

Robby quits

The Oregon football staff lost its second member within two months Monday when John Robinson resigned as offensive coordinator.

Robinson, 35, will take a position on John McKay's USC football staff. Robinson was Coach Jerry Frei's top assistant for the past three seasons.

Robinson's resignation, coupled with defensive coordinator Norm Chapman's resignation in December, again gave rise to rumors that have circulated for several weeks about the possibility of a shakeup in the Oregon football staff. The Ducks experienced a 5-6 1971 campaign.

Frei, Monday night, explained the circumstances concerning Robinson's resignation. "John just got a real fine offer from USC. It's a desirable coaching job and I do believe it's a real opportunity for him to expand in football.

"I certainly don't read anything concerning a shakeup into this at all. It's just a new opportunity."

Frei felt no connection could be drawn between Chapman's and Robinson's resignations. "Norm and John are two

different cases. Chapman had been thinking of quitting for a year. With John, I found out a week ago he was going to quit. However, I know he was interested in leaving. So I really don't think you can apply the matter of a shakeup in this respect."

Robinson's duties on the Trojan staff have not yet been designated.

Robinson was affiliated with the University for 17 years, playing football in 1955-57, including on the Rose Bowl squad of 1958. He served as assistant freshman coach in 1958 and 1959 as a graduate student, moving up to freshman coach in 1960.

USC coach McKay was an assistant coach at Oregon while Robinson played football.

Frei praised Robinson, calling him "a brilliant young coach. He's been most helpful to me. I have to say we're really going to miss him."

Grapplers upend PSU; Cyclones next

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Oregon's wrestling team was supposed to be "put in its place" Saturday when the Ducks traveled to Portland State for a dual match.

After all, PSU is ranked 12th in the nation. And the Ducks start five freshmen, and even though the team was 4-0, freshmen will eventually make mistakes and lose the tough ones.

Not so. Or at least not yet. The surprising Ducks did it again, upsetting the Vikings, 24-12. Oregon is now, unbelievably, 5-0. Last year the Ducks won five dual matches during the entire season. Also, it was the first time in ten years the Ducks could beat Portland State.

It will be found out Thursday how real—or unreal—the Ducks are when top ranked Iowa State Cyclones invades Mac Court for a dual match. Iowa St. features three national champions.

Against Portland State the Ducks acted like freshmen. They showed no respect for a team better than them, and frosh Don Evans turned in the Key victory.

With Oregon ahead 9-6 Evans took on Sam Jones in what was expected to tie the match. But the

rookie from Garden Grove, Calif. where he was a state champion and high school all-American, bested his favored opponent, 4-1. Evans also extended his personal winning string to four straight.

Senior Brent Merrill put Oregon on top for good by pinning David Jennings in the second round. He made the score 9-3 and won his fourth of his last five matches.

Freshman Wes Hines won by default in the second round of his match at 190 pounds. Martin Roberts entered the match with a sore knee and Hines was dominating the bout before Roberts surrendered early in the round.

Another Oregon freshman, Pete Purkey, extended his unbeaten streak to seven matches using a six-point third period to smother Sam Oono, 7-2. Purkey got a take-down and a near-fall to break open the tight dual. Purkey is now 6-2-1 on the season.

Surprisingly, the Ducks are unawed with the credentials Iowa St. will bring Thursday. Frankly they believe they have as good a shot as anyone of upsetting the nation's no. 1 ranked team and with good reason.

"They may be looking right past us" said Coach Ron Finley. "They have Oregon State the next night and then Washington after that." The latter is ranked third in the nation, OSU fifth. And Iowa St. has one match prior to meeting the Ducks, so to the visitors, Oregon could seem like just another date prior to the "big" ones.

Hines, who has to tangle with a national champion, put it best "If he ties up with me and I can throw him, I'll throw him. I'm not prejudice who I throw."

Such is the winning spirit of Oregon's winning freshmen.

EWS Falls, 145-89.60

Gymnasts notch easy triumph

The "Flying Ducks" easily handled Eastern Washington State Friday, capturing all six individual events en route to a final 145.00-89.60 score.

Trey MacDowell won the all-around with 46.25 and turned in a season high of 8.60 in taking the high bar competition.

Co-captain Bruce Hoyt also was a big winner as he placed first in one event and tied for top honors in two others. In addition, Steve Cooper tied his own school record in the side horse with an 8.65 effort.

Other Oregon gymnasts who topped their events were Kevin Cornelius in the rings and Greg Maxwell in the long horse vaulting. John Lehman placed in

several events in taking second in the all-around competition.

Assistant coach Makoto Sakamoto thought that the team performed well, but "we were sluggish in the floor exercise." He also was very impressed with the rapidly improving Warren Weiseth, who placed a strong second on the high bar. Sakamoto looks for a team score of about 150 in the next few meets. Vaulting is one place where the Ducks should pick up more points very soon. "We need to do more difficult vaults—more twisting vaults."

