

sports

Brooks satisfied with recruits

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A quarterback who doubles as a flame-throwing pitcher, a linebacker who has all the qualifications to run for President, and a host of mammoth linemen were among the signees of letters of intent received by the scandal-riddled Oregon football program today.

Nineteen recruits in all indicated their preference to play for the Ducks on this, the first day prep football players are allowed to announce their choice of universities under NCAA rules.

Duck head coach Rich Brooks described his still incomplete 1980 class of recruits as one of his best ever. "On paper, I feel this is at least our second best recruiting year, and it may be our best," he said.

"We'll have to judge that when the players arrive on campus and have a chance to prove themselves starting next fall."

Oregon garnered few of the

Men meet cellar dwellers

A year of frustrations is coming to an end for the Oregon's men's basketball team, as the Ducks have but three games left on their slate, with two of those encounters being against the Pacific-10's bottom two teams — Stanford and California.

Swimmers set for regionals

Oregon's men's and women's swim teams travel to regional meets today with the same goal in mind — thwart the University of Washington's attempt to dominate the meets.

The men travel to Seattle for the Northern Pacific Conference Swimming and Diving Championships, defending the title they earned in last year's competition. The Huskies will be heavily favored to dethrone the Ducks, however, in this year's Championships, which begin today and run through Saturday.

The women face the powerful Huskies at the Northwest College Women's Sports Association (NCWSA) championships held at the University of Montana in Billings, Mont. The Ducks finished second in last year's meet and hope for a similar finish this year.

blue-chip players that every school in the nation goes after, but they did get some outstanding prospects.

One of them is Eric Erikson, 6-4, 205, quarterback from LaJolla High School, Calif. Erikson was a true triple threat for his club this season, passing for 12 touchdowns and running for five more, while compiling a 42.5 yard punting average.

Erikson was an All-league selection in three sports, including baseball where his fast ball was recorded at over 90 mph. Erikson will also play baseball for the Ducks.

Oregon's other top notch recruit, described as the best prospect from Montana in years, is Ryan Zinke, 6-3, 220, from Whitefish High School, Mont. Zinke boasts a long list of awards and honors from off the field as well as on, including english, math and science awards, student body president and senior class valedictorian.

On the athletic field, Zinke won a lot of honors too, making All-State on both offense and

defense last year. Zinke will play the outside linebacker position.

The spot where the Ducks need the most help — the interior line — will be shored up now thanks to the signing of enough big monsters to fill up a horror show film festival bill.

Terry Youngblood, a 265 pound defensive tackle from Los Angeles, David Culp, a 245 pound tackle from Silverton, Ore., and 255 pound guard Tom Lovelace comprise the "meat on the hoof" that Oregon snatched away from other Pac-10 schools.

The complete roster of Duck recruits follows.

Randy O'Rourke
Ryan Zinke
Ladaria Johnson
Danny McCalister
Eric Erikson
Terry Youngblood
Craig Kaylor
Dave Christiansen
Brad Hicks
Dennis Clay
Ross Gibbs
Gary Zimmerman
Randy Hogbin
Jeff Williams
David Culp
Tom Lovelace
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Women travel to Utah meet

The 13th-ranked Oregon women's gymnastics team is looking to move up in the polls tonight when it meets 12th-ranked Utah State in Logan, Utah. The Ducks will also face unranked Oklahoma State in the triangular meet.

Despite being slight underdogs, Oregon coach Henriette Heiny is confident of victory. "I'm expecting us to beat them. No matter what, it's going to be a close meet," says Heiny.

The 14-1 Ducks will be led by all-arounders Dawn Haberland and Sara Gustafson. Haberland is coming off a first place finish at the prestigious Western Hemisphere Games. Gustafson also competed, finishing fifth.

What does

Freedom of Speech mean to you?

The Society of Professional Journalists, Sigma Delta Chi, invites you to join us this Saturday, February 23rd, in the EMU, to plan a Freedom of Information Forum, to be held next quarter. We will meet at 11 a.m., room to be posted. Bring ideas, speakers' names, thoughts about SB 1722.

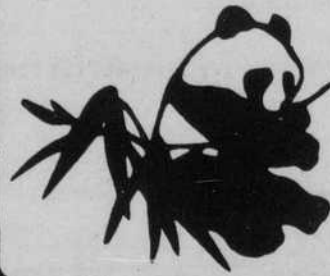
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