

UCLA coach cleared in recruitment violation

■ VIOLATION: An NCAA investigation finds basketball coach Jim Harrick innocent of any wrongdoing

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — UCLA basketball coach Jim Harrick has reportedly been cleared of violating NCAA rules in the sale of a car he owned to the sister of a top recruit.

Neither the Pacific-10 nor UCLA would comment Tuesday on reports that a conference investigation had not turned up any wrongdoing by the Bruins coach.

Both the conference and the university have been looking into the sale of a car by Harrick's son, Glenn, to Lisa Hodoh on Sept. 20.

The sale came two days after Baron Davis, the woman's younger brother, verbally committed to play for the Bruins. Davis is a highly recruited 6-foot-1 point guard who began his senior year at Santa Monica Crossroads High last month.

Jim Muldoon, the Pac-10's assistant commissioner, said from his Walnut Creek, Calif., office he could neither confirm nor deny the reports in Tuesday's editions of the *Los Angeles Daily News* and *South Bay Daily Breeze*.

"We expect the investigation to be concluded by the end of the week, that's the only comment I can make at this time," Muldoon said. "The process is not quite completed."

UCLA Sports Information Director Marc Dellins said the school would not comment until it hears from the Pac-10.

Both newspapers quoted sources as saying nothing serious had been uncovered by the investigation into allegations that UCLA violated NCAA rules against providing extra benefits to recruits.

The *Daily News* said Harrick might be reprimanded by athletic director Peter Dalis for failing to report the sale after finding out about it.

If the reports are correct, Davis will be eligible to play for the Bruins as a freshman in the 1997-98 season.

"We feel good, really good," an unidentified UCLA official was quoted as saying by the *Daily News*.

On Monday, Harrick talked about everything regarding the upcoming college basketball season ex-

cept the investigation.

Asked if the investigation had been a distraction on the eve of the official start of practice Tuesday, Harrick replied, "Not to me."

Harrick and others connected with the university are not allowed to comment on orders of Dalis, who attended Monday's basketball media day.

Though the 1991 Chevy Blazer, bought in 1990, was always registered in his father's name, Glenn Harrick said it was his car "from the day it was bought," and that he got his father's signature on the title when he recently began thinking of selling it.

According to DMV procedures, the registered owner must sign over title.

Glenn Harrick has said he "didn't even think (the transaction) could be an NCAA violation, didn't think twice. I had no idea."

Glenn Harrick received \$5,000 for the vehicle, which has more than 112,000 miles and, according to sources, has been in four wrecks. Sources also said the vehicle was appraised last week for \$4,500.

Added depth means higher goals for Runge

■ BASKETBALL: Oregon's women's team has hopes of taking Pac-10 title away from Stanford

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"You play like you practice, so practice like champions."

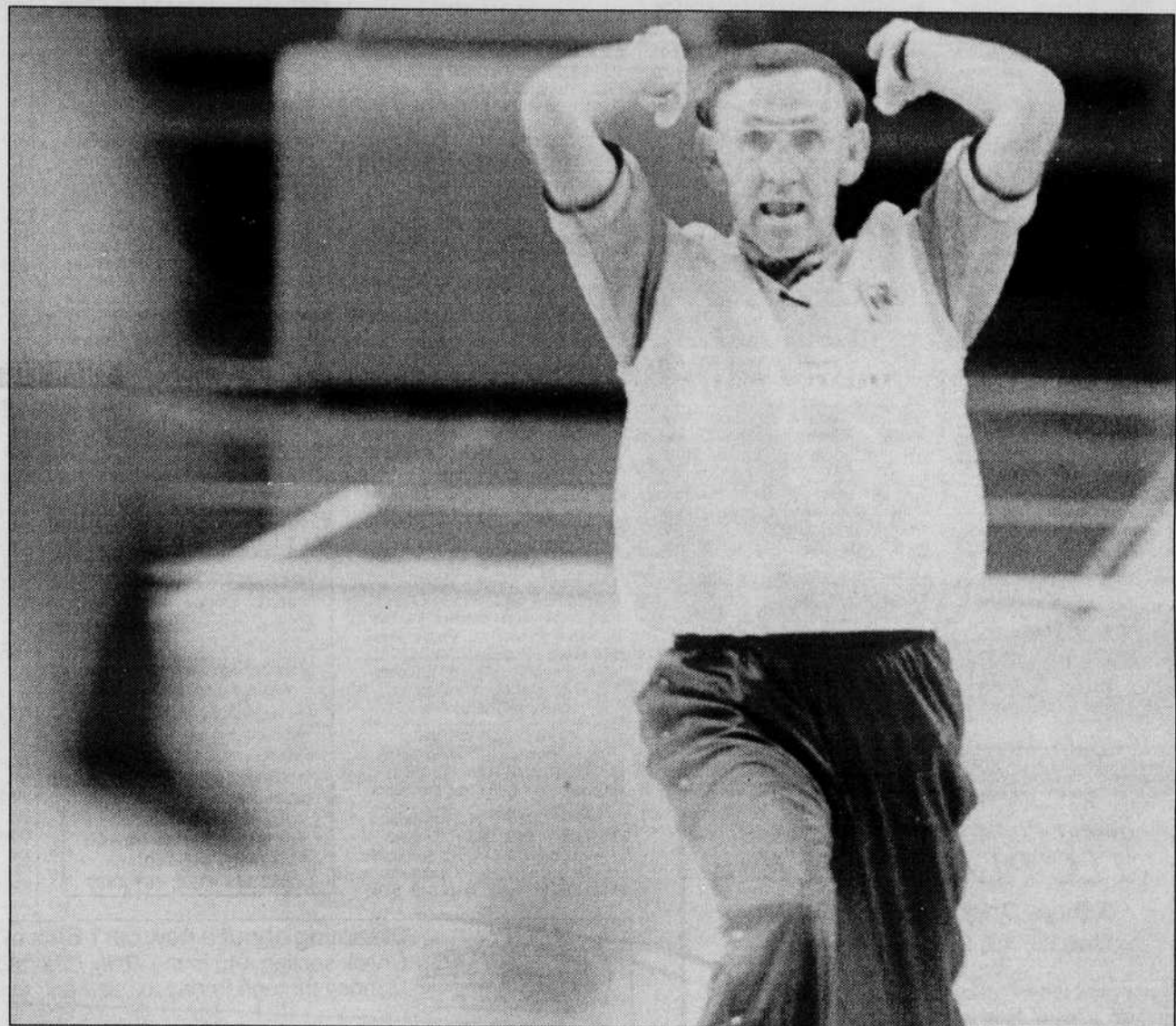
The words spoken by Oregon women's assistant basketball coach Fred Litzenger at the beginning of the Ducks' first practice tells it all. This year, the coaches and players alike believe that they have the chemistry to make a run at perennial Pacific-10 Conference champions Stanford.