The squad will be getting several chances for improvement in the very near future. January 20 they take on Portland State

and Jan. 22 they will be in Eugene again to go against Central Washington State at 2 p.m. in Mac Court.

FLOOR EXERCISE — 1, Bruce Hoyt, UO, 8.55. 2, Wayne Reagan, UO, 8.20. 3, Trey MacDowell, UO, 7.85.
LONG HORSE — 1, Steve Cooper, UO, 8.65. 2, Joe Percival, UO, 7.75. 3, Scott Noble, EWAC, 4.25.
RINGS — 1, Kevin Cornelius, UO, 9.75. 2, Doug Church, UO, 8.65. 3, Trey MacDowell, UO, 8.00.
SHORT HORSE — 1, (tie), Greg Maxwell, UO, and Bruce Hoyt, UO, 8.55. 3, John Lehman, UO, 8.45.
PARALLEL BARS — 1, (tie), Bruce Hoyt, UO, and Trey MacDowell, UO, 7.65. 3, John Lehman, UO, 6.65.
MONTANA BAR — 1, Trey MacDowell, UO, 8.30. 2, Warren Weiseth, UO, 8.25. 3, Bruce Hoyt, UO, 8.20.
ALL-AROUND — 1, Trey MacDowell, UO, 46.25. 2, John Lehman, UO, 41.85. 3, Bruce Hoyt, UO, 40.55.
TEAM — Oregon, 145.00, Eastern Washington, 89.60.

Once it was safe to make the cynical statement "The varsity is so bad, the Frosh could do a better job."

Now the time has come when the decades of caustic observers will have the validity of their claims determined.

Sunday, in a vote taken by athletic directors and Faculty representatives, the Pacific-8 approved freshman participation in the varsity sports of football and basketball starting next fall.

The announcement conformed with a Jan. 9 NCAA ruling granting conferences permission to decide for themselves if they want freshmen in varsity competition.

With the inclusion of football and basketball, Oregon freshmen are eligible to compete in all varsity sports.

Head football coach, Jerry Frei, said Monday "Truthfully, I'm not all the way for freshman eligibility. Our season starts before school does and I'd like our young athletes to get in the routine of school.

"But the conference has to if everyone else is going to use freshmen."

Looking at the "crop" of expected fall freshmen, Frei feels "several can make the varsity. While it would be a little abnormal to think a freshman can become an ace player for you, you can expect some to come on and give you depth as the season goes on."

Pac-8 OKs frosh rule

Frosh clip Boxers; win eighth straight

The Pacific JV Boxers and boxer Terry Daniels most likely share some mutual feelings after this weekend. They probably both have some regrets about their performances Saturday night.

For at about the same time that Daniels was being put on the ropes by a guy named Frazier, the Boxers were taking a shellacking of their own in the form of a 114-52 trouncing by the Oregon Frosh.

By all rights, the contest should have been called after the first half, as the Ducklings had a 52-32 lead at intermission. But unlike Daniels, who got a reprieve from the officials in the fourth round, the Boxers got no such relief, and had to suffer the full forty minutes.

In the second half, the Frosh really took off the kid gloves in outscoring their opponents 62-20. At one point the Frosh scored 18 unanswered points and held Pacific to only nine counters in the final 11 minutes.

In the opening minutes, the contest took on the appearance of a closely fought battle as Pacific had as much as a three point lead. However seven minutes into the contest, the Boxers relinquished the lead, never to have it again.

The Frosh got some hot outside shooting from forward Ken Stringer, and found Paul Benson and Gerald Willett open inside frequently to build the 20 point halftime lead.

After intermission, the Ducklings wasted no time in what coach Dick Stewart labeled "a great second half." They started right where they had left off and pulled to a 30 point lead, six minutes into the period.

Stewart refused to single out any individuals, calling his team's eighth straight victory "a good team effort." And scoring wise, at least, that it was, as the Ducklings had six men in double figures.

Four of those, Ken Stringer, Paul Benson, Ken Kincheloe and Gerald Willett, led the Duckling's scoring efforts with 18 each. Mark Carver and Stan Grove came off the bench in the second half to contribute 10 apiece. Pacific was led by guard Dave Cook, who scored 16.

It was the second game in a row that the Frosh shot over 50 per cent from the field, hitting at a .511 clip. Stewart attributed this to the teamwork displayed by his charges. "I was very pleased with their teamwork," he said. "I thought we took much better shots, and hit the open man inside really well."

The Frosh came out with a new three-guard offense and Stewart was fairly pleased with the way his team ran it. "I thought it was time to try something new. I like it, because it has a lot of options. I'm sure as the guys get used to it, they'll be running it much better."

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