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Cutting programs no solution to problem

Even as a lifelong follower of the captivating world of sports, I must admit that there are still some things that puzzle me. From contract disputes to strikes to Title IX queries, sometimes I think we've all lost our way in the sporting profession.

Recently I've seen a few letters lambasting Oregon for the contract given to Jerry Green.

These individuals have written about how the men's basketball coach had little to do with Oregon's success this season. He had eight seniors (six recruited by the previous coach) and a nonexistent freshman class. The questioning letters stopped just shy of calling Green a fluke.

All of these whiners need a reality check.

With all due respect to the inherited seniors, they never would have accomplished as much without the Greenball core. They were molded into a prolific attack by the new regime. Case closed.

Those words of a fluke lack credible intelligence. Sure, Green's second recruiting class has yet to shine in the green and yellow, but that doesn't mean he doesn't know talent. Do the names Kenya Wilkins, Henry Madden, Zach Sellers, Darryl Parker, Jamar Curry and Jamal Lawrence ring a bell? All were in Green's first recruiting class.

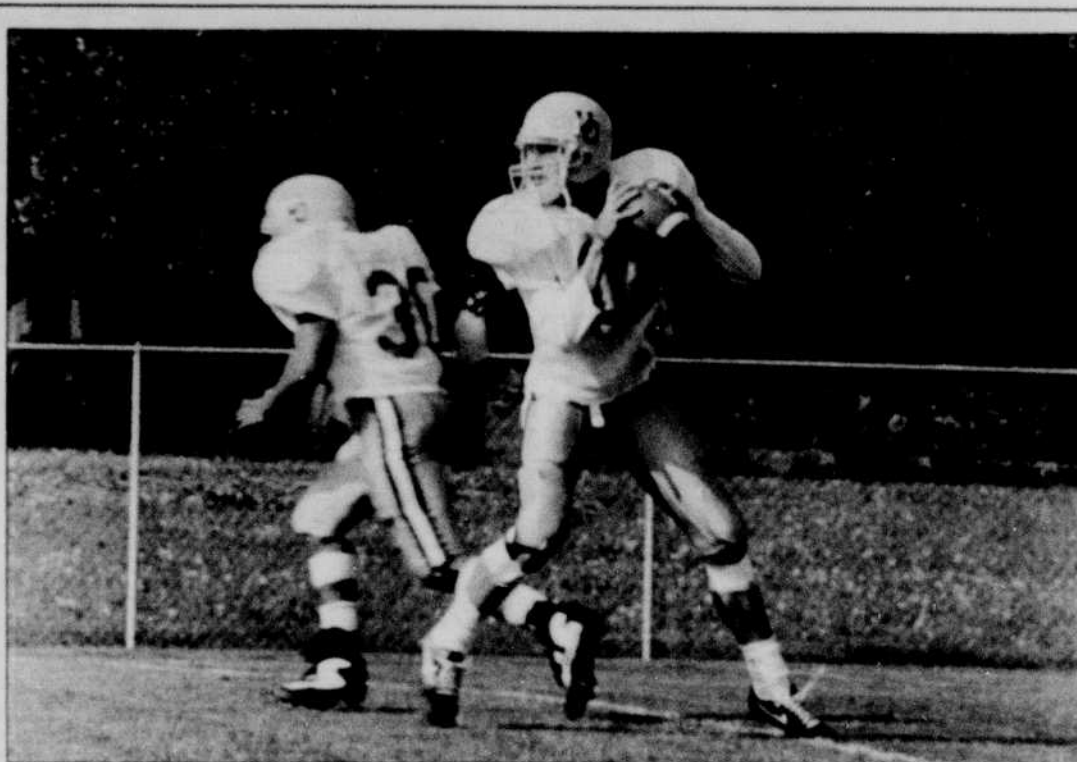
Also hovering over the sports desk is the ongoing saga of Jody Runge and her battle with the athletic department at Oregon.

The second-year women's basketball coach's one-year contract, which included a clause to potentially sue the University, has nearly run its course. Many are looking at Green's contract and crying for equality. Others are looking at potential replacements for Runge.

I say give her some more money. She has earned it with back-to-back trips to the NCAA tourney. But, as I said earlier this year when the dispute began, she does not deserve the same money as Green. This horse has been beaten to death, and I just wish she would realize that and pull out of the saddle.

Runge has done a credible job, but how much revenue, exposure and attention did her program gain for Oregon? Not enough to

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NATALIE MONTGOMERY/Emerald

Tony Graziani may finally get his chance to direct the Oregon offense on a full-time basis in 1995 as the Ducks lose a four-year starter in Danny O'Neil.

Ducks try to fill O'Neil's shoes

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Oregon Daily Emerald

At the beginning of spring practice, the biggest question mark for the Oregon football team hovered over the quarterback position, a position the Ducks hadn't worried about since Danny O'Neil took the helm four years ago.

Coming into the drills, it looked as if the job would be up for grabs, with junior-to-be Tony Graziani, junior Ryan Perry-Smith, freshmen Jason Maas and Mike Phelps and incoming freshman Justin Wilcox all bidding for the job.

