

Brooks bids farewell to Ducks



BROOKS

Football: Rich Brooks leaves Oregon to coach the NFL's Rams

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Weeks of speculation came to an end Friday night when Oregon football coach Rich Brooks announced he had accepted the head coaching position the Los Angeles Rams had offered him earlier in the day.

The announcement came only days after Brooks had shown some displeasure with the Rams' inability to commit to a coach, and only hours after Brooks had met with his team with the intention of staying put.

"Most of this really happened within the last three or four days," Brooks said, adding that as late as Friday morning he believed he would not leave the Ducks. "We had been talking about an offer, but nothing was ever firmly settled. When I talked to my team [Friday] morning, I did not believe I was going to leave."

But the Rams' four-year, multi-million dollar offer and the chance to return to the NFL were ultimately too much to pass up, as Brooks ended his 18-year Oregon career with a 91-109-4 record.

"There is an abundance of things that are going to be difficult for me to leave behind — the young men that I coach first and foremost," Brooks said. "I am going to have a lot of mixed emotions in the next couple of days."

"I am generally excited about the opportunity to coach the Rams. I had obviously been interested enough to go to the interview and then the second one. And obviously they gave me an opportunity I couldn't refuse."



Rich Brooks, Oregon's head coach for the past 18 years, stepped down on Friday to accept a job as the head coach of the Los Angeles Rams. Brooks' final game was a loss in the 1995 Rose Bowl.

COACHING DEAL

- Brooks accepted a four-year contract which reportedly is worth about \$2.5 million.
- Brooks currently earns about \$200,000 per year as Oregon's head coach.
- Brooks, 91-109-4 since becoming Oregon's coach in 1977, succeeds Chuck Knox, who was fired last month with a year remaining on his four-year contract.
- The Rams, who are expected to move to St. Louis, were 4-12 last season and 0-6 in the NFC West division.

AT OREGON

- This fall Brooks guided the Ducks to their first Rose Bowl appearance in 37 years.
- Brooks' record is 67-60 over the last 11 seasons and he's guided the Ducks to four bowl games since 1989.
- Brooks won three national coach of the year awards this season after Oregon lost two of its first three games, then went on to finish 9-4 and win its first outright conference title ever.

HISTORY

- Brooks worked as the Rams' special teams and fundamentals coach in 1971 and 1972 under Tommy Prothro after coaching the linebackers at UCLA in 1970.
- After a year at his alma mater, Oregon State, he worked with defensive backs and special teams with the San Francisco 49ers in 1975 and linebackers again at UCLA in 1976 before becoming head coach at Oregon.

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GOOD MORNING

► A powerful winter storm descended Sunday on the Pacific Northwest with snow and frigid temperatures.

Winter storm warnings were in effect for parts of Washington, Oregon and Idaho as a deepening low pressure system brought harsh conditions.

Snow started falling early in Washington state. By late morning, 6 inches had fallen at Poulsbo, with 4 inches at Bangor.

Nine-inch snow drifts were reported in Port Orchard, Wash., and visibility in Tacoma was restricted to a half mile.

The wind chill in Portland fell to minus one and 1 inch of snow was on the ground, with wind gusting to 37 mph. Heavy rain was reported in Tillamook, Ore. and elsewhere along the coast.

Up to 10 inches of snow was forecast in the mountains of Washington and Oregon.

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Campaign: State board will promote University research through ads

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The Oregon State System of Higher Education has proposed utilizing television ads and radio commercials as a means of connecting University research to Oregonians.

The state board is considering a public information plan to market the work of researchers as a means of gaining status. The plan could be implemented as early as March.

The University's mission is to combine undergraduate education and research. University administrators take it very seriously.

"As a research University, all or nearly all of our faculty members are actively engaged in

research," said Steadman Upham, vice provost for research and graduate education.

"We want to have faculty that are recognized in their fields," Upham said. "It's a very real part of being a college professor today."

Research is an integral component of higher education and OSSHE may have found a new way to spotlight it. OSSHE would like taxpayers to see visible results from their investments in higher education.

During the 1993-94 year, University professors cashed in a total of \$43.08 million for research purposes. They received grants from the federal government, private foundations, corporations, state support and a limited amount of seed money from the University.

This monetary figure is down a total of \$3 million from the pre-

vious year. According to a 1993-94 annual report from the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs, the reasons for this monetary decline can be attributed to flat or reduced budgets from federal agencies and increased competition for external funding.

Federal funding — which constitutes 78 percent of all University monies designated for research purposes — took the largest dive from \$37.9 million in 1992-93 to \$33.6 million in 1993-94.

State support, however, increased from \$787,673 in 1992-93 to \$2,232,849 in 1993-94. Examples of projects funded by the state involve field work on archaeological sites, design and testing of economic development activities from job training to tourism and the research of earthquakes, forests, rivers and the

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