

## A new hope

and a Mac Court welcome



After yet another losing season and the firing of a coach last year, you'd think any fan of Oregon football would go underground or turn into a closet Kamikazi, right?

Wrong. Just ask any one of about 15 recruits who stood bug-eyed in the center circle of McArthur Court Saturday night during halftime of the California game as 10,500 fans cheered as if it were Earl Williams making a hustle play for a basket.

How can anyone get excited about a bunch of high school seniors who aren't even verified Oregon students yet? It may have been that the Ducks were so far ahead, the crowd was bored stiff.

But new head football coach Rich Brooks doesn't think that was the case.

"After witnessing a lot of basketball games in Mac Court, I thought the kids might have gotten a good reception," he said, "but it still made a great impression on the young student-athletes. Not too many people ever get a rafter-shaking ovation from 10,000 people."

Brooks is a coach with quite a task ahead of him—rebuilding a team demoralized by losses and regaining spectator interest from people who have turned cynical.

He knew all that before he took the job, however, and the former Oregon State letterman is working his tail off trying to make the Ducks a winning team, something two coaches before him have been unable to do. With the Feb. 16 date when letters-of-intent can be signed fast approaching, Brooks is confident if not overly optimistic.

"There's no way I'll be totally happy about the recruiting," he remarked. "Getting a late start, we can't get a foot in the door with some players we wanted to recruit. But of the kids we did go after, we feel that half are now 50-50 about attending the University."

One thing Brooks did is restrict his area. Although the football staff is recruiting two high-schoolers from Houston, Tex., the great majority of hunting is being done in California, Washington, Idaho, and Oregon.

And there are several Oregonians the staff wants. Badly. Notable among these natives are Sunset High stars Bob Fronk and Scott Tiesing—two preppers that Brooks calls "perhaps the two best players in the state."

With blue-chippers like these, you can be sure the red carpet will be rolled out when the two AAA stars make a visit to campus in the next two weeks.

And Brooks believes in the start-from-scratch theory rather than building a program with JC transfers. Of the 30 scholarships available to him next year, the coach will use only two for JC players. Twenty-one will be used for rookies.

What about the nucleus of varsity members who, for some, have gone through two coaches already? There is a new attitude in store.

"I'm not a man who puts labels on things," stated Brooks. "To me, a wide open game means putting some points on the board. If we can move the ball, I'd call that an open offense." And that could mean some shaking-up.

"First string last year doesn't mean first string this year," said the coach. "One thing I noticed last year playing Oregon was the lack of true desire to win. The players I have talked to are looking forward to spring practice thinking there really will be a change. The number-one thing will be guys who have the desire to battle adversity."

It will be a couple of months before the coaches see any workouts in spring practice, but when actual play starts, Rich Brooks will do his proving in the games.

"The flim-flam man has been through Oregon already," he said. "I won't make any rash promises. I don't know how it will be, but one thing I plan on doing is being honest."

"The real test will come next fall on the field."

## Gold medal decathlete Jenner awarded AAU Sullivan trophy

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Bruce Jenner expected it, and he got it — the James E. Sullivan Memorial Trophy from the Amateur Athletic Union as the outstanding amateur athlete in the United States in 1976.

The Olympic decathlon champion, who set a world record 8,618 points in the gruelling 10-event track and field test at Montreal last summer, beat out swimmer John Naber and figure skater Dorothy Hamill, both also Olympic gold medal winners.

"This is the perfect way to end my athletic career," declared Jenner Monday when the award was

announced.

Asked if he expected to win the Sullivan Award this time, after being second a year ago, Jenner smiled and answered, "I'd have to say, yes, I did. I had a better season than I had the year before."

Jenner, 27, scored 4,017 points while Naber, the Olympic swimming star from Menlo Park, Calif., had 2,314 and Miss Hamill, of Riverside, Conn., 1,718.

All 10 finalists were on the U.S. Olympic team.

The award honors the founder of the AAU and was first given to golfer Bobby Jones in 1930. Jenner became the 47th recipient.

## San Francisco still number one

San Francisco, UCLA and Kentucky, the top three teams in The Associated Press college basketball poll, are right where they were a week ago. But Nevada-Las Vegas plummeted from fourth place to 10th in Tuesday's rankings.

San Francisco, unbeaten in 23 games, routed St. Mary's, Calif., 103-77 and Nevada-Reno 98-81 to hold on to its No. 1 ranking. The Dons received all but seven of the 58 first-place votes cast and amassed 1,115 points, 106 more than second-place UCLA.

The Bruins, who received six first-place votes, beat Tennessee 103-89 on national television, then knocked off Pacific-8 Conference rivals Washington 75-65

beat Vanderbilt and Louisiana State to edge up one spot to seventh; Minnesota, 16-1, beat Northwestern to move up two rungs to No. 8; Marquette, 14-3 and sixth a week ago, lost by a point to Cincinnati and sank to No. 9, and Nevada-Las Vegas rounds out the Top Ten.

In the Second Ten, Tennessee is still 11th and Cincinnati is once

again No. 12. Arkansas edged up one spot to 13th and dropped North Carolina down one place. Clemson did the same to Providence, taking away No. 15 and dropping the Friars to 16th. Syracuse, Arizona, Detroit and VMI round out the field.

VMI is the lone newcomer to the rankings, replacing Purdue's Boilermakers, 18th a week ago.

## Blazers' Walton still out; doubtful for all-star game

PORTLAND (AP) — Bil Walton will not play tonight when the Portland Trail Blazers host the Denver Nuggets in a showdown between two of the season's most successful National Basketball Association teams.

