

# FSU's Young denies allegations

■ **FIX:** The basketball player may be the focus of a point-shaving investigation

The Associated Press

FRESNO, Calif. — Dominick Young of Fresno State doesn't recall ever talking to an alleged gambler who reportedly spoke with the basketball player at a nightclub.

"I don't recollect coming across the individual they are talking about," Young said at a news conference Monday.

His attorney, Ernest Kinney, said Young "doesn't even know who they're talking about. It could be one of hundreds of people who have approached him at nightspots."

The Fresno Bee reported Thursday that university officials, and possibly law enforcement, are investigating rumors that Fresno State players shaved points.

The article said the investigation focuses on Young. The Bee added that he was seen at a nightclub after one game with a Fresno

businessman whom the Bee identified as a "sizable sports bettor with ties to organized bookmaking."

Kinney demanded Monday that the Bee print "a full and complete retraction of any wrongdoing, of betting, betting probe whatsoever."

Co-counsel Michael Idart said he wants the Bee to publish a statement that "they have no evidence of point-shaving, and they have no evidence of gambling."

The Bee's executive editor, J. Keith Moyer, was unavailable for comment.

With his parents and brothers standing behind him, Young read a statement reiterating his earlier denial of wrongdoing.

"The rumor that I conducted myself improperly as a member of the Fresno State basketball team is just that — a rumor," according to Young's statement. "It has no basis in fact. It's untrue."

Both Young and Fresno State coach Jerry Tarkanian previously denied that Young shaved points, in which players keep the margin

of victory inside the point spread.

Kinney said the retraction demand would be made in writing by Tuesday. The Bulldogs (20-11) begin National Invitation Tournament play Wednesday at home against Nevada (20-8).

The alleged gambler already had said he will demand that the Bee retract its claim that he talked with Young at some length the night of Feb. 20.

The businessman told local television station KJEO on Friday he did buy Young a soft drink at the nightclub but insisted "that was it." The businessman's attorney, Thomas Nast, said he will demand that the Bee retract the portions of the article concerning his client.

The university has announced it is investigating the rumors.

Fresno County sheriff's deputies separately have given information to the FBI, but Idart said he was told the FBI "doesn't think the information is significant enough or important enough to investigate at this time."

## DeYoung: Thanks to those who helped out

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And Go Ducks!

Andrea DeYoung was the assistant sports editor for the Emerald. Her views do not necessarily represent those of the paper.

## Harrick settles dispute with UCLA

■ **CONTRACT:** The former basketball coach was fired in early November

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Jim Harrick, fired as UCLA basketball coach for lying about an expense report, has accepted the school's offer to settle the remaining four years of his contract and will not sue, athletic director Peter Dalis said.

Harrick requested a meeting last week with Dalis and other UCLA officials and basically accepted the offer made by the school a few weeks after his Nov. 6 firing, Dalis said Sunday.

"In principle, it's done," Dalis said, adding that the agreement must still be cleared by attorneys. "It's what we put on the table originally — what we offered in December, with small little [changes]."

Harrick will apparently receive his \$140,000 base salary for the 1996-97 season as stipulated in his contract in the event of firing but not the rest of his com-

pensation package, which totaled close to \$440,000 per year.

Harrick, 58, has remained quiet during the season, but he's made it clear he wants to coach again.

Dalis reiterated that firing Harrick two weeks before the season started for filing a false expense report and then lying about it "was the only choice I had."

But he acknowledged that he felt a sense of personal satisfaction in the team's success under Steve Lavin, whom Dalis made the interim coach the day Harrick was fired, then hired permanently in February. The Bruins are 21-7 heading into the NCAA tournament.

"Every night there was a game, people were yelling at me in Pauley Pavilion," Dalis said. "Before I hired Steve permanently, it was pretty ugly; every night someone's screaming in your face. You try to ignore it, but you can't — I especially didn't like it when they did it when my wife was there."

## Golf: UO has three competitors in top 13

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Astorquia along with Derek Croskrey led the charge for the Ducks, tying for fourth place with one-over par 73s, but they weren't the highest scoring team members. Joel Stock, playing unattached to the Ducks' scoring squad, tied for second place with a 72. Ryan Lavoie wasn't far behind the rest of the Oregon squad as he tied for 10th with a 75, and Chris Cone was one shot back, tied for 13th place. Oregon's other golfers were Jeff Barney, finishing in a tie for 41st with a 79, and Ben Crane tied for 62nd with an 82.

"I was pleased with the way we played today," Oregon head coach Steve Nosler said. "To put three guys in the top 13 is great, but the team as a whole played very consistent. There might be a little home course advantage, but there are some very good teams here. The course was so wet it probably played more like a par 75 than a 72."

Oregon State's Charles Kingsbaker led the field of 90 golfers with a 70, two shots ahead of Arizona State's Brad Cannon and Stock. Washington had three golfers finish in the top 10 to capture the lead.

The Ducks' individual golfers, not playing as scoring members, played well on the day. Adrian Burtner and Ryan Chackel both tied for 13th place with scores of 76, Blake Parrish was two shots back in a tie for 34th, and Jason Mattaini finished in 88th place with an 88.

Brigham Young led the remainder of the pack in fifth place with a 305, while Washington State trailed all with a 323.

Competition resumes today with a shotgun start at 7:30 a.m. Oregon players will be starting on holes one through five in the final round.

### Nordic ski team competes at Tahoe

The Oregon Club nordic ski team competed in the U.S. Collegiate National Championships at Lake Tahoe over the weekend.

Phil Austin was Oