

Battered Ducks to start practice

By Steve Mims
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A battered Oregon football team will return to the playing field this afternoon to begin four weeks of spring drills.

Six players, including top defensive backs Chad Cota and Alex Molden, will not be participating in contact drills because of injuries. Offensive linemen Tasi Malepeai and Willy Rife, wide receiver Brian Brown and nose tackle Silila Malepeai will join Cota and Molden on the sidelines, at least at the beginning of the drills.

Molden is still suffering from a severe knee injury he received in the Independence Bowl last season, and Cota will be limited by tendinitis. Brown and both Malepeais are also recovering from injuries suffered last season, and Rife dislocated his kneecap during the off-season.

"We would like to identify our personnel and see who is ready to contribute next season," Oregon head coach Rich Brooks said. "I want to take a long look at our players who redshirted last season and also the junior college transfers."

Oregon's top returnee will be all-conference punter/kicker Tommy Thompson, who had one

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of the best kicking years in Oregon history last year when he connected on 21 of 34 field goals and scored 85 points for the Ducks. Thompson also averaged 41.4 yards per punt, including a 76-yard punt against California.

Brooks emphasized that all starting positions are open, including quarterback, to which junior Danny O'Neil returns after his first full season as starter. O'Neil started all 12 games in 1992 and threw for 2157 yards and 11 touchdowns, but Brooks said he was a little disappointed with O'Neil's performance.

"I was pleased with Danny in a lot of games," Brooks said. "But I was disappointed overall; he

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Catching the big one makes for perfect day



QUEPOS, Costa Rica — The screech of the reel broke the long silence as four feet of angry wahoo headed for the horizon at 50 miles per hour. Leaning back on the rod like a water skier, I felt as though I was hooked up to a car going down I-5.

Five minutes earlier, after eight hours of watching the mullet baits bounce in the boat's wake, I thought of a long

time fishing partner's favorite saying, "All I need is one good fish to make this day perfect."

At the beginning of the day, I had expected to hook more sailfish and dorado than I wanted to land. The Pacific Ocean off of Costa Rica is considered the best place in the world to fish for sailfish and marlin.

Charter boat captains in the Quepos area expect to see 15-20 sailfish a day attack their bait. In contrast, skippers in Hawaii and the Bahamas are happy to hook one or two sailfish or marlin a day.

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Athletic department continues search for women's coach

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As Oregon's search for a new women's basketball coach nears its original deadline, it appears the process will continue into next week.

Oregon associate athletic director Barbara Walker, who is heading the search for a replacement to Elwin Heiny — fired March 15 — is attending both the women and men's Final Fours, and it seems an

announcement of a new head coach will not occur until she returns to Eugene.

Oregon athletic director Rich Brooks is also expected to attend the men's Final Four, Oregon assistant sports information director Dave Williford said.

"We would like to name a coach as soon as possible," he said. "We hoped to have the search over by the Final Four, but now it appears it may last beyond that."

Williford said Oregon is looking for a personable coach with a strong recruiting background to fill the job that Heiny held for 17 seasons.

"Playing experience is not really a factor in the job," Williford said. "Recruiting is premium; the number one criteria is proven experience recruiting on the Division I level. We are also looking at someone with a pleasant personality to go out into the community."

Williford said the Ducks have received a number of applicants for the job, and they are pleased with the quality of applicants.

Williford would not confirm or deny who has applied for the job, but published reports have indicated that Boise State head coach June Daugherty and Missouri assistant coach Jody Runge have come to Eugene for interviews.

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SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES—SPRING 1993

LEAGUES	DIV	MIN # PLAYERS	ENTRY DEADLINE	START DATE	MANAGERS MEETING	EEE
Softball+	M*W*C*	10	**April 5	April 8	April 1, 4pm	\$35
Tennis+	M-W-C	3	April 8	April 12	April 8, 4pm	\$5/person
Soccer+	M-W-C	9	***April 12	April 17	April 8, 4:30pm	\$40
Ultimate Frisbee	M-W-C	7	April 22	April 26	April 22, 4pm	\$30
Grass Volleyball	C	6	April 26	April 28	April 26, 4pm	\$30

**SOFTBALL INSTANT SCHEDULING — APRIL 5, 2:30pm, FIR ROOM, EMU

***SOCCER INSTANT SCHEDULING — APRIL 12, 2:30pm, RIM OFFICE

ONE DAY EVENTS

Soccer Scramble	M-W	9	April 6	April 7	-	NC
Track Meet	M-W	4	May 5	May 7	-	\$15/team
Swim Meet-open	M-W-C	4	April 22, 3pm	April 23	-	\$15/team
International Aerobics	M-W	1	-	April 29	-	NC
Golf Tour.	M-W-C	2	May 10	May 16	-	1

TWO/THREE DAY EVENTS

Spring Tennis Classic	M-W-C	1-2	April 20	April 23	-	1
3x3 Basketball	M-W	3	May 6	May 8 & 9	-	1

* M=Men, W=Women, C=Coed

+ Intramural sport—under IM regulations (See Handbook)

! Cost for Activity—check RIM office for exact amount.

NEW PROCEDURE: Mandatory Managers' Meetings prior to scheduling Spring term. The meeting dates are:

Sport	Date	Time	Location
Softball	April 1	4pm	242 Gerlinger
Tennis	April 8	4pm	242 Gerlinger
Soccer	April 8	4:30pm	242 Gerlinger
Ultimate Frisbee	April 22	4pm	246 Gerlinger
Grass Volleyball	April 26	4pm	248 Gerlinger

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- ◇ Letter of recommendation from one writing teacher
- ◇ One page statement of interest
- ◇ Undergraduate transcript(s) (unofficial okay)

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FRIDAY, APRIL 9, 1993.