

Schaffeld's longevity pays dividends

By Dave Charbonneau
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Joe Schaffeld is fine right where he's at.

Oregon's defensive line coach has been coaching for the team for 18 years and has no plans of leaving now or any time soon.

"I love Oregon," said Schaffeld. "There is no better place to coach than at Oregon."

Schaffeld was hired by former head coach Don Read in 1974 and was kept on the staff when Rich Brooks took over the team in 1977. He was grateful that Brooks kept him.

"I was lucky because the whole staff under Read got fired, and Brooks asked me to stay," Schaffeld said.

Brooks said among the reasons he decided to keep Schaffeld was that besides being an outstanding fundamentals coach, "Joe basically lives and breathes Oregon. He is always trying to sell the school."

During his coaching career with the Ducks, Schaffeld has emerged as one of the most successful coaches.

He has coached more professional Oregon assistant Mike Walter (now with the San Francisco 49ers in the NFL), Steve Baack, Matt Brock (with the Green Bay Packers), and Rollin Putzier are just a few of the players that have played under Schaffeld.

He said he feels good when one of his players goes pro, but emphasizes that he gets a good feeling helping players be successful in life in general.

"Coaches should be in



Joe Schaffeld

coaching to help players achieve goals, whether in football or in anything else," Schaffeld said.

"He has a great concern for the athletes he coaches," Brooks said.

Schaffeld also played two years for the Ducks. He was a member of the last Oregon team to reach the Rose Bowl in 1958 under coach Len Casanova.

"In high school, I thought about playing in the Rose Bowl, but it was more like a dream," Schaffeld said. "But when you're actually playing in it, you're thinking, 'Oh my God, here it is.'"

Casanova says Schaffeld was a very memorable player.

"Joe was one of the strongest kids that I ever had," Casanova said. "I don't know if it was from living out on the farm in Vale and hauling around big bails of hay or what, but he was a strong kid."

Football has been a part of Schaffeld for most of his life. He started getting into football at Vale High School and lived on a farm about 15 miles out of town.

"Our town was so small, everyone would play sports year around," he said.

After high school, he went to Boise Junior College for two years before finishing up his college career at Oregon.

When his senior season was over, he went into the U.S. Marine's six-month officer school, but said his "goal when I finished playing was to someday coach the defensive line for Oregon."

During his 20 years playing and coaching for the Ducks, Schaffeld has been through some terrible seasons. Especially in the '70s and early '80s when it looked as if Oregon's football program was never going to be successful.

Schaffeld said it was his love for Oregon and his commitment to hard work that kept him here.

"Something I always believed in was that hard work will always result in good things," he said.

Casanova recalled an incident before the first game Schaffeld was supposed to play in for the Ducks.

"It was a road game and Joe was injured so we were going to leave him at home," Casanova said. "The day before the game he came into my office and said, 'Coach, if I'm not good enough to play, I'll get the hell out.'"

Nowadays, Schaffeld would like to stay right where he is.

Oregon to run against the best at invitational

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If the women's cross country team wants to prove they deserve their national No. 4 ranking, it will get a chance this weekend.

The team will compete with six of the top 20 teams in the nation this weekend at the 5,000-meter Stanford Invitational.

"This meet is a major stepping stone," Coach Tom Heinonen said. "It's a chance to find out how good we really are."

Among the ranked teams competing in the meet are Arkansas (ranked 3rd), Northern Arizona (7th), Brigham Young (9th), Arizona (13th), Cal-Irvine (19th), and Clemson (20th).

Oregon will be led by seniors Lucy Nusrala and Lisa Karnopp and junior Nicole Woodward. The trio swept the top three places at the Emerald City Invitational two weeks ago with Nusrala taking first, followed by Woodward and Karnopp.

"This is a good chance to get our young runners out on a good course," Heinonen said. Two of the "young runners" that will compete this weekend are freshmen Jenna Carlson and Jill Callero. Heinonen seemed pleased with the contributions the two rookies have made to the team, especially Carlson, who finished 13th two weeks ago.

"Jenna has been a real surprise," the coach said. "She made a real big jump in the last meet from where she was be-

fore. She ran a tough, aggressive race."

The final two positions for this week's race will be filled by Carol Holmen, who finished ninth at the last meet, and either Erika Klein or Sally Maier. Klein is nursing a hip ailment and may not be able to run this weekend.

The meet will give the coach a chance to see how his runner's fare against a top field. "I want us to run a good, aggressive race and we can evaluate from there," he said. "We obviously want to win the Pac-10 meet, get to the national meet and do darn well."

Other teams participating in the meet will be Texas, UCLA, USC, Fresno State, California, Cornell, Boise State, Cal-Davis, Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo and host Stanford.

UCLA should top the Bears

The Emerald sports department has submitted their picks for this weekend's college football matchups, and here are the results:

We start with the struggling Ducks taking on New Mexico State. Despite two straight losses, Oregon should rebound in a big way with an easy victory over Aggies.

Washington looked unbeatable in their last two wins over Kansas State and Nebraska and could be in contention for the national title, should they finish undefeated.

Arizona State plays spoilers Utah and could have a rough

time with the Utes, but the Sun Devils should emerge victorious.

A week off probably won't help Oregon State much as the Beavers should lose for the fourth time this year by Washington State.

Stanford, coming off an upset win over Colorado, will not have as much luck as last week and will most likely fall at Notre Dame.

The California-UCLA game will probably be the game of the week as far as the Pac-10 goes, and the host Bruins should win.

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