



Receivers fuel experienced, strong offense

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With the task of defending the Pacific 10 Conference title at hand, the Oregon football team looks to a strong offense and several key offensive weapons to keep it afloat in conference play next year.

And since Oregon graduated only four offensive starters, those offensive weapons will be nearly identical to those that led the team to the Rose Bowl last year.

"If we can keep everyone healthy and we can make the adjustments to some of the new things we are trying to do," Oregon offensive coordinator Al Borges

said, "I think we can have a heck of a season offensively."

Arguably the strongest part of the team comes in the receiving area, as the team returns a strong crew of receivers including flankers Cristin McLemore and Dameron Rickets, both of whom caught 42 passes last year.

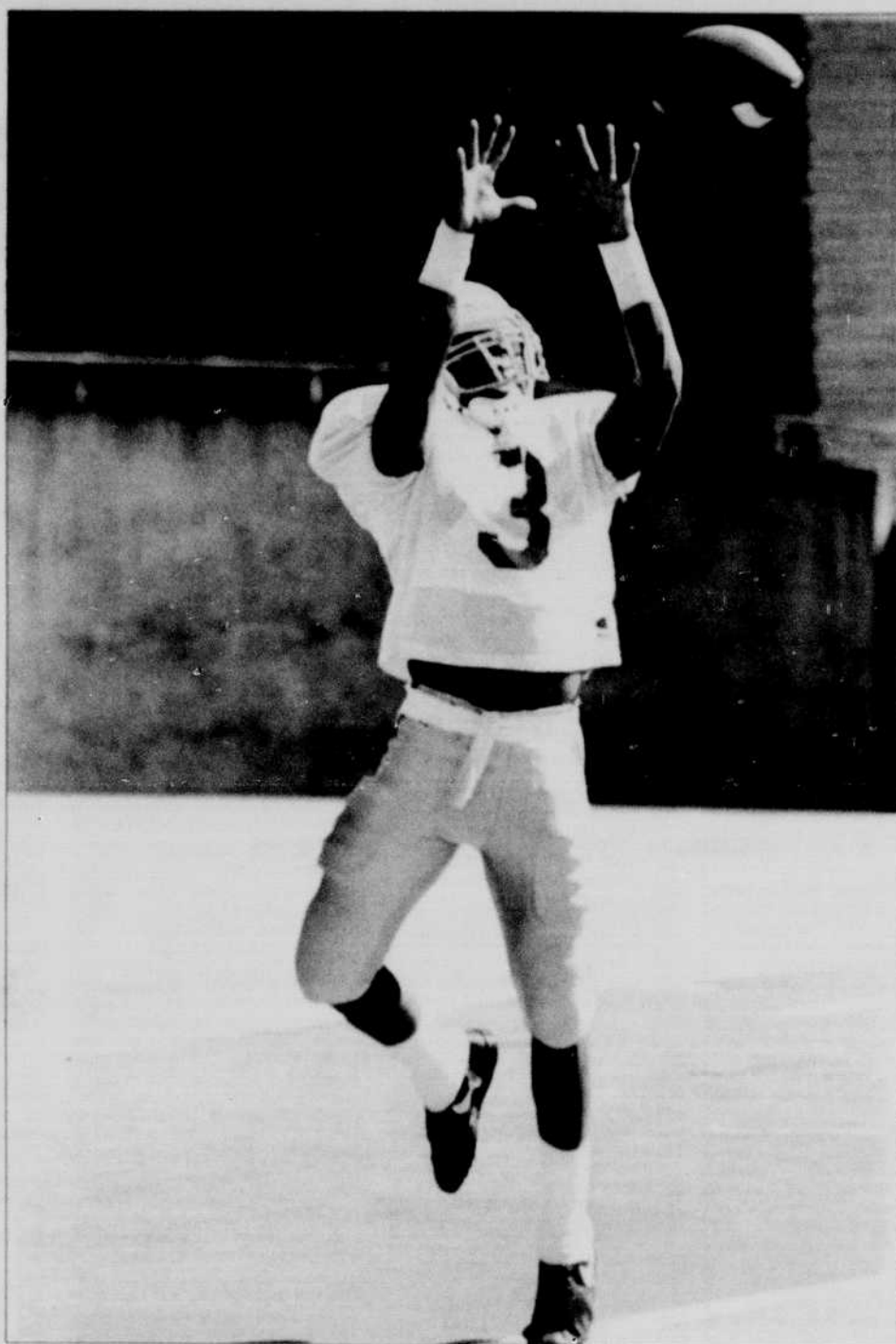
McLemore, who will be entering his senior season already holding the Oregon touchdown reception record of 20, was also instrumental down the stretch last season, catching three passes in the Rose Bowl clinching Civil War game and 10 passes in the Rose Bowl itself.

