

# Uniforms not only difference tonight as basketball season gets underway

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Oregon basketball enters a new era in McArthur Court tonight as new coach Jim Haney unveils his team in the first of two intrasquad games to be played this week.

The "Green" and the "Gold" will be led by assistant coaches Jim O'Brien and Dave Bollwinkle while Haney and assistant coach Barney Holland will be impartial observers.

Nine returning lettermen, three freshmen and one transfer will display the new team uniforms, and the new team philosophy in the 8:10 p.m. game.

As opposed to recent years, Oregon will be running. "Overall we don't know how to play at a fast tempo and win consistently," says Haney.

The transition to a running game is about 65 percent offense and about 40 percent defense says Haney. "We still have a considerable amount of work to do before the season begins, but I think we'll make it."

Emphasizing quick outlet passes and the fast break, the new offense relies on speed and conditioning. But Haney is also stressing restraint. "With a fast tempo, we can run up and down the court in control or out of control, and if we are out of control, that will contribute to our demise."

Haney believes that the "fine line" separating control and non-control is recognized only through experience. "We have to scrimmage a lot not only to teach them to maintain control but to experience the difference," he says. Defensively, the Ducks will depend

upon their quickness. "The defense is about the same, but with a few important changes," says Haney. "We will overplay one pass away and try to deflect or intercept passes."

As with the offense, Haney thinks hard work on defense and time are the only cures for inconsistency. "We are aware of what we should do but we don't execute every time," he says.

The 29-year-old coach believes the intrasquad game will indicate the team's level of efficiency and fitness. "It is our only opportunity to play in a game setting with people in the stands," he says. "It will be a dress rehearsal for Nov. 24 (the regular season opener)"

What can fans expect? "I predict that we'll start off erratic but that at times will show signs of being a good club," says Haney.

After witnessing six years of "Kamikaze" style basketball under Dick Harter, the fans may be surprised. Student tickets are \$2 and adult tickets are \$4, but

Haney is making no guarantees. "We just split up the teams evenly as to how the players have functioned so far this year, and we'll try to make it an even, interesting contest," he states.

One interesting aspect may be the reliance of the four upperclassmen (Rob Closs, Dan Hartshorne, John Murray and Kelvin Small). Last year freshmen (Phil Barner, Mike Clark, Rich Davis, Stu Lyon and Felton Sealey) had considerable playing time, while older, experienced players were often benched.

"Our success this year will depend not on the seven underclassmen, but on the upperclassmen," says Haney.

Freshmen Barry Walker, Marvin Walker and Jerome Williams; along with junior transfer Don Haynes, are new to the team, but Haney expects them to contribute. "I have a great regard for the ability of freshmen to play," he says, "but they tend to be inconsistent."

The coach hopes for 10 minutes

of solid play, something not accomplished in practice to date.

Junior post-man Hartshorne will be a key player in achieving this goal according to Haney. "We need a good passing center in this offense, and Dan has passed well so far. We're also pleased with his board play," he says.

Davis will share the center position with Hartshorne. "I can't wait for the season to start," says Hartshorne. "I think that sitting out a year then playing last year gives me a whole helluva lot of experience."

Senior forward and co-captain Small counts on his experience in setting an example for the other players. "On the floor I'll try to take the responsibility of trying to be a leader," he says.

Small, who shares the strong forward spot with Clark and Williams, has drawn Haney's optimism. "Kelvin started for two years and his rebounding efforts so far have been really good," the coach says.

Small forward is manned by Barner, Sealey and Hayes. Haney says Barner will only play this position, while Sealey will play some at guard and Hayes will play some at strong forward.

The ball-controlling point guard position is played by senior co-captain Closs, Lyon and Barry Walker. All three players are new to the spot that was handled last year by Mike Drummond. "Whether Robbie, Stu and Barry become stable at that spot can only be determined with time," says Haney.

Closs finds the leadership role unique. "It's a nice learning experience that I've never had at the college level, and it's been hard to adapt to," he says.

At the other guard position will be junior Murray, Marvin Walker and occasionally Lyon and Sealey.

Murray feels comfortable with the new offense, and is excited about the season. "I was recruited as a shooter, and if I shot and missed last year I was out of the game," he says.

Versatility in this new offense is important, says Haney. "We need guys that will play more than one position." In this respect, Lyon may prove useful. "Stu is our utility man. He can play three positions," adds Haney.

Whether the Ducks can successfully combine this versatility with their new strategy is a question no one seems willing to answer, but the evidence will appear tonight.

What will happen tonight? Perhaps Sealey offers the best advice. "I don't know. You'll just have to come and see."

## Brooks pact extended

The University further supported its commitment to build a winning football program Monday when coach Rich Brooks was given a two-year extension to his contract.

Brooks's original contract, signed in December, 1976, was for four years. The extension will now carry through the 1982 season.

The announcement was made by Athletic Director John Caine at the weekly meeting of the Oregon Club. "Since his selection as head football coach, Rich Brooks has methodically—and sometimes dramatically—rebuilt the University's football fortunes," Caine said. "When I recommended the extension of Rich's

contract to the University's higher administration, they enthusiastically agreed that the announcement should be made prior to the end of the season."

The Ducks are 1-9 this year and play their final game of the season Nov. 25 against Oregon State in Corvallis.


"It is recognized that there are many challenges in rebuilding a football program in the very competitive Pac-10 Conference," Caine added. "It was felt that one of the more important factors in rebuilding is continuity. Since the University sincerely believes coach Brooks has made major strides in rebuilding during his first two years, it is pleased to provide this continuity by extending his contract these two additional years."

Brooks is currently being paid \$34,240, and Caine noted, "Salary increases for Brooks and his staff are implemented on an annual basis and will continue to be allocated at their anniversary dates."

Caine pointed out that Oregon's improvement — while not yet reflected in the won-lost record — has been obvious in many other areas. Among them: most rushing yardage since 1971; lowest point total allowed since 1968; and the highest total offense; lowest total offense permitted; lowest rushing yardage permitted; and within 16 points of the most points scored since 1973.

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