"Since I've been here, I think we do have the best chance [to beat Stanford]," senior Arianne Boyer said at Oregon's first practice on Tuesday. "It will depend on how the newcomers fit into the system in the first couple of weeks."

As always, that is the question. With five seniors and five newcomers making up much of the roster, head coach Jody Runge has the job of finding a spot for everyone.

"I think realistically we really have challenges at every position," Runge said. "I think there is no one's job who is sitting there thinking their job is really safe. I think that is a good thing because our returning players have always had to deal with the stress of performing every night."

Two of the new players expected to relieve the pressures off some of the Ducks will be 6-foot-5 freshman Jenny Mowe and junior transfer Natalie Hughes. Mowe averaged nearly 25 points, 13 rebounds and five blocks a game during her high school career while earning Ore-



Oregon women's assistant basketball coach Fred Litzenger demonstrates to his players the correct way to make an overhead pass during the Ducks' first practice of the season. The Ducks have five new players this season.

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Football is a strange game through the viewfinder of a camera

They say you learn something new everyday. Over the weekend, I learned what it takes to photograph a football game.

The *Emerald* sports staff decided to make a road trip out of the Stanford game. Four of us piled into a car and drove to the Bay Area to report on the game.

With Stanford giving us only two reporter passes and two photography passes, I was the odd man out and picked up a camera to shoot the Ducks game against the Cardinal.

The good part was that I didn't have to get dressed up for the game. Reporters are usually in their Sunday best when they sit in the press box, but photographers basically wear anything they wish to, so I ditched the skirt and wore jeans.

I still must not have looked like a photographer because the Stanford field security guys seemed to question my credentials every time I turned around. One particular guy must have woken up on the wrong side of the bed that morning and he was less than pleasant when he said to me, "Where's your armband?"

I had put it around my leg and told him so.

"It's an armband, not a legband," he said.

I tried to tell him that it would not fit on the arm of my sweater because it

wouldn't stay put.

"No excuses," he said. "It's an armband, not a legband."

So I tugged it off my leg and put it around my arm. A few minutes later he was asking me again about my credentials, as if I were some random person on the field with a very expensive camera and without a pass.

So after the guy finally left me alone, I could concentrate on the game. One thing I hadn't realized is that photographers have a very different view of the game than anybody in the stands. Although it feels like you're part of the action, I missed a lot of what was happening because I had to watch it through a tiny viewfinder.

My camera was put on autofocus, so in essence I didn't have to do much. But I really wish that Oregon head coach Mike Bellotti would have given me the signals for the plays so I would have had some idea where to shoot on each play. And unlike the Ducks' previous games, I couldn't rely on every play being a pass. Oregon not only ran the ball more, but Tony Graziani scrambled, making it more difficult to guess what was going to happen. That may be good in order to confuse the opponent's defense, but it makes it tough to shoot.

I also had to make it look like I knew what I was doing so I wouldn't make a fool out of myself. It worked for most of

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OPINION



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