

Flying Ducks to host top-ranked ASU

In what Oregon gymnastics Coach Bill Ballester calls "the greatest dual gymnastics meet to come to McArthur Court," the Flying Ducks host top-ranked Arizona State tonight at 8 p.m.

Students without minor sports passes will be admitted for \$1. Through special ticket arrangements, families will be admitted for \$3, if tickets are purchased before 5 p.m.

The Sun Devils' lofty ranking doesn't scare the Ducks. This will be the third No. 1 team Oregon has faced this season, the other two being Indiana State and Louisiana State.

Arizona State notched the top score in the nation last week of 217.60. Oregon's top mark has been 210.55, which doesn't bother Ballester a bit.

"You'd have to consider ASU tops in the country," he said, "but you've also got to realize that 217 is an inflated score. (In other words, the judges went overboard)."

The Sun Devils are very similar to Oregon, as they boast some of the nation's best gymnasts. L.J. Larson, a two-time All-American on the pommel horse, finished second in the NCAA last year and has the nation's top score this year — 9.75.

Herb Hansen holds the nation's best mark on the high bar — 9.85

— and all-around performer Mark Dedrick is another All-American who has gone 9.65 on the high bar and 9.45 in vaulting.

"It boils down to the depth of each team," said Ballester. "I think it's going to be one close meet."

Ballester calls all the events virtual toss-ups except the rings,

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where the Ducks have a slight edge, and the parallel bars, where Arizona State appears stronger.

"Most events won't be won by more than half-a-point to a point," Ballester said.

The Sun Devils are 10-0 and Oregon is 14-1 in dual meets. "Judging from our scores each week and the two teams we've beaten," said Ballester, "I'd say we're one of the top two teams in the country. Arizona State, even though their score was pumped a little, has to be considered tops."

From a spectator's standpoint, Ballester said, the meet should be "nothing less than super."

"If the teams get pumped, the fans get pumped and the judges do a good job, the scores could soar."



Tom Truedson will be competing on side horse for the Ducks

Photo by Kerrie Steinhauer

AD selection delayed "at least two weeks"

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The selection of a new athletic director won't be made for at least two more weeks, according to University Vice-President Ray Hawk.

With the withdrawal of William Cobey, David Hart and Bob Hicks shrinking the list to just three applicants, Hawk has invited two more candidates to be interviewed next week. He declined to reveal the names however.

"We haven't been completely satisfied with the ones we have," said Hawk. "Therefore, we'll bring in two more next week and depending on how they do, we should have an AD by the following week."

Three candidates are presently on the list: Norm Van Brocklin, Pro Football Hall of Fame quarterback and Oregon Alumnus; Bob Broadhead, Portland accountant and former President of the Portland Thunder, and Ray Nagel, athletic director at Washington State.

Hawk indicated that there is no hurry in making the decision. "Nobody feels we have to stampede into this," he said. "We'll take a week or a month if we have to in order to make the right decision."

The search committee interviewed Nagel last week. Despite a \$300,000 athletic deficit Washington State has built up, Hawk feels Nagel is a capable candidate.

"He's done a good job," said Hawk. "That deficit is a miracle at Washington State. What chance to do they have to make money? They're in the middle of a wheat field with a very small population. To sustain an athletic budget you need a gate at football and basketball games."

"He's raised more funds than we have here, and Washington State has only one-third the potential."

Hawk indicated, however, that Nagel's status as a candidate is shakey.

"He's not really an avid candidate," said Hawk. "We wanted to talk to him, but I don't know if we offered it to him tomorrow that he'd take it."

The two candidates arriving next week may have the inside track, as Broadhead and Van Brocklin's lack of experience at the college level could hurt them.

"Both of them (Broadhead and Van Brocklin) have a lot of fine qualities; we're well aware of that," said Hawk. "But we really don't think you can be a good college AD if you've only been involved with pro athletics."

"In the pros, you make decisions on an economic basis. But in college, you have to work with students and faculty. Many believe that the pros would feel alienated under these circumstances."

Sportfolio

Ducks sign prep grid star

Steve Coury and Jeff Wood, two of Oregon's most widely acclaimed prep players, have decided to stay in state to play college football.

Coury, a senior at Lakeridge High School in Lake Oswego, has chosen Oregon State. Wood, finishing his final year at The Dalles, will be heading for the University of Oregon. Both are backs.

Donahue named UCLA coach

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Terry Donahue, 31-year-old former defensive tackle and a member of Dick Vermeil's UCLA coaching staff, was named the Bruins' football coach Wednesday, a UCLA spokesman announced.

Donahue will take over the spot vacated by Vermeil, who Sunday announced he will coach the Philadelphia Eagles.

Donahue coached the Bruins' offensive line for the past five years, including the past two under Vermeil.

Donahue at 23 had become one of the youngest major college assistant coaches in the country when, during his first year out of UCLA, he joined Pepper Rodgers' staff at the University of Kansas in 1967.

Donahue becomes the 14th head coach in the 57-year history of Bruin football. He is the first former UCLA player named as Bruin head coach since George Dickerson filled the post in 1958.

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