

Don't sue if you don't appreciate this column

Here we go again. As the year comes to an end, it's time once again to present the second and final edition of the Mimsies, my awards to the best and worst in Oregon sports this year.

The envelope please.

Athletes of the Year-This award goes to Kevin Roberts, one of the best and most unknown athletes on the campus, and women's basketball player Missy Croshaw.

Roberts, a sophomore on the Ducks' wrestling team, qualified for the NCAA Championships for the second straight year, finishing fourth. Roberts won 25 of 30 matches at 118 pounds during the regular season and finished the season 29-7 overall, including a 11-2 record in dual meets.

Following the season, Roberts was selected to compete for the U.S. team that will tour Germany this summer.

Croshaw responded from a year of uncertainty to help lead the Ducks into the NCAA tournament. Croshaw was one of Oregon's recruiting class of 1990 that was ranked No. 6 in the country by *Blue Star Report*, but hadn't accomplished much during its first three years together.

Croshaw entered her senior season under a new coach, Jody Runge, and was expected to move from the point guard slot to off guard after a previous season of inconsistent play at the point. Croshaw not only provided much of the heart for a team that went 20-9, but added 11.6 points per game while ranking among the top three-point shooters in the country.

Coach of the Year-Runge would seem the obvious choice here, but women's golf coach Lara Mack deserves consideration as well.

Runge's story is well known, transforming a 9-18 team into a 20-9 squad with basically the same squad, only healthier.

Mack took a less dramatic route, rather than improving a downtrodden team, she kept a growing program on an upward route. The Ducks qualified for the NCAA Championships in 1993 before coach Renee Baumgartner suddenly departed for USC.

Mack stepped up to take the job from her sister with the expectation of keeping the team strong, which she did. Oregon finished 13th at the NCAA tournament last month, an improvement of four places from last



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year.

Just as challenging for Mack was the burden of having to host the NCAA tourney, which requires an amazing amount of work and little details to tend to. Not to worry, the tournament went off without a hitch and not a bad word was mentioned from anyone about how the tournament was run. That accomplishment is as impressive as any win-loss record.

Team of the Year-As with practically every other award, this one could go to the women's basketball and golf teams as well, but let's give this one to the softball team instead. After three years of hovering around the .500 mark, the Ducks went 38-22 and beat traditional bullies California and UCLA a combined six times.

Positive Trend of the Year-Discipline and suspensions being handed out by Oregon

coaches.

Men's basketball coach Jerry Green and football coach Rich Brooks handed out a combined four suspensions this year to players who violated team rules. Although on the surface this may not seem positive, I think it says a lot for the program.

Green gave point guard Brion Smith a two-week suspension that ended up unofficially lasting through the end of the season after the junior guard reportedly made some less-than-positive comments about his team. Later in the season center Zach Sellers was told to sit out the Oregon State game for academic reasons, although his presence may have been what the Ducks needed to pull out a tight double-overtime loss to the Beavers.

Brooks sent running back James Reed home during the off-season for disciplinary reasons, despite having limited depth at the running back spot. Defensive end Colin Scrivener, who Brooks finally got to Oregon after more than a year of trying, was kicked off the team as well.

These four separate incidents show an emphasis on discipline that is needed at college campuses all over the country. The coaches actions seem especially

nice during a season when Michigan men's basketball coach Steve Fisher suspended three players for only one game after they were caught on tape swiping some beer from a convenience store.

Negative Trend of the Year-Lawsuits. It seems like anyone who doesn't make a career out of their sport is blaming their school for this, and suing them for retribution.

Whether it be in Miami where a former quarterback is suing because he didn't get the starting job or up north in Seattle where a group of Huskies cried their way to court because the NCAA acted as such meanies by putting them on probation, litigation is getting out of hand.

All these spoiled little athletes who think that they are owed the world because of their superior skills are really getting tiring. If these guys aren't good enough to start or can't avoid \$100 handshakes from boosters, it's their own damn fault.

Actually, they might be on to something. Maybe I'll sue God for not giving me incredible athletic talents.

Steve Mims is no longer the Sports Editor of the Emerald.

Santos named volleyball assistant

Frederico (Fred) Santos, a championship coach in Brazil and the United States, has been hired as an assistant volleyball coach for Oregon, head coach Gerry Gregory announced Friday.

Santos has coached 13 Olympians, eight women and five men, during the three Olympiads held between 1980 and 1988.

The former head coach of the Nevada men's volleyball club has coached eight championship

teams, including the Brazilian National Championships for Women in 1985 and 1986, when both squads went undefeated.

Santos, a graduate of Federal University of Rio de Janeiro in Brazil, has coached a second-place team in the men's Northern California Collegiate Volleyball League and a U.S. Volleyball Association title team in the Far Western Championships for Men's "A" Division during the past three years while living in Sparks, Nev.

RIM RESULTS

Soccer

Men's 1

Kappa Sigma 1-4, FC Copa-3
Spango's-3, Riley Hooligans 2-1

Men's 2

Scabs-1, Hilyard Street Crew-0
Kappa Sig 2A-3, Pikes-2

Coed

Faarfignewton-3, Arsenal-1
The Last Crusade-3, Non Conforming

Uses-1

Volleyball

Coed

Tri Deltas-2, Power Hitters-1
The Screaming Acorns-2, Door Jam-0
Team Busted-2, The Screaming
Acorns-0
Team Busted-2, Tri Deltas-0

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