

Sports

He can't run, he can't walk, he can only limp

A wide receiver has to run to the huddle before he can run a pass pattern, but Oregon's Greg

Moser, because of an injury, can do neither. He just limps.

Moser, the 6-0 senior split end from Hood River, broke a bone in his left foot in the Ducks'

38-21 loss to Washington in the fourth game of the season.

The injury kept him out of five games before he came back as a holder on kick placements in Oregon's 13-7 win over Arizona last Saturday.

"Yeah, I was depressed. After it happened, I didn't go too many places except here," he says, motioning toward his one-bedroom apartment.

Being used only as a holder brings Moser's story back to circle one, because it wasn't that long ago that holding was all he could look forward to on Saturdays.

That was in 1979, his freshman year, after Moser had come to Oregon in 1978 and made the team as a walk-on before redshirting.

He had been a solid, if unspectacular, wide receiver-defensive back for Hood River High School. He even played in the state Shrine game, but when the time came to pick a college, nobody beat down Moser's door.

"I got offers from Linfield, Willamette, Lewis and Clark and a full scholarship from Portland State," he says, "but I wanted to play major college ball. I didn't want to be sitting around one day and say, 'well, what if . . . ' or 'I wonder if . . . ' I wanted to know for sure."

Major college ball meant Oregon, and in 1978 Moser suffered the torture of being a walk-on.

Moser's hard work didn't earn him a starting position, but his sure hands did, as he was chosen to hold for placements on the 1979 team that went 6-5, Oregon's first winning season in nearly a decade.

Then, in 1980, Moser got the break he needed. Starting split end Ricky Ward was declared ineligible, and Moser became the starter. He never left any doubt as to the wisdom of that decision, snagging 32 catches for 611 yards as a sophomore.

Moser improved on his sophomore performance as a junior, catching 39 passes for 605 yards. The 39 catches gave Moser a career total of 74, 10th on the all-time list, and he was dearly looking forward to 1982.

"I had several goals heading into this season," says Moser. "I wanted to get as high as fifth on the all-time pass catching list; I wanted to make some all-star teams; I wanted to catch a pass in every game; and I wanted to be a contributing factor in us having a winning season."

But four games and 10 catches into 1982, the goals were crushed. "It didn't seem fair," says Moser. "I had never missed a game because of injury in my life, and I didn't understand why it had to happen now."

Moser was forced to sit and watch his teammates. Finally he couldn't stand it any longer, and before the Arizona game, he approached Brooks about getting into the game as a holder.

"I really wanted to do it," says Moser. "I asked coach Brooks about it, and he agreed, and then I had to get the doctor's OK. At least it was a little bit of a contribution," he says of his role in the victory over Arizona.

Now Moser has set another goal. He wants to play receiver in Oregon's final game, and his final game as a Duck, against Oregon State. "I'd really like to play against those guys (Oregon State)," he says. "Hopefully, if the foot comes around, I can get in there."

After this year, the optimistic Moser has more plans up his sleeve.

"I'm going to exhaust every opportunity I have to play professional football, whether it's in the Canadian League, that new league (the USFL) or the NFL. I'm going to keep walking on until they tell me to go home," he says with a laugh.

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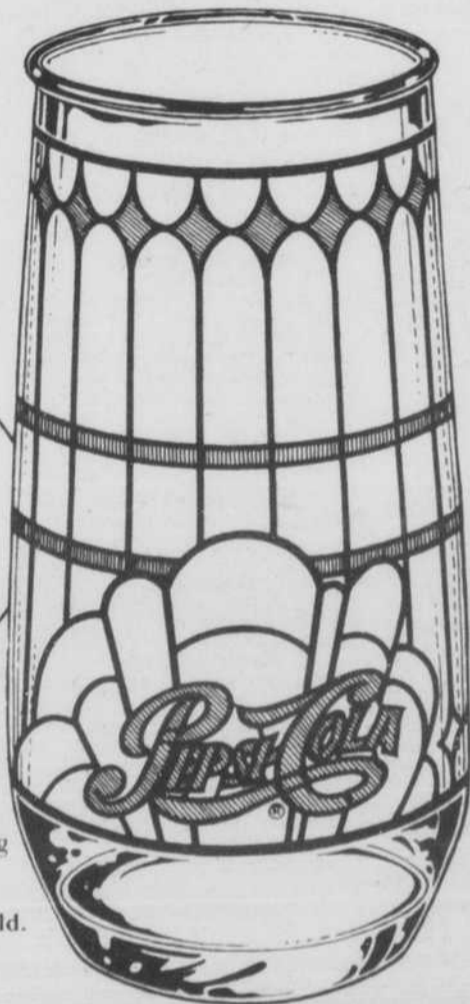


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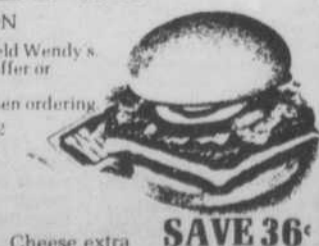
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Drake drops Ducks

Des Moines, IOWA — Drake center Lori Bauman, who set an NCAA single-game scoring record last year, pumped in 39 points Tuesday night and the Bulldogs hit 31 of 39 free throws to notch a 103-93 win over Oregon in the Ducks' season opener.

Oregon was led by center Alison Lang, who scored 25 points and pulled down 12 rebounds

before fouling out in the game's final minute, and freshman guards Lauri Tenant and Heather McDuffy, who tallied 17 and 15 points, respectively.

Bauman's NCAA record of 50 points came in a losing effort (89-79) against Maryland in last year's NCAA Western Regional finals. Against the Ducks, the 6-3 junior center hit 12 of 19 shots from the field.

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