

Men's golf coach quits in favor of other job

By Jake Berg
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Oregon men's golf coach Scott Krieger will end his eight years as head coach of the Ducks today, he said Wednesday.

Krieger submitted his resignation to athletic director Bill Byrne Tuesday, Krieger said by phone Wednesday.

"I hated to walk away," he said. "I really enjoyed (coaching)."

Shawn Aicher, an assistant with Krieger for one year, will replace Krieger at least through the spring season, Krieger said.

Women's coach Renee Baumgartner will assume the administrative duties for the men's program.

Krieger is leaving the University so he can take the head professional position at Portland's Broadmoor Golf Course, which his family built

in 1931.

"I couldn't afford to pass it up," Krieger said. "There was no hesitation."

Krieger originally planned to coach through the spring season, but he soon discovered working at Broadmoor was going to take more time than he had to spare.

The coach said he also wanted to give Aicher a chance at proving himself capable of being a head coach. Barbara Walker, associate director of athletics, said Oregon would begin the search for a permanent coach this summer.

"At first, I thought I'd be doing them a favor by staying," Krieger said. "But I wanted to give Shawn the opportunity."

Krieger, an Oregon golfer from 1976-81, took over the head coaching position from his former coach Jim Ferguson in 1984.

Lucas goes from player to coach

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Richard Lucas was doing a radio broadcast of an Oregon men's basketball game in December when Elwin Heiny came up and tapped him on the shoulder.

Heiny, the Oregon women's basketball coach, told Lucas to stop by his office that next Monday to hear a proposition.

Lucas' curiosity peaked so much during that Thursday night game, that afterwards he got Heiny to spill the beans.

"He said, 'We need a full-time assistant,'" said Lucas, who did go to Heiny's office that Monday with his answer.

"Basically, I said, 'Sure.'" And sure enough, the newest face on Oregon's bench is that of Lucas, who completed his eligibility with the Duck men's team last spring. Lucas replaced four-year assistant Allison Robertson, who resigned in December to spend more time with her family.

And that bench was probably the last one Lucas expected to be sitting on right now. Following spring term, he spent part of the summer in the Seattle Supersonics and Portland Trail Blazers' summer camps, and Lucas even made a trip to France to play in a pro league there.

Lucas returned to the states with his newlywed Shelley 10 days later, though, because his left knee was continually feeling worse and needed recuperation. He completed a degree in advertising last term.

Lucas said his new job has "perfect timing." It gives him a chance to get back in shape, it keeps him close to the game, and — more importantly — it's



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a job he enjoys.

"I'm getting paid to do something I love to do," Lucas said.

Heiny and the players are delighted to have Lucas as well.

"I think he's a great contribution to our staff," Heiny said. "The players really respect him."

"It's a great addition to the program, especially during the games," Oregon center Sara Wilson said. "He's always telling us extra pointers."

The man who gave Lucas pointers for years was Oregon men's coach Don Monson, but whenever Lucas runs into his former mentor at the athletic department, Monson calls Lucas by a different name.

"He'll say, 'Hey, there's coach Lucas,' or something like that," Lucas said, laughing.

Ducks face OSU tonight

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Nothing means anything when Oregon and Oregon State play.

But winning means everything when the two teams finish the Civil War women's basketball game. The two teams meet for the first time this season tonight at 7:30 in Corvallis.

Remember, this is the contest that saw both schools lose on their home courts last season. The Civil War is traditionally a game that stands on its own.

"This is an independent war," said Aki Hill, head coach of the 6-10 overall and 1-5 Pacific-10 Conference Beavers.

Oregon coach Elwin Heiny has said it before, and he said it again. When it comes to the Civil War, throw all past records out, he said.

"It's sort of what you always say," Heiny said, "but there's a lot to it."

So it seems. After Oregon's humbling 74-58 loss at McArthur Court last year, the Ducks edged the Beavers 65-63 in the Gill Coliseum rematch. Oregon has won seven straight in Corvallis.

And after winning at both Arizona schools last week, the Ducks proved they can still win on the road.

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Hockey player not afraid of force

By Doug Carter
Emerald Contributor

Oregon club hockey captain Scott Brown says, "You can't argue with mass in this sport."

Perhaps that's why it seems nobody wants a piece of Cold Duck Mark Liebert. When the imposing defenseman brings his six-foot, 240-pound frame out onto the ice, Oregon has a

force that few teams are able to counteract.

San Jose State has the dubious duty of dealing with the Lincoln High School graduate this Saturday at 6 p.m. and Sunday at 10 a.m. at Lane County ice.

Using his size to stuff, snuff and plain disrupt the opposition in the Ducks' zone is mostly what Liebert's game is about. But once he gets the puck and combines his desire to score with an aggressive attitude, a surprising amount of agility and quickness is apparent.

"Mark can rush the puck with anyone," Brown said. "When he gets a head of steam going, you get out of the way or you get hurt."

Opponents are generally forced to seek refuge from Liebert's punishing ways in the whistles of officials. And if anybody is familiar with the one-arm raised penalty call of an official, it's big No. 16.

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