

Concert damage irks ASU coach

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — Arizona State football coach Darryl Rogers says he had no idea who The Who were before Sunday night. He does now.

A six-hour concert headlined by the famed British rock band has left in its wake a one-by-two foot trench along the 20-yard-line in Sun Devil Stadium's southeast end.

"It runs from the hash mark to the sideline," said Rogers. "It's ridiculous."

The Who, who played in Seattle and Portland two weeks ago, originally wanted to play Autzen Stadium on Oct. 21, but couldn't arrange it due to a conflict with the Oregon-Notre Dame football game two days later.

Arizona State officials said the trench was caused by a forklift used to disassemble the massive stage, which stretched from sideline to sideline along the southeast's 20-yard line.

"Workers were using the forklift to take the metal off of the stage and were supposed to put plywood under it, but somebody apparently decided not to use it," said Arizona State Assistant Athletic Director Herman Frazier. "It was some careless work."

Stadium groundskeepers were busy both Tuesday and Wednesday trying to fill and resod the area, where the damage has been estimated at

\$500.

Rogers puts the price a little higher.

"It could cost us the (Pacific-10) Conference championship," he said.

Arizona State, 8-0 overall and ranked fourth nationally, currently leads the league with a 4-0 record after last Saturday night's 17-10 win over Southern Cal here.

Within minutes after the game's completion, work crews began assembling the concert stage. Promoters said a job which usually took two to three days was done in less than 12 hours — in plenty of time for the 6 p.m. Sunday show which also featured John Cougar and the Canadian band Loverboy.

Rogers, who was opposed to the Rolling Stone's concert at Sun Devil Stadium last Dec. 13, thought he defeated a proposal to hold The Who performance here on Oct. 23 — an open date on Arizona State's football schedule.

"I don't think football fields are for concerts," Rogers said. "They had one last year at the LA Coliseum and people told me it might take two years for the grass on the field to recover."

"Our field wasn't in great shape to begin with. We still had some bare spots," Rogers said. "I'd just hate to see a kid go back for a punt in a big game and fall in a trench."

Owners, players still apart

NEW YORK (AP) — The chief negotiators for both sides in the National Football League players' strike conceded Tuesday that they are still far apart in their efforts to end the 45-day-old walkout.

For the second consecutive day the substantive issues were set aside while negotiators dealt with matters such as meal money, injury grievances and roster sizes. But both sides acknowledged that progress was slow.

"We are significantly apart," said Jack Donlan, the owners' negotiator.

"There is a big gap between our position and theirs," said Ed Garvey, executive director of the NFL Players Association. "The fundamental issue still remains: the Management Council insists that we waive our right to negotiate wages. We're not going to do that."

"The general counsel of the National Labor Relations Board says they are violating the law by insisting on that," Garvey added.

OSU beats netters; UCLA tourney next

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Before her team's game against Oregon State in Corvallis Wednesday night, Oregon women's volleyball coach Chris Voelz was full of optimism.

"I'd like nothing better than to beat Oregon State twice," she said, "and the way we're playing, I think we will."

Well, Chris, it's time to turn that optimistic tone down a couple of notches. Although the match was close, Oregon State beat the Ducks 16-14, 15-5, 17-15.

That makes three wins in a row for OSU over the Ducks, including a pair of victories last year, leaving the Ducks with only a home match against OSU Nov. 13 to break the streak this year.

After playing the Beavers close in game one, the Ducks fell apart in game two, losing by the 15-5 verdict. In the third game OSU stormed out to a 7-0 lead, and it looked like a quick end to the match.

But this year it has been Oregon's nature to fall behind at the outset of a game before rallying, and this game was no exception. The Ducks rallied and even took a brief lead, only to lose the game.

The Beavers, 16-12 on the season and 8-3 in NorPac play, are in a battle for a spot in the conference playoffs, and could not afford to lose this one. Julie Williams had 13 kills to lead OSU, with Sandy Sexton and Julie Steding adding 10 apiece. For the Ducks, Sue Harbour had eight kills, with Shaunna Koenig and Anetta Ensworth getting six apiece.

The loss drops Oregon's record to an even 11-11 on the season, 4-7 in the NorPac, going into the prestigious UCLA Invitational in Los Angeles tonight and Saturday.

Oregon is one of 24 teams in the tournament, which features 15 of the nation's top 20 teams. "We're glad to be in it, because you have to be good just to get invited," said Voelz.

The tournament is made up of four pools, each containing six teams. The Ducks are in a pool that includes top-ranked San Diego State, third-ranked University of the Pacific, 14th-ranked Texas A & M, 15th-ranked Santa Barbara and unranked New Mexico.

Tonight, Oregon will meet UC-Santa Barbara, Texas A & M and New Mexico. The Ducks face San Diego State and UOP Saturday morning.

Sports shots

The Oregon Cycling team will have an organizational meeting on Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Century A room in the EMU.

Both the Oregon Crew's men's and women's Varsity-4s won races at the Head of Willamette regatta. The men beat Oregon State in the three mile race by a second, with a clocking of 24:33, while the women zip to victory more than 30 seconds faster than rival OSU with a

29:16 mark.

Oregon will next head to the Frostbite Regatta Nov. 13 in Seattle.

Maryval Kleianer, Bettina Reske, Ben Read and Lisa Durham all won single titles at the Oregon Badminton Open last weekend. Read and Kenny Wong combined to win the men's double championship, and Wong and Karen Pidgeon swept the mixed doubles title.

Rozelle wanted in strike snafu

NEW YORK (AP) — Commissioner Pete Rozelle said Thursday that he is receiving increasing pressure to enter the National Football League's stalemated strike negotiations but insisted it would "serve no useful purpose."

"I have just written a letter to Burgess Owens (defensive back for the Los Angeles Raiders), one of the players who have visited me this week," Rozelle said. "He asked me to attend the negotiations as an observer."

"I assured him that I would continue to work with the Management Council and mediator Sam Kagel to overcome the present impasse but that, under the circumstances, my presence would be

an intrusion."

The commissioner said that 28 players, in four groups, had visited his office this week while talks were going on at the Summit Hotel four blocks away, the players all wishing to talk about their problems.

"I listened and told them that I would pass their grievances on to the Management Council in the hope that both sides will work toward the goal of settlement," he added.

Not only players but newspaper, radio and TV critics have started beating the drums for a Rozelle presence in the stalemate which already has wiped out seven weekends of games.

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