

'Today Show' to attend Oregon-Boise State dual

By Ron Gullberg
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The Oregon wrestling team will be looking to rebound from a devastating week, while former Duck wrestler and famous author Ken Kesey will be interviewed by the "Today Show" at tonight's 7:30 p.m. dual meet with Boise State University at McArthur Court.

The Ducks, who have lost three straight and eight of their last nine dual matches, hope to upend the 2-2 Broncos with a re-arranged lineup.

The Broncos' 134-pound Tracy Yeates is ranked nationally, so Oregon coach Ron Finley will counter by moving

nationally-ranked Shon Lewis up to face Yeates.

Lewis is Oregon's most successful wrestler this season with 20 wins and only three losses.

Chuck Kearney, the Ducks' other nationally-ranked wrestler, will move back to the 177-pound class for the meet, facing Scott Cook.

"Those (Yeates and Cook) are two of their best wrestlers," Finley said. "I think Shon and Chuck can beat them. If Shon beats Yeates, I think we'll beat Boise State."

Roberto Pelayo, who went undefeated in three meets last weekend, will compete for the Ducks at 118 pounds, while Dan

Martin intends to increase his impressive 12-8-1 record at 167 pounds.

Lewis, Kearney, Pelayo and Martin account for 40 percent of Oregon's wins this season, while the team tries to overcome a rash of season-ending injuries.

In addition to an already exciting evening, Pleasant Hill author Ken Kesey will be interviewed during the meet for a feature to be aired on NBC's "Today Show."

Kesey, who competed for Oregon from 1955-57 and wrote the novel-turned-movie "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest," is a regular attender of Ducks

wrestling meets. His son Jed competed from 1982-84 before he was tragically killed in the Jan. 21, 1984 wrestling van accident in eastern Washington.

Finley expects Kesey to talk about wrestling, his ac-

complishments and safety in travel.

"We're looking to get as many students as we can possibly get to attend the meet," Finley said. "It is a great chance to get some free national advertising for our university."

Three-point shot: Will it change college basketball?

By Gary Henley
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It's been called "silly" and "ridiculous," while others say it adds excitement and opens up the game. Don Monson doesn't like it, Ralph Miller doesn't like it, and neither do 65 percent of other Division I coaches.

It's the NCAA basketball's three-point shot, and whether you're for it or against it, the shot is changing the game of college basketball.

The rule was put into effect April 2, 1986, by the NCAA Rules Committee, headed by Springfield (Mass.) College professor and athletic director Edward Steitz.

"It's an integral part of the entire game," Steitz said. "It will open up the game and put more excitement into it. It's what the fans want to see."

"During the last 12 years, field goals were down six, field goal attempts down 13 and points down 17. We expect the three-point shot to put more offense into the game and change all that."

Since the 1983-84 season, the rules committee also has added the 45-second shot clock and the "infamous Valvano Rule," to eliminate time-consuming possessions, Steitz said.

A big complaint by college coaches around the country was that the rule was instituted too quickly, without warning.

"We've researched this for at least five years," Steitz said. "How long did they want us to study it anyway? Did we have to look at it for 26 years like we did

for the shot clock?"

Steitz was speaking of research done by the committee from experiments with the three-point shot during the past five seasons in 20 different conferences.

The rules committee's survey of 742 NCAA coaches showed that only 35 percent favored the shot.

"The problem with the coaches," said Steitz, "is that they're telling us to 'get lost, we don't need you, the game is fine without you.' The game doesn't belong to the coaches. It's for the spectators, the players and the news media."

Much of the controversy surrounding the new rule is the distance of the shot itself. The three-point line is a mere 19 feet 9 inches from the basket.

Even Steitz admits that after this season, the rules committee "may push the line back a foot, or to the international three-point line (20 feet 6 inches)."

Oregon guard David Girley said, "the shot is nothing new to me. That's where I take most of my shots anyway."

Junior guard Anthony Taylor adds, "it is real close, so it's a pretty easy shot. I don't mind though, I like it."

Sports Illustrated called it a "win-a-teddy-bear-at-the-carnival shot," and quoted Reggie Miller, UCLA's high-scoring forward, as saying, "I can almost throw it in underhand from 19-9." It was estimated that 80 of Miller's 274 baskets last season were made from three-point range.

Understandably, UCLA coach Walt Hazzard is one of only two Pacific-10 Conference coaches who like the shot. In a November 26, 1986, article from the Los Angeles Times, Hazzard said, "I know that none of us (coaches) were really consulted, but the decision was that this was the time for it. So I like it."

The other coach in favor of the shot is Arizona's Lute Olsen, who voted for the shot, but not the distance.

Oregon coach Don Monson has been against the three-point shot from the very beginning, and feels "there should be no line at all," no matter what distance the shot is taken from.

"They're rewarding players for taking non-percentage shots," he said. The three-point

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