

## Soccer team excels without full-time coach

■ **SOCCER:** Men's club sport team has started off season with three wins

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With a 5-0 record the men's club sport soccer team is making its mark on the field against all odds.

Not only are they practicing three times a week, but they are doing it without a coach. This sort of commitment has shown the team the key that unlocks the door to success.

"We had to let the coach go because of player conflicts," said Greg Labavitch, team co-captain and goalie. "We have had at least 15 guys at every practice, and that commitment has helped us work together well as a team."

Coach or no coach, this year's team is for real. The team has already downed Lane Community College,

South Western Community College and Southern Oregon State College — by far their toughest opponent.

Oregon has controlled the tempo in every one of its games so far. Their use of teamwork and their exceptional passing skills have had opponents on the run.

"We need to focus on taking more shots and spreading the field more," Labavitch said. "We have had too much passing in our last few games and [the result is that] we haven't scored more than three goals a game."

The Ducks faced Southern Oregon last Saturday on their own home turf. Oregon came out ahead in its last meeting, but Southern was fired up and ready to avenge that loss. However, the Ducks came out on top 2-0 for another win to tally to their unblemished record.

The future looks very optimistic for the players, in that they are looking to be a varsity program a few years from now.

"Right now we are focusing on fund-raising activities, which involve selling T-shirts to make money for our team," Labavitch said. "We are just trying to promote the program anyway we can."



## Aggies could face eligibility fraud

■ **BASKETBALL:** Two New Mexico State coaches may have helped some of their players clear academic requirements

LAS CRUCES, N.M. (AP) — New Mexico State's basketball team could face two years' probation and other sanctions if the NCAA upholds 11 charges, mostly of academic eligibility fraud.

In a 29-page letter of inquiry sent to the school, the NCAA said the case "appears to be major." Besides possible probation, the Aggies could have restrictions placed on recruiting and financial aid to athletes.

The letter alleges assistant coaches Chris Nordquist and Gar

Forman had a hand in providing tests and papers for players to gain fraudulent eligibility through correspondence courses at two schools in the Southeast.

Neither coach could be reached immediately for comment.

University president Michael Orenduff said New Mexico State uncovered all 11 allegations itself.

"The NCAA letter of inquiry is consistent with NMSU's own findings," he said.

A copy of the letter obtained from the university had the names of athletes blacked out, so it was not immediately possible to determine how many players were involved.

The NCAA letter contends the university failed to adequately oversee the academic side of its basketball program.

The letter instructs the school to respond by Christmas Eve and says athletic director Al Gonzales and coach Neil McCarthy among others are to appear before the infractions committee.

"The essence of our response will be basic agreement with the allegations made by the NCAA enforcement staff," Orenduff said.

He noted the school's investigation had listed 17 violations.

McCarthy told The Associated Press on Monday night that in 20 years of coaching he has never had a problem with the NCAA.

"Certainly I am responsible to know what happens in my program," he said. "But I did not have an awareness of this ongoing situation until it was brought to my attention last February."

### MONDAY'S TRANSACTIONS

#### BASEBALL NL

■ **MONTREAL EXPOS**—Re-signed Denis Boucher, pitcher; Tony Barron, outfielder; and Julian Yan, outfielder, to minor-league contracts.

■ **NEW YORK METS**—Announced that Toby Harrah, manager; Bob Apodaca and Ron Washington, coaches; and Joe Hawkins, trainer, will return to Norfolk of the International League; John Tamargo, manager, and Bill Latham, coach, will return to Binghamton of the Eastern League; and Howie Freiling, manager, and Ray Ripplemeyer, pitching coach, will return to Columbia of the South Atlantic League. Promoted John Gibbons from manager of Kingsport of the Appalachian League to manager of St. Lucie of the Florida State League. Named Randy Niemann pitching coach of St. Lucie.

■ **ST. LOUIS CARDINALS**—Named Tony

La Russa manager and Dave Duncan pitching coach.

#### BASKETBALL NBA

■ **NEW YORK KNICKS**—Waived Ted Allen and John Strickland, forwards.

■ **PHILADELPHIA 76ERS**—Waived Morlon Wiley, guard, and Andre Reid, center-forward.

#### CONTINENTAL ASSOCIATION

■ **SAN DIEGO WILDCARDS**—Signed Joey Brown, guard.

#### FOOTBALL

■ **PHILADELPHIA EAGLES**—Signed James Saxon, fullback. Released Troy Drake, offensive tackle.

#### HOCKEY NHL

■ **BUFFALO SABRES**—Assigned Curtis Brown, left wing, to Moose Jaw of the WHL and Wayne Primeau, center, to Owen Sound of the OHL.

■ **NEW YORK RANGERS**—Recalled Don Langdon, forward, from Binghamton of the AHL.

#### SOCCER

**NATIONAL PRO LEAGUE**  
■ **CINCINNATI SILVERBACKS**—Agreed to terms with Bruce Murray, midfielder.

#### COLLEGE

■ **FURMAN**—Named Tracy Bergan assistant basketball coach.

■ **RUTGERS**—Named Maria Rodriguez assistant sports media relations director. Named Mike Leta and Darin Farrell assistant wrestling coaches.

■ **STEVENS TECH**—Named Gina Giarratana women's assistant basketball coach, and Perry Lopez, Brett Ayers, and Robert Harris men's assistant basketball coaches.

■ **YALE**—Named Joe Reilly men's assistant basketball coach.

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