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Rich Brooks: 'I hate to lose'

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Q & A

It doesn't seem possible that a former Oregon State student could be so popular in Eugene.

But Rich Brooks, an OSU graduate now in his 15th season as head coach of the Oregon football team, is leading the Ducks into their most closely watched season in years. Last season, Brooks became the first head coach to lead Oregon football teams to two consecutive bowl games, and anticipation is high for a third straight.

The *Oregon Daily Emerald* sat down with Brooks in August to discuss topics ranging from his years in Corvallis to the pressure of returning to a third straight bowl game.

ODE: When you were going to Oregon State, did you want to become a coach?

Brooks: I had planned when I went into OSU to be a high school football coach, basically, and then I when I got my master's degree, I decided maybe someday I'd like to coach in college.

ODE: You've said that (former OSU and Los Angeles Rams Head Coach) Tommy Prothro was your greatest coaching influence. Describe how he influenced you at Oregon State.

Brooks: Basically fundamentals, his method of teaching and breaking down those different things. He is the main influence of what stays constant, even though defensive schemes and offensive plays change, but the fundamentals stay the same.

ODE: Do you have hopes of maybe going back to pro football as an assistant or possibly a head coach?

Brooks: Oh, I've had opportunities to do that ... I would not rule it out.

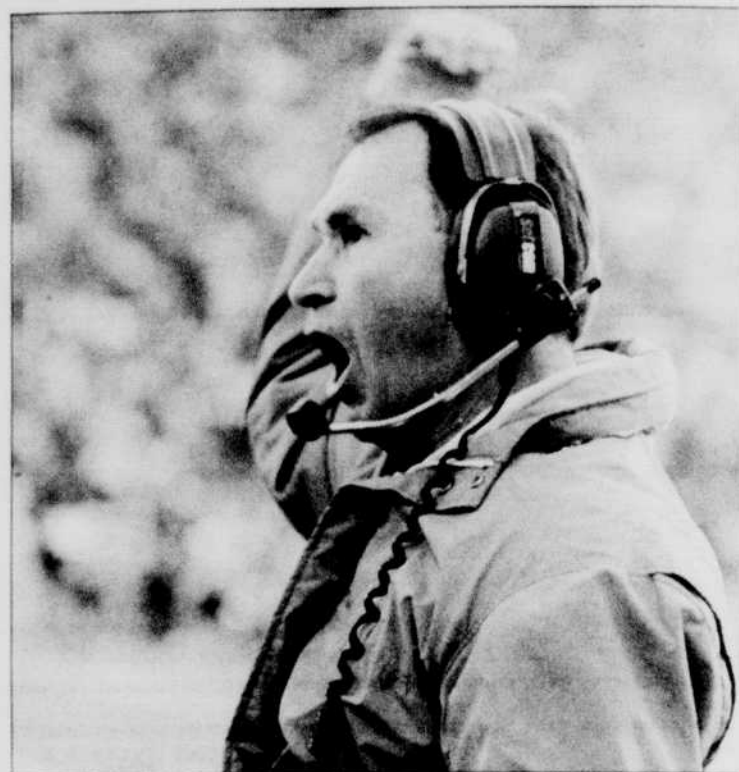
But all I try to do is go from one year to the next and see if we can go to the Rose Bowl, evaluate opportunities, whether there are any, and decide whether they're meaningful or not. I've had an opportunity to evaluate quite a few, and I'm still here, so I guess I like it.

ODE: Who have you had a chance to go to or who's asked you?

Brooks: I'm not going to get into specifics. I just don't think it's right for me to do that.

ODE: You're an OSU graduate, and now you're coaching at Oregon. What kind of feeling did you have when you came here?

Brooks: I don't think it was that strange. I felt at the time that it was unusual that I got this job being an Oregon State



File photo
Oregon head football Coach Rich Brooks says his program feels a lot of financial pressure to carry much of the athletic department's programs.

graduate. If I had just come directly from there it would have been strange, but I had been a lot of other places — two different pro teams and UCLA twice.

This is where my allegiancy is because this is where my paycheck comes from, and I've obviously been here a long time.

ODE: How'd you come across getting this job 15 years ago?

Rich Brooks' Oregon Record

1977 (2-9)	1984 (6-5)
1978 (2-9)	1985 (5-6)
1979 (6-5)	1986 (5-6)
1980 (6-3-2)	1987 (6-5)
1981 (2-9)	1988 (6-6)
1982 (2-8-1)	1989 (8-4)
1983 (4-6-1)	1990 (8-4)
TOTAL: 68-85-4	

Brooks: I applied, and a lot of other people turned it down. So I was the only one left (smiles). I don't know.

ODE: How'd you come about going to Oregon State?

Brooks: They recruited me. I was recruited by Cal, UOP — it's COP now — Stanford and SMU. I just decided that I liked Oregon State better and I was more comfortable there. Oregon never recruited me (smiles).

ODE: How about the differences, generally, in college football between what you saw back then and now?

Brooks: It's a night-and-day difference. The athletes are bigger, better and stronger, there's a lot more exposure, which is both good and bad, there's a lot

more pressure financially on the sport of football to carry the load, fill the seats to bring in money to support the rest of the programs.

ODE: How about coaching from when you were first a graduate assistant at OSU and now a coach at Oregon?

Brooks: The game is more complex now than it used to be. The fundamentals never change. What we're expecting them to learn is a great deal more than what I was expected to learn as a player or when I first started coaching.

ODE: Do you think that it is bad to have so much more pressure on football nowadays?

Brooks: I think it's bad that the financial pressure is on football, yes, because I think indirectly the pressure trickles down to the players on the field. And I don't think that they should have to carry the burden of supporting an entire athletic department ... especially in the state of Oregon. Until just recently with the Sports Action, we didn't get any money for the non-revenue sports.

ODE: Did you ever think that you'd be able to last 15 years, especially considering your first few years weren't that great?

Brooks: I don't think I thought I'd be here 15 years when I took this job.

I think I took this job with the same attitude that I have right now and that I'm trying to do the very best job I can and I'm trying to get this team into the Rose Bowl. I don't run my program in fear of whether I'm

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