton, and the Ducks scored an overpowering 76-26 victory, with UP capturing only two first places. The swimmer gaining these wins, Phil Strick, will be back to torment the Ducks Saturday.

Strick, fourth in last year's collegiate championships, took the 50 and 100-yard freestyle events, at a time when the

Ducks' All-American sprinter Bob Boyer, was out of action. Boyer and teammates Joe Roster, Doug Prudden, Steve Johnson, and Bruce Hess, will be eager to test Strick in the short distance races this weekend.

Other powerful UP members are Rex Hoover and Greg DeCristofaro. Hoover, a breast-stroker and individual medley swimmer, will be opposed by Oregon's Alan Schuster and Bruce Hess. DeCristofaro is a former junior college All-American diver who finished first in one meter and third in three meter diving in the 1966 national JC competition.

Duck swim coach Don Van Rosson feels that the team's all-around attitude and spirit, which led the Webfoots to last week's battering at University of Washington, will again be present this week. The Ducks are viewing the UP meet as another hurdle toward their season goal—beating UCLA for third place in conference standings.

500 Tickets Left

Only about 500 student tickets remain for Saturday night's basketball game with defending champion UCLA, according to the athletic department, public relations and promotions director Art Litchman.

"There was a fairly long run today," Litchman told the Emerald Wednesday afternoon. "This was probably partly because of the polling place right outside McArthur Court."

IM Schedule

- BASKETBALL
- 2:30—Court 98—Willcox A vs. Stafford A
- Court 43—DeCou A vs. Bean West A
- 4:35—Court 40—Soul Brothers A vs. Amazon A
- Court 43—Black Knights A vs. Brown Helmets A
- 5:15—Court 40—Phi Delta Theta A vs. Beta Theta Pi A
- Court 43—Kappa Sigma A vs. Phi Kappa Psi A
- HANDBALL
- 4:00—College Inn vs. Theta Chi

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Gymnasts on Road, Face Three Foes

By BEN KALB

Oregon's gymnastic squad, now boasting a 4-2 season campaign, takes to the road this afternoon for two triangular meets over the weekend.

Vancouver, B.C., is the first stop for Coach Dick Smith and his 12-man traveling unit. Friday in Vancouver the Webfoot ironmen will face the British Columbia Lions and the University of Alberta. Then it's back on the road again for a meet in Seattle against Alberta and the powerful University of Washington.

Smith states, "We'll probably come back with a 3-3 record, losing only to Washington. However," added the Duck mentor, "we are going to give them a meet they'll never forget."

Strong is the word to identify the Huskies, and depth can also be added to their vocabulary list. Washington, coached by Eric Hughes, are paced by not one, but three 50 point all-around men.

Yoshi Hayashi and Bo Bennett will lead the team. Accord-

ing to Smith, the Huskies also have a good in-depth trampoline team, led by Jon Hardin.

Last year the Ducks scored their best of the season, 160 points, against the Seattle squad, but still lost by 20. The Huskies are co-favorites with UCLA and California to win the AAWU this year, a title they have held for the last four years.

British Columbia is sparked by Bill Mackey, who will duel Oregon's Wayne Noecker in all-around. Alberta also boasts a fine squad with plenty of depth.

The Ducks will depend on Dave Telling in floor exercise, Ken Bellerton in side horse, and Brad Hunter, Noecker and Jim Hampton on the parallel bars. Telling and Bob Leach will go on high bar, and Jim Lambert will pace the ring squad. The Olson boys, Dave and Mike, should score high on the long horse.

If the Ducks do return home from their road trip with a 3-1 record, their season campaign will add up to their best mark ever, 7-3.

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