In addition, sophomore tight end Josh Wilcox returns for his junior year next season with 11 Rose Bowl receptions under his belt, while freshman flanker Pat Johnson caught 30 passes in his debut season. Split end Damon Griffin and flanker Gary Young, who redshirted last season, will also add depth to the team, as will the return of split end Jamaal Wallace.

The experience that those returnees bring will make the Ducks passing game all the stronger.

"I think we want to come out and do better,

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Split end Dameron Rickets, who started 11 games in his sophomore year last season, will provide the Oregon football team with needed experience and reliability next season.

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Struggling Ducks get back to basics vs. OSU

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The Oregon softball team is looking to jump out of its three-game slump today in Civil War action against the visiting Oregon State Beavers at Howe Field.

The Ducks (13-19 overall, 3-8 Pac-10) went back to the basics during practice on Monday and Tuesday, trying to refine all areas of their game after a season of hitting and run-production woes hit a climax during the weekend. Oregon was shutout in all three games against No. 1 UCLA and No. 19 Washington, including being held hitless by UCLA's Tanya Harding.

"We're looking for more of an offensive attack — more hitting," Oregon Head Coach Tami Brown said. "Overall, we're just getting back to the basics."

Along with refining the

offensive attack, the coaching staff began working with starting pitcher Kim Kampfer to help her in pressure situations.

"We're trying to refine her pitching so she can throw a strike when she needs to," Brown said.

While the Ducks' season may be off their NCAA post-season pace of last year, today's opposition has nothing to brag about.

Like the Ducks, Oregon State (11-25, 2-8) is coming off a tough weekend, losing four straight games to UCLA and Washington by a combined 43-2 score.

The Beavers' only bright spot this year is pitcher Amy Warner who is currently hitting .305 with 13 RBI. Warner leads Oregon State in victories with a 6-12 record, and an ERA of 4.66 along with 41 strikeouts.

University interviews second AD candidate

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The Oregon Department of Intercollegiate Athletics will interview the second of four candidates for the athletic director position today.

Bill Moos, athletics director at the University of Montana, will be interviewed Wednesday as Oregon continues its search for a permanent replacement for the position that hasn't seen a full-time occupant for 31 months. The position was left vacant last August by Rich Brooks, who split time between his AD duties and his head football coaching responsibilities.

Moos, who has been at Montana since 1990, began his athletics career in 1982 as assistant athletics director at Washington State and also served as the school's associate director from 1988-1990.

Dr. Eve Atkinson was the first of the four finalists to be interviewed for the position. Atkin-

son, the current athletics director at Lafayette College in Easton, Pa., toured the Oregon campus Monday.

As the only woman being interviewed for the job at this point, Atkinson said she didn't want to be considered just because she is a woman.

"If this is strictly an issue of a token woman being looked at for the position because of some affirmative-action form that needs to be filled out, let's save all of us some time," Atkinson said. "[The administration] has assured me that is not the situation."

Vice President for Administration Dan Williams said he was encouraged by Monday's meeting with Atkinson.

"If the experience we've had with the first candidate is any indication of what the balance of these will be like, we're going to have a tough choice to make," Williams said.

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Edney takes 'small' award

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. (AP) — Tyus Edney, who helped UCLA to the NCAA championship, was named winner of the Frances Pomeroy Naismith Award on Tuesday as the top college senior under 6 feet tall.

The 5-foot-10 point guard, who said he was always picked last for games as a child because of his size, is the first player from a national championship team to win the award. In 1975, Monte Towe of North Carolina State received the award, a year after his team won the NCAA title.

Although he was only able to play three minutes of the championship game because of a sprained wrist, Edney was the sparkplug for the Bruins (30-2) in the tournament and was named outstanding player in the West Regionals.

Vikings seek Division I status

PORTLAND (AP) — Portland State University said Tuesday the school will seek admission to the Big Sky Athletic Conference and move up to the NCAA Division I level if the application is accepted.

Portland State is now a Division II team, but the Vikings do not belong to any conference.

Officials said scheduling contests has become increasingly difficult during the past few years as the number of independent Division II schools has declined.

University President Judith Ramaley said moving to the Division I level would increase academic standards for student athletes and improve funding for women's sports.

Joining the Big Sky Conference would increase the \$2.7 million Portland State athletics budget by about \$2 million or \$2.5 million over the next five years, she said.

NBA DRAFT

- Arkansas' Scotty Thurman, Kentucky's Rodrick Rhodes and Chris Carr of Southern Illinois decided on Tuesday to declare for the NBA draft. Others to do the same so far are:
- Joe Smith, Maryland
- Corliss Williamson, Arkansas
- Gary Trent, Ohio University
- Mario Bennett, ASU