

SPORTS

Quarterback race down to three

By Doug Carter
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Spring marks the season for rebirth, new beginnings and a fresh start.

It couldn't have come sooner for the Oregon football team, a squad ready to put behind the memories of a disappointing 3-8 season in 1991 and focus its full attention toward this fall.

For nearly a month now, Duck head coach Rich Brooks has been putting his team through a series of workouts and drills in an effort to get a firm understanding of what he will have to work with come September.

Brooks hopes to have an even better insight of his team's ingredients when spring practice concludes this Saturday with the annual intrasquad game at noon in Autzen Stadium.

The burning question on everybody's mind is: Who will be calling the signals when the Ducks' season opens on Sept. 5 against Hawaii at Autzen?

Although the coaches have gone through the process of establishing a hierarchy at the quarterback position (it's called the depth-chart), no official decision has been made as to who will take the first center snap in 1992 for Oregon.

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ances during the spring game as far as making decisions or reinforcing prior decisions," said Mike Bellotti, the Ducks' offensive coordinator. "We hope to make a decision after Saturday."

With the exodus of Brett Salisbury, the list of viable candidates has been trimmed to three: junior Doug Musgrave and sophomores Danny O'Neil and Kyle Crowston.

Of the three, only O'Neil has started more than one game for the Ducks in his career. He was Oregon's No. 1 man for the first five games of 1991 before being lost for the season with a dislocated thumb.

The injury has had ample time to heal, and O'Neil finds himself in a familiar position this spring, at the top of the depth-chart with Musgrave and

Crowston, gunning for his job. Musgrave, currently listed at No. 2, started against Washington last year and had a respectable showing against the nation's No. 1 defense before being injured on the Ducks' last offensive play of the first half. His season ended when he broke a finger trying to tackle a defender following an interception.

Crowston, the No. 3 quarterback, completed nine of his 15 attempts in his only start last year against Stanford but was unable to guide the offense into the end zone.

Overall, Bellotti likes what he's seen at the position this spring.

"I think they're playing better than last spring," Bellotti said. "We've had more success moving the ball and getting first downs against our defense than any other spring since I've been here."

Fourth on the Ducks' depth-chart is walk-on Clayton Millis, a freshman from Arroyo Grande, Calif. Although his 6-foot-5, 220-pound frame is the biggest of the contenders, inexperience will most likely keep him from getting quality minutes this fall.

"It's just a matter of getting him the opportunities," Bellotti said.

Forget the NBA — it's trout season

By Jayson Jacoby
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There are four NBA playoff games on tap for Saturday, including the Blazers against the Lakers. So how come basketball might be only the second most important sports story of the day?

Well, Saturday also happens to be the first day of trout season throughout much of the state. Some high Cascade lakes and coastal rivers don't open until May 23, but this opening day is the one most fishermen are excited about.

And they'll be flocking to waters in every corner of the state, regardless of the typically rotten opening-day weather. Sure, many will bring along a portable radio or television, but at least for this one day the number of fish in the creel will be more important than how many points Clyde Drexler scores.

Thanks to Oregon's warm winter, all those anglers will have a wider array of choices than usual.

For example, Diamond Lake, one of the state's most popular mountain trout lakes located east of Roseburg, has been ice-free for some time. And many other Cascade lakes are also accessible, providing rare opening-day fishing opportunities.

Of course you don't have to go far to find fish, either. Both the McKenzie and Willamette rivers offer good angling, and nearby reservoirs such as Leaburg Lake will have been recently stocked with catchable trout.

Don't ruin your experience by forgetting to buy an angling license and then receiving a ticket from a game warden. Licenses are available at most local sports and recreation stores.

The cost for a one-year license is \$14.75 for Oregon residents over 18, and \$5.75 for 14-17-year-olds.

It's also a good idea to pick up a copy of the 1992 fishing regulations listing all local rules and closures. They're available at any store selling licenses.

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