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Browns tap McGill in 12th



Kevin McGill

Kevin McGill, the biggest man on Oregon's football team last year, was selected Wednesday by the Cleveland Browns in the 12th round of the NFL draft.

McGill, a 6-7 and 266-pound offensive tackle, was a key component of the "floating pocket" used last season in the Ducks' option offense.

The Portland native's size was obviously an enticing reason for his selection.

"When you have a player of Kevin's size and strength, you want to make a spot in the line-up for him," said Oregon coach Rich Brooks.

"Fortunately, we didn't have to, because he earned his start-

ing job strictly on merit."

McGill was a two-year starter for Oregon.

"I'm really glad he got it," said Bob McCray, one of Oregon's offensive line coaches. "He really wanted to play pro football."

McCray said McGill should adjust well to the pass-oriented Brown's offense with quarterback Brian Sipe. "That's his forte. He best thing is his pass blocking."

McGill is the second Oregon player selected in this year's draft. Tuesday, outside linebacker Bryan Hinkle was selected in the sixth round by the Pittsburgh Steelers.

Hurlers wallop Pioneers, 11-2

Oregon's baseball team banged out 16 hits to blitz Lewis & Clark College, 11-2, Wednesday in Portland.

The Ducks victimized Pioneer starting pitcher Paul Josse with

10 hits and nine runs in four innings. Oregon starter Sam Manley (3-1) pitched three innings for the win, allowing one hit and striking out three.

Jim Givens pitched the next

three innings for Ducks and Dan King tossed the final three.

Second baseman Stuart Heath began the Oregon assault with a double at his first at-bat. Heath had two other doubles, two RBIs and scored one run.

Center fielder James Nutt smacked a two-run home run to key a four-run fourth inning for the Ducks. Nutt finished with a 3-5 performance at the plate and 3 RBIs.

Taylor signs with Ducks; tops off recruiting class

Washington state prep star Rodnie Taylor rounded out the recruiting for Oregon's men's basketball Wednesday when he announced he had signed a letter of intent with the Ducks.

Softball squad falls to Vikings

Karen Danko slammed home Brenda Skinner in the eighth inning to lift Portland State's softball team to a 1-0 win over Oregon Wednesday.

Oregon pitcher Kerry Anderson absorbed the loss. Debbie Fithugh got the win for the Vikings.

The Ducks, 6-11, will face Oregon State in a double-header Friday in Corvallis starting at 2:30 p.m.

Taylor, a 6-8 forward from Juanita High School in Kirkland, Wash., became the fifth recruit to sign this spring with the Ducks. His decision to sign also gives Oregon the top two players from the State of Washington, as Taylor finished second by one vote to 6-11 center Blair Rasmussen of Auburn in balloting for the state's most outstanding player.

Taylor averaged 21 points and 11 rebounds as a senior.

"We feel Rodney will give us solid depth up front next season," said Oregon coach Jim Haney. "He is a fine athlete with extremely good speed, quickness and jumping ability."

"He had to play mostly inside in high school, but has the potential to be a very fine perimeter player as well."

Arizona meet awaits golfers

Oregon's men's golf team will play its final match before the Pacific-10 championships this weekend as the Ducks compete in the Sun Devil Invitational in Phoenix, Ariz.

The three-day tournament, which also marks the return of assistant coach Scott Tuttle, begins today with play continuing through Saturday.

The 18-team tournament will feature teams from the Pac-10 and the Pacific Coast Athletic Association.

Tuttle returns to the team after completing a two-month Asian golf tour.




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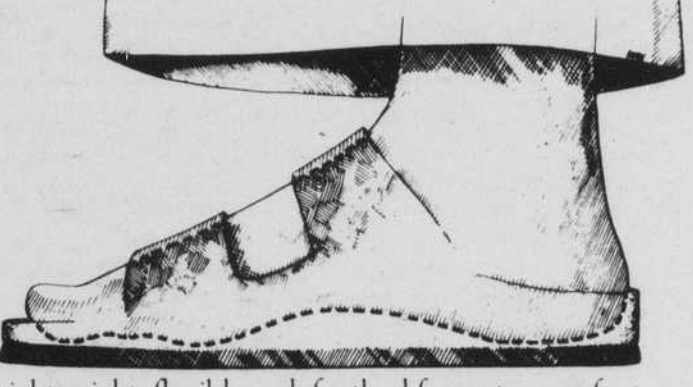
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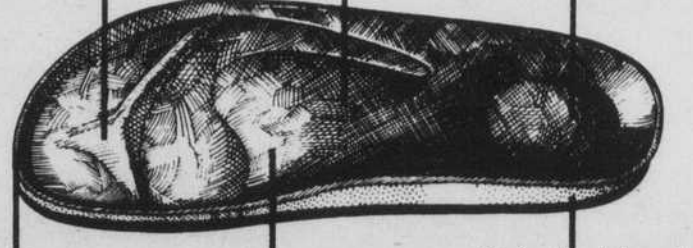


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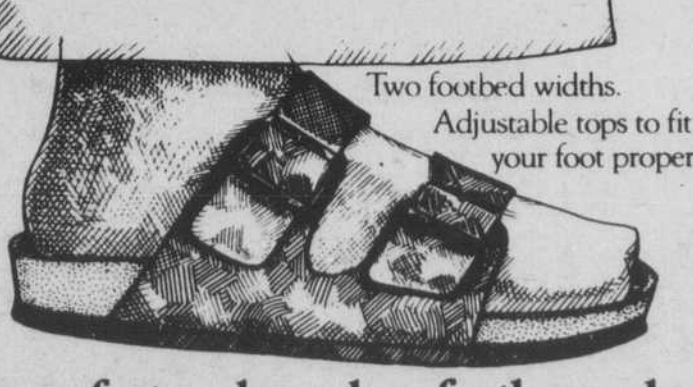
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