

# Several Ducks have shot at pro ball

Brown, Williams, Delegato get most attention from NFL scouts

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Post-season bowl scouts aren't the only ones stalking college football practice sites these days. National Football League scouts are out in full force to separate the wheat from the chaff of this year's harvest of seniors.

In the past few weeks, representatives from the Philadelphia Eagles, San Diego Chargers and the Pittsburgh Steelers have visited Oregon with an eye on several Duck seniors who loom as potential draft picks.

"It's hard to determine what they're looking for," Oregon head coach Rich Brooks says of the NFL scouts. "They never tell you much. All I know is that they evaluate our guys against other seniors across the country, like we do in recruiting high school players."

Brooks says the seniors getting the closest looks are running backs Reggie Brown (6-0, 218) and Vince Williams (6-0, 218) and center Mike Delegato (6-4, 220). Also, Brooks says the scouts have shown interest in offensive guard Stuart Yatsko,

tight end Greg Hogensen, offensive tackle Rick Price, safety Gary Beck, and linebackers Andy Vobora and Mike Berkich.

"According to the pro scouts it is a poor year for seniors in the Pac-10 and across the country," Brooks says. "because many of this year's graduating class redshirted as freshmen."

Dick Haley, a member of the Pittsburgh Steelers scouting staff for the last 11 years, agrees with Brooks.

"Because of the redshirts, there are not quite as many quality players in number this year," Haley said during a visit to an Oregon practice last week. "There are a lot of underclassmen we'd like to get ahold of. But I've seen years that were lean and the players turned out well. You can never tell."

"Our number-one requisite is ability — at whatever level. But we look closely at the major conferences, like the Pac-10, because of the first rate level of competition. It's also nice if a player can stay healthy and productive."

Haley said the Pac-10 seniors who the Steelers have an



Photo by Bob Baker

Reggie Brown, Oregon tailback, thinks his poor showing this season will hurt his chances in next year's NFL draft.

interest in are USC tailback Marcus Allen, Stanford running back Darrin Nelson, and Arizona State running backs Gerald Riggs and Robert Weathers.

At the Oregon camp, Haley said he had been watching Brown, Williams and Yatsko in particular. Even in a tough year, a football program can produce

some quality talent, the scout said.

"I know they feel they've had a disappointing year out here," Haley said of the Ducks' 1-9 record. "Unfortunately, they've been unlucky with injuries."

One of those who has remained healthy, tailback Reggie Brown, says the Ducks' poor season probably won't help his chances in the draft.

"When you have a season like this, it doesn't make things better. They (the scouts) don't look at us as much as they do at the USC's or the UCLA's."

"But whatever happens, happens. I'm just hoping for the best."

Brown says his durability, quickness, blocking ability and the successful jump he made from junior college to the Pac-10 will help.

"The Pac-10 is among the best in the country. If you can play here, you can play anywhere."

"Regardless of what round of the draft I go in, I'll be picked," Brown says confidently. "If I get picked higher, it just means more money."

## McCray resigns grid post

When Oregon coach Rich Brooks tallies up the losses of this dismal football season, high on his list will be the resignation of offensive line coach Bob McCray, who announced his decision to leave his post Monday.

McCray, who doubled as the running game coordinator for the Ducks, said he has decided to go into a business that does not involve coaching.

"I am disappointed that Bob is leaving the staff," Brooks said. "He is an original member of the staff, and put in a lot of time and effort building back good football at Oregon."

Brooks said McCray's recruiting efforts produced a number good players in from the state of Washington — players that helped turn the program around.

Among the players recruited by McCray were Vince Goldsmith, Vince Williams, Bryan Hinkle, Rich Schwartz, and Rick Price.

McCray's resignation, which will take effect Jan. 15, will bring to a close 14 years of college football coaching that started in 1968.

He began his college career with the University of Hawaii, before moving to Columbia Basin Junior College in Pasco, Wash. in 1970.

In 1972, McCray led his Columbia Basin team to an 8-1-1 record and 12th place in the national rankings. That success earned him an appointment as the offensive line coach at the University of New Mexico in 1973.

McCray came to Oregon in 1976 — the initial year of the Rich Brooks era.

"Although this year has not been what we expected," McCray said, "the addition of a few key recruits should return this program to the same level of excellent performance it had the two previous years."

Brooks said he will take some time before hiring McCray's replacement.

## Duck water polo team takes 4th at regionals

Oregon's water polo team surprised a few people last weekend with a fourth place finish in the Northwest Regional water polo championships in Portland.

Oregon, seeded seventh for the tournament, lost the playoff for third place when Portland State University shredded the Ducks' defenses for 20 goals in a 20-10 affair.

"We did pretty well," said Oregon coach Tracy Rockwell. "We did better than Oregon has done in the past 10 years."

Oregon started the tournament off with a loss to eventual tournament runner-up Southern Oregon State College by a 12-6 score, before putting together back-to-back victories over Lewis and Clark College and the University of Washington.

The Ducks dumped Lewis and Clark 15-9, and tipped Washington 10-9.

"Overall, it (the fourth-place finish) was a good result for our first season of competition in a few years," Rockwell said.

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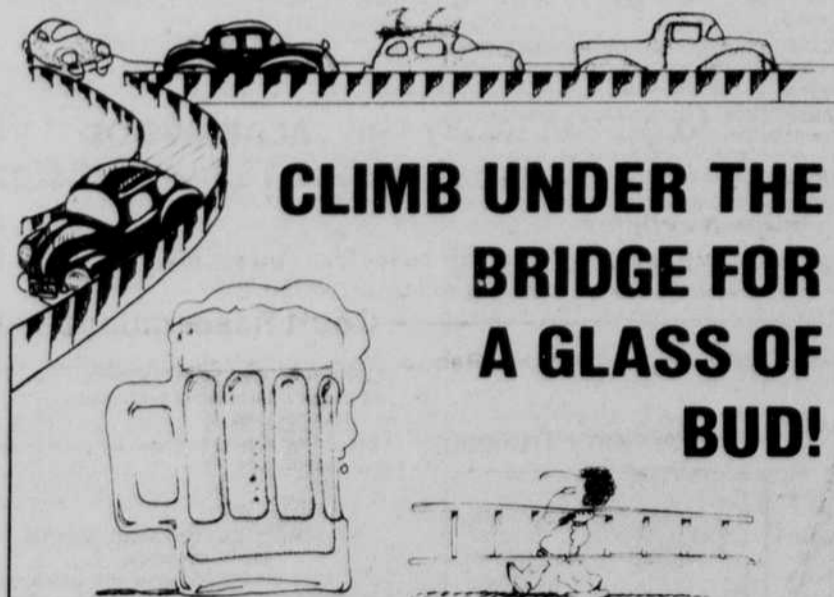


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