

Greg Aitkenhead has made the conversion from football in the fall to track in the spring without too much trouble. Aitkenhead has been a consistent point man for the Oregon men's track-andfield team.

Krieger voted top coach

Oregon golf coach Scott Krieger was named coach of the year by the Pacific-10 Conference Tuesday.

Krieger led the Ducks to their best finish in 14 years as Oregon placed second in the Pac-10 Championships in Walla Walla, Wash., last week.

Oregon finished behind UCLA for second place, the Ducks' best finish since 1970 and 1971. Oregon led the tournament the first two days.

The Ducks' George Daves was also nominated to the second-team All-Conference squad. Daves placed second in the Pac-10's behind UCLA's Duffy Waldorf, who was named the conference's golfer of the year.

The golfers will be holding their annual tournament Friday at the Eugene Country Club beginning at 1 p.m. Professional Peter Jacobsen will be at the tournament.

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Last week during the Oregon Pepsi Relays, Flax sat out the meet while his two primary rivals, San Jose State's Kjell Bystedt and Washington State's Tore Gustafson competed against each other.

Flax felt he didn't need to prove anything against the two.

"No, I'm going to let them knock themselves out. I'm in no big hurry to go anywhere, and I'll worry about throwing far when it counts; today doesn't count, but it's a good day to get a rest."

"It's interesting to see what they had to offer, and I think they are both damn good throwers but they are both beatable. Anything can happen on any given day."

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Also on any given day, a guy like Jeff Hultberg could walk into your program and liven things up a bit.

The 6-2, 235-pound senior transferred from the NCC and before that, he was voted Linn Benton Community College's most valuable competitor in the field events.

Hultberg is a Sheldon High School graduate, who has stepped in and produced results. This season, Hultberg has consistently competed — and scored — in the shot, discus and hammer.

Improvement is the name of Togher's game, and Hultberg has followed the game plan almost perfectly. For three weeks in a row, Hultberg upped his shot-put mark until he qualified for the NCAA's against UCLA.

"It was good to see him improve like that, but it would have been better if it had been every two weeks because he really got burned out there by lifting himself up every week like that," Togher says.

"The other coaches agree that the dual season, five or six weeks in a row, is tough. I think dual meets are great. But I wish I had 12 or 14 throwers. That would be the ideal situation then I could rest some guys up."

Instead, Togher has about eight or 10 members on his throwing squad, and among them is sophomore Greg Aitkenhead, who has provided good competition for Hultberg in the shot.

"It's really fun," Aitkenhead, also a member of the Duck football team, says of working with Togher. "I had a lot of fun in high school, but here, everyday I look forward to coming out. Now that it (Togher's system) is starting to sink in, it's getting even more fun."

The part of his season that will be most fun could be just ahead as he aims for the NCAA qualifying-mark of 61-0, just four inches past his season best.

"(This year), I just wanted to build toward later years because I know 60 is not much, so I'm just trying to get a base and understand the concept so my junior and senior year, I can really do something."

Pac-10 tries to avert a 'Tulane'

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Pacific-10 Conference basketball coaches want their players to meet with an FBI agent or "other qualified person" before the start of practice next fall to discuss the implications of drugs and gambling and the links between the two, it was reported last week.

The coaches have asked the conference administrative committee to make it mandatory for each team to schedule such a meeting, according to Pac-10 Commissioner Tom Hansen.

The conference office is compiling a list of qualified individuals, including FBI agents, the Los Angeles Herald Examiner reported. Such a move comes in the wake of the drug and point-shaving scandal at Tulane University. Although professional sports leagues and several individual colleges — such as Stanford have brought in law enforcement officials to address their players, the Pac-10 is believed to be the first college conference to do so.

The 10 coaches met in nearby Torrance. They also went on record as unanimously opposing the promotion of college basketball betting lines by newspapers and television stations.

"It all goes hand-in-hand," Southern California coach Stan Morrison said. "A kid who is vulnerable to cheating is vulnerable to outside influences."

The coaches said they will take advantage of a recent amendment to NCAA rules that allows them to meet with their players during the off-season for the purpose of academic or personal counseling. Otherwise, they could not meet with the players until Oct. 15, when practice begins.

"The Pac-10 basketball coaches are concerned about heading off potential problems," Arizona coach Lute Olson, the chairman of the league's basketball coaches, said. "The print and electronic media need to cease promotion of the college basketball betting lines.

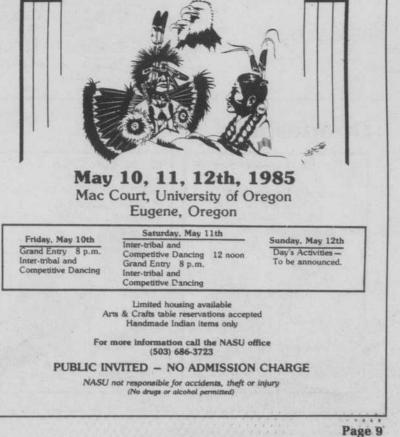
"We need to counsel athletes on the evils of drugs and gambling as soon as they arrive on campus. It's critical to provide the team members with information that will prevent the problems before they happen and not after. Then it's too late."



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