

Dave finally gets to put 'See Ya' in a headline!

The two keys to success as a sportswriter are: 1) A blind willingness to believe anything you're told by the coaches, flacks, hustlers, and other "official spokesmen" for the team owners who provide the free booze ... and: 2) A Roget's Thesaurus, in order to avoid using the same verbs and adjectives twice in the same paragraph."

I don't know where that came from, but it's up on the corkboard next to the sports desk at the Emerald.

I remember when the editor of the paper put it up last year. I was totally offended. Now I realize it's not that much of a stretch. The only thing that I won't buy into is that part about free booze. Sure, maybe I've taken my share of free spaghetti and bread at halftime of football games, and free pop at halftime of basketball games, but free

booze? Never had that offered to me, unfortunately.

It seems like that would just be a logical thing to give out at Oregon sporting events. At least then you might get lucky and forget what happened at the games.

That will be the last time I ever take a cheap shot at Oregon sports, at least in this space.

As much as this may be difficult to write, and I would guess even more painful to read, I have to do it. This is officially the last column I will ever write for the Emerald, and I feel the need to — God forbid — get cheesy and look back at the time I've spent.

I remember when I first got the job at the Emerald three years ago. Jake Berg was my sports editor that year (some things never change) and I remember one of my first assignments was to cover an Oregon



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football game.

I remember how star struck I was when I saw Bill Musgrave in the locker room, and how honored I was when Rich Brooks actually gave a long response to one of my questions.

I remember the first time I walked into Don Monson's office. He was probably my favorite coach in the world at the time. He must of known I was nervous because he made a couple of jokes that loosened me up a little. Unfortunately, the jokes didn't last long. He got fired at the end of that season.

In my four years at this school, I've watched the football team get progressively worse and the men's basketball team get progressively better, seen the women's basketball and softball teams get invitations to the NCAA and listened to countless track athletes moan about the Emerald's coverage, or lack thereof, of Oregon track.

I also remember one month ago when I had a huge "final column" prepared. Now, quite frankly, I don't have the energy nor the will to come up with some cute anecdote to fill 18 to 21 inches of copy.

Basically, I'm burned out on Oregon athletics, so I guess it's a good thing that I don't have to write another column after this.

Maybe it's just because it's spring and there ain't a whole lot to write about. You can only write so many interesting stories about track and the NBA play-

offs.

Just a few quick things I feel like I should say before I leave:

- Rich Brooks is as not as bad of a guy as I always portray him to be.

- Cherish watching Kenya Wilkins play for the next (hopefully) three years. He's going to be one of the great ones.

- Someday, I'm going to kill Steve Friedman for making "see ya" part of my daily dialogue.

See ya.

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by shooting 3-under-par 289 in the third round before closing with 308 to win by 16 shots over the Trojans.

"It feels absolutely fantastic," ASU head coach Linda Vollstedt said. "To survive the pressure, it is a great victory. The team did fantastic and they deserved it."

Arizona State was powered by Emilee Klein and Wendy Ward, who finished first and second in the individual race. Klein grabbed the individual lead with a 3-under-par 70 in the third round and overcame a poor start Saturday to shoot 74, taking the individual title by two shots over Ward.

"It's overwhelming," said Klein, a sophomore who will turn professional this summer.

Klein entered the final round with a two-shot lead, but had trouble fighting off the weather and pressure and lost the lead to Ward after four holes. Klein was four-over-par on the day after the first four holes Saturday, but turned it around with birdies on the fifth and sixth holes.

"I just tried to pump myself up," Klein said. "I never let myself get down. The birdie on the fifth hole put me in a better frame of mind."

Klein regained the lead by one stroke and it increased to two when Ward bogeyed the 17th hole. Ward saved par on the 18th hole with a 20-foot putt



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Arizona State's Emilee Klein capped off her collegiate career by winning the NCAA Championship Saturday in West Linn.

that drew a roar from the crowd which confused Klein.

"I knew I was two up going into the last hole, but I thought Wendy made birdie," Klein said.

Klein sent her third shot on the par 5,449 yard, 18th hole over the green and putted her fourth shot six feet past the hole.

Thinking Ward had birdied the 18th hole, Klein believed she needed the six-footer for par to avoid a playoff and calmly knocked it down.

Klein finished at 6-under-par 286, followed by Ward at 288 and Furman's Caroline Peek at 290. USC's Jill McGill was the only other golfer to finish under-par, coming in at 291.

KVAL-TV will keep OSN rights

The state department of administrative services has awarded the rights to televise selected Oregon men's basketball and football games during the next three years to KVAL-TV in Eugene, said athletic director Rich Brooks.

The successful bid, which also includes the airing of weekly coaches shows for the two sports as well as the telecast of two live football and basketball games annually as a local affiliate of the Oregon Sports Network, is expected to net the athletic department close to \$269,000 during the course of the three-year contract. In addition, KVAL will donate \$14,000 of commercial airtime per year for the purpose of promoting athletic department events.

For KVAL, it marks a continuation of its relationship with the Oregon Sports Network as the Eugene station is completing the final year of a three-year contract that began at the start of the 1991-92 season.

"We are excited about our new pact with KVAL and continuing what we feel has been a successful three-year partnership," Brooks said.

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