

Sports

De Oliveira serves as South American link for Dellinger

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Of the Emerald

When the Oregon men's track team begins its defense of the Pacific 10 Conference championship Friday in Corvallis, much of its success will depend on a young weight man from the equatorial climate of South America.

The story of sophomore shotput and discus ace Jose de Souza's journey to Eugene is, however, just the latest chapter in the growing legend of Brazilian coach Jose Luis de Oliveira.

The University has long enjoyed an international reputation for track and field excellence, a reputation built on outstanding coaches, facilities, and tradition.

The one man who may be most responsible for the resurgence of Oregon track in recent years, however, has no

formal ties with the University. De Oliveira, coach of the Brazilian club Ultracred, based in Eugene, attracts athletes to the school using different tactics, but the results for Oregon's track program are the same — continued national exposure and success.

At first glance, de Oliveira does not appear to fit the traditional mold of the track and field coach. And in fact, he doesn't. He never even competed in track himself, focusing instead on soccer, which he played professionally for four years before going to college to learn the nuts and bolts of coaching.

What de Oliveira does do is combine unique training methods with a genuine compassion for his athletes, and it is this compassion which attracts world-class runners and fledgling proteges alike to his doorstep.

Examples of de Oliveira's growing legacy are found in a pair of current Oregon athletes who have taken slightly different paths to Eugene and achieved different levels of success this season. What they share is de Oliveira's ambition, pride and ability to seize opportunity when it presents itself.

De Souza is a former Pan American Games discus and shotput champion who has made an immediate impact on Oregon track coach Bill Dellinger's squad, qualifying for the NCAA championships in the discus and leading the Ducks in the shotput.

Hurdler Pedro Chiamulera has found the going a little more rocky. Already a junior in terms of athletic eligibility, Chiamulera has struggled to overcome a severe leg injury and has yet to fulfill the promise expected of him.

Both de Souza and Chiamulera are, like de Oliveira, natives of Brazil. According to de Souza, financial support for the club track system in his home country is sorely lacking, and athletes must give up their sport when



Photo by Derrel Hewitt

Jose Luis de Oliveira (left) has played a major role in luring Brazilian athletes such as Oregon hurdler Pedro Chiamulera (right).

the economic and social pressures become too strong. "When you are 19, it is not all right to still live with your father. You must support yourself," he said.

Shortly after winning the Pan-Am gold, de Souza was about to give up track and go to work when he got a call from Ultracred. "When they heard I was quitting they contacted me, and Jose (de Oliveira) offered to bring me up here to go to school and to train with Stewart (Togher, weight coach for Oregon) if I could qualify for a scholarship," de Souza explained.

De Souza makes no bones about his reasons for coming to Oregon, and none of them involve tradition or the Eugene community. "No. Sometimes the weather here bothers me. I

wanted to come work with Jose and train with Stewart."

Chiamulera enjoyed a similar reprieve from the demands of the Brazilian economy. In 1985 he set the South American continental record in both the intermediate and high hurdles and represented the Americas in the World Cup. Then he found himself without sponsorship when the club he belonged to folded its tents, and again it was Ultracred to the rescue.

The Brazilian arm of the club invited Chiamulera to join, but he wanted to train directly under de Oliveira. "First they got a hold of me, then I got a hold of Jose (de Oliveira) and asked him if I could come here," he said. After some pleading, according to Chiamulera, and a conference with Dellinger, de Oliveira sent

him word to start packing.

While de Souza plies his trade for the Ducks at the Pac-10 championships this weekend and at the NCAA championships June 3-6 in Baton Rouge, La., Chiamulera will remain on the sidelines. A bad case of tendinitis in the gluteus he suffered in January has hampered his training this season. Still, Chiamulera does not consider this year a total loss.

"When I got hurt and couldn't work out for two months it was very difficult. I got homesick and frustrated, but I have learned a lot, too," Chiamulera said. "Even if I don't run a fast time this year it doesn't matter, because my head is in the right place. It has been very bad, but also very good for me mentally."

Dellinger considers himself lucky to be the recipient of the kind of talent de Oliveira attracts. "I wouldn't have even heard of these guys if it hadn't been for Jose, and we sure don't recruit down there (Brazil)."

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Recruit signed

The Oregon men's basketball team announced the signing of its eighth recruit of the year on Monday.

Fred Johnson, a 6-foot-1, 165-pound guard from Fresno City College in Fresno, Calif., will compete as a junior next season for the Ducks. He is the second junior-college transfer they have signed this spring.

Johnson averaged 15.6 points, 4.5 rebounds and 5.4 assists while leading his team to the conference championship two years in a row. He was named or shared the Central Valley Conference's most valuable player award two years straight. Johnson also garnered first team, all-state honors for California junior colleges.

Counting Jeff Crawford, the transfer from Rice University who redshirted last season, Oregon will have nine new players on its roster next season.

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