And if the Blazer captain's injury doesn't improve soon, he will miss the NBA all-star game next Sunday.

The Denver contest will be the fifth straight game the 6-foot-11 center has missed because of an inflamed Achilles tendon in his right foot.

Portland coach Jack Ramsay said Walton went to Kah-Nee-Ta, a resort on the Warm Springs Indian Reservation in north central Oregon, to treat the legs in hot baths there.

"We are hopeful that will help," Ramsay said.

Ramsay said he hopes Walton will be able to work out Wednesday and Thursday and be able to see limited action when the Blazers are host to Atlanta Friday night.

"He has to be able to work out at least one day before he will be able to play," he said.

"If Bill can't play Friday, though, he should be all right to play in the all-star game."

## The top twenty

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| 1. San Francisco 51 | 23-0 | 1,115 |
| 2. UCLA 6           | 18-2 | 1,009 |
| 3. Kentucky         | 16-2 | 800   |
| 4. Wake Forest      | 18-2 | 673   |
| 5. Michigan         | 17-2 | 606   |
| 6. Louisville       | 17-2 | 585   |
| 7. Alabama          | 7-2  | 425   |
| 8. Minnesota 1      | 16-1 | 405   |
| 9. Marquette        | 14-3 | 355   |
| 10. Ne-LV           | 18-2 | 336   |
| 11. Tennessee       | 16-3 | 275   |
| 12. Cincinnati      | 16-3 | 254   |
| 13. Arkansas        | 19-1 | 245   |
| 14. N. Carolina     | 15-4 | 183   |
| 15. Clemson         | 17-3 | 116   |
| 16. Providence      | 18-3 | 85    |
| 17. Syracuse        | 18-2 | 68    |
| 18. Arizona         | 16-3 | 59    |
| 19. Detroit         | 18-1 | 55    |
| 20. VMI             | 18-1 | 27    |

and Washington State 72-59. The only other first-place vote went to eighth-ranked Minnesota.

Kentucky's Wildcats, 16-2, edged Mississippi State 92-85, then mauled Vanderbilt 113-73 to stay No. 3 with 800 points.

The Rebels of Nevada-Las Vegas started out the week by edging Bradley 107-106. But they were beaten 88-84 by Illinois State and barely beat Rutgers 89-88 to drop six spots to 10th.

Fourth this week is Atlantic Coast Conference-leading Wake Forest with its 18-2 record. The Demon Deacons beat ACC rivals Duke 89-80 and Virginia 80-72 to climb a spot from fifth. Michigan, 17-2, beat Indiana 89-84 and Ohio State 93-72 to jump two spots to No. 5.

Louisville beat Memphis State and Providence to improve its record to 17-2 and leaped up three places to sixth; Alabama, 17-2,



### WEDNESDAY, FEB. 9

**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL** — Oregon College of Education vs. Oregon at McArthur Court, 7:30 p.m.; Oregon College of Education JVs vs. Oregon JVs, 5:30 p.m.

### THURSDAY, FEB. 10

**MEN'S BASKETBALL** — Oregon vs. California in Berkeley, 8 p.m.

### FRIDAY, FEB. 11

**MEN'S BASKETBALL** — Oregon vs. Stanford in Palo Alto, 8 p.m. **WOMEN'S BASKETBALL** — Oregon vs. Washington State in Pullman, 6:30 p.m. **WRESTLING** — Oregon vs. Southern Oregon in Ashland, 7:30 p.m.

### SATURDAY, FEB. 12

**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL** — Oregon vs. Idaho in Moscow, 1:30 p.m. Clackamas C.C. vs. Oregon JVs at McArthur Court, 1 p.m. **WRESTLING** — Eastern Washington State vs. Oregon at McArthur Court, 2 p.m. **MEN'S GYMNASTICS** — Tournament of Champions, at McArthur Court.

### SUNDAY, FEB. 13

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## Sportfolio

### Fencers win first tourney

PORTLAND—The Oregon Fencing Club whipped its opponents last weekend as it went undefeated in a round-robin tournament at Portland State Saturday.

The team, composed of Brian Schuldt, Kurt Septon and Kevin Hogan, jousted with Clackamas Community College, Pacific University and Portland State to begin its season with a 1-0 record.

### Kickers win consolation

Mike Dieni scored two goals to lead the Oregon Soccer Club to a 4-1 win over Willamette for the consolation championship in the Seventh annual 7-a-side Indoor Soccer Tournament at Pacific University Sunday night.

The Ducks lost their opening match to Portland Community College, 3-0 before rebounding for a 4-0 shutout of Warner Pacific. Tom Christ and Dieni kicked goals for a 2-1 win over the Portland Oysters in the consolation semi-finals.

### Badminton clubbers shine

Chris Olson won the "A" division ladies' singles title and the "A" division mixed doubles event to lead the Oregon Badminton Club in the Oregon State Closed Badminton Tournament Saturday and Sunday at Lane Community College.

Other Oregon winners were Kathy Harp, "B" ladies' singles; Casey Janz, "C" mixed doubles; Geoff Davis "C" mixed doubles; Jack Fertil "D" mens' singles.

### Soccer deadline Wednesday

The entry deadline for men and women's teams in the All-Campus and Intramural Soccer Championships in 4 p.m. Wednesday. Entry forms are available in Esslinger 171 or Room 8 in Gerlinger Hall.

### Crew team needs coxwains

Anyone weighing 120 pounds or less who would like to be a coxwain on the Oregon crew team should contact the Club Sports office.

Training for the spring race schedule has begun.

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