

Ducks open against Wisconsin

By Ashley Conklin
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Oregon men's basketball coach Don Monson has long been known for defense, and defense is his biggest concern heading into Saturday's season opener against Wisconsin.

The Ducks beat Brandt-Hagen, a German national club, 92-88 in an exhibition game on Nov. 11, but Monson said Oregon didn't play good defense in that game.

"Defense is what we've been working on in practice, and that's my biggest concern," he said. "I don't think we were a very good defensive team a year ago. We need to start getting back and control people on defense."

In beating Brandt-Hagen, the Ducks built up a big lead early and then watched their bench let the Germans back into the game.

Monson, however, isn't concerned about his bench despite the fact that walk-on guard Brett Johnson is the only non-starter with any college experience.

"Inexperience wasn't a big concern because you don't usually play all your players in a (regular) game," he said.

One of Monson's biggest concerns besides defense is finding a fifth starter to fill the vacancy left by small forward Keith Reynolds, who graduated last year.

Senior David Blair will start along with guards Terrell Brandon and Kevin Mixon, center Richard Lucas and forward Bob Fife. However, Blair is still in a battle with freshman Jordy Lyden for the final starting spot.

Neither Blair nor Lyden played well in the Brandt-Hagen game, a game Monson was hoping to use to determine who would fill the final starting spot.

Wisconsin, which finished tied for eighth in the Big-10 last year at 4-14 in conference action and 14-17 overall, returns three senior starters this season in center Patrick Tompkins (6-foot-6), forward Willy Simms (6-6) and guard Tim Locum (6-4).

Simms was Wisconsin's second-leading scorer and rebounder last season, averaging 13.3 points per game and 4.8 rebounds a game. Tompkins was the leading rebounder at 6.4 per game while Locum added 9.8 points per contest.

All three played two years ago when Wisconsin buried the Ducks 74-47 in Madison, Wis.



Guard Kevin Mixon and the rest of the men's basketball team will open the season Saturday at McArthur Court against Wisconsin.



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Bowerman Foundation donates track building

By Jake Berg
Emerald Sports Reporter

Bill Bowerman is finally just doing it.

After eight years of pursuing his dream of a track house at Hayward Field, the Nike Inc. co-founder and former University track coach received the go-ahead Friday to fund a two-story building for Stevenson Track.

The Oregon State System of Higher Education approved the plan on Friday.

The cost of the track house will be paid with donations made to the University Foundation through the Bowerman Foundation. The facility is expected to cost an estimated \$2.1 million. The state will incur no expense for the track house under a design-build agreement by the University Foundation.

This agreement gives

Bowerman the power to choose both the contractor and architect of the facility. Stafford Architects and M. Gale Roberts Co. Inc., both of Eugene, have been selected for the project.

Bowerman's building will serve the University in many ways.

The structure, tentatively set for completion in fall 1991, will house locker rooms for the home and visiting track and field teams, treatment facilities where physical education graduate students can train, on-site offices for the Oregon track program's staff, offices and facilities for the International Institute for Sport and Human Performance, and a circuit training room.

"We want it to be the most functional and useful building possible so that the physical education program

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