But a look back to last year's game against USC — when in his first collegiate start Graziani threw for 287 yards on 16 of 31 passes to lead his O'Neil-less team to a convincing 22-7 victory — all but answers the quarterback question. With that clutch performance, Graziani convinced his teammates and coaches alike that he was capable of filling the enormous shoes left by his predecessor.

"I have tried to instill confidence in my teammates, and hopefully I've done a good job of that," Graziani said of his

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effort against USC last year.

For Graziani, earning that confidence and the role of starting quarterback has been something he has been working at ever since he stepped foot into Autzen Stadium.

"I'm real comfortable with it," Graziani said. "I've been looking forward to this for two years, and I've been preparing myself for two years to do this, and I'm ready."

And every indication points towards the Modesto, Calif., native as being the Ducks' go-to guy next year.

"Pretty much they are looking to me to step in and replace Danny," Graziani said, pausing to explain, "just because of my experience and that I've gotten a little bit more playing time than the other guys that are competing."

But for new Oregon offensive coordinator Alan Borges, there has been no hesitation thus far

in labeling Graziani as the starter.

"Graz is No. 1 coming in," Borges said, "and he hasn't really done anything to lead me to believe that is going to change."

The main reason for Graziani being the probable starter when the Ducks kick off their 1995 campaign against Utah on September 2 is his experience and proven ability to deal with game-time pressure.

"I think any snaps you can get are a plus," said new Oregon offensive coordinator Alan Borges, "and I think in a hostile environment like USC where he played and won, I think that is a great experience."

And with four strong candidates lined up behind Graziani, the Ducks look to have retained the depth that they had last year at the position.

"We have some good quarterbacks and we feel pretty good about the position because we have enough depth to survive if Graz should get hurt," Borges said. "When you have a capable back up like

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Oregon finishes 13th in Santa Cruz

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Paced by Ted Snaveley's 9-over-par, 222, Oregon managed a 13th-place finish while USC slid by the competition to capture the 49th annual Western Intercollegiate Golf Tournament in Santa Cruz, Calif., on Tuesday.

The Trojans came from behind with a third-round score of 288 to finish at 872, three strokes ahead of host San Jose State and five ahead of second-round leader BYU and Pac-10 foe California at the Pasatiempo Golf Course. BYU ended play on Monday one stroke ahead of USC and three shots ahead of San Jose State.

Ryan Hietala of UTEP won the individual title largely on the strength of a solid 4-under-par 67 on Tuesday to finish with a 211, edging Cal's Charlie

Wi. Wi fired an even-par 213 for the 56-hole event.

BYU's Todd Pence and Oregon State's Charles Kingsbaker, who owned the lead after the first two rounds, tied for third at 215 on the 6,483-yard, par-71 course.

The Ducks, who were tied for 10th after two rounds, shot a 303 on Tuesday to finish at 898, good enough for a tie with UC Irvine for 13th in the 19-team field.

Behind Snaveley's 222, fellow Duck Andy Scheidt carded a 224, while Jeff Barney shot a 229, Paul Regali a 231, Jason Mattaini a 238 and Chris Cone a 240.

The Ducks take to the desert next, traveling to Tempe, Ariz., for the Thunderbird Intercollegiate Saturday and Sunday.

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Tyson broke? Don't bet your palace on it

NEW YORK (AP) — Mike Tyson has bought a Las Vegas palace, paying \$3.7 million in cash, The Daily News reported today.

The News said the former heavyweight champion bought an 11,000-square-foot house on a street called Tomiyasu, near Wayne Newton's residence.

The house, called a "European palace, the best of Vegas," has seven bedrooms, a gourmet kitchen, wine cellar, exercise room, tennis court, swimming pool and a guest house, according to The News.

Tyson, released from an Indiana prison March 25 after serving three years of a six-year rape sentence, had been staying at the MGM Grand Hotel in Las Vegas.

Lacrosse squads suffer defeat

The men's lacrosse team lost its first spring league game of the season in grand fashion over the weekend, falling 11-1 on the road to Linfield College.

Oregon, now 3-1 in the league, will travel this weekend to Washington for two games. The Ducks will take on Washington State on Saturday and Whitman on Sunday.

Over the weekend the women's lacrosse team traveled to Santa Cruz for its first taste of competition this year. The Ducks, suffering from a lack of experience, came up short in each of its four tourney games.

"We really put in a strong effort this weekend," Oregon player/coach Amy Wilson said. "This year's team is in it for the experience, so every time we play we're improving."

The team will travel this weekend to Washington for two more contests versus Washington and Western Washington.

NBA Scoring Leaders

NEW YORK (AP) — The NBA individual scoring, field goal percentage, rebounding and assist leaders through April 10:

	Avg
O'Neal, Orl.	29.5
Olajuwon, Hou.	27.9
Robinson, S.A.	27.7
Malone, Utah	26.5
Jackson, Dall.	25.7
Mashburn, Dall.	24.2
Ewing, N.Y.	24.2
Barkley, Phoe.	23.1
Richmond, Sac.	22.5
Drexler, Por.-Hou.	22.2
Rice, Mia.	21.9
Pippen, Chi.	21.6
Robinson, Mil.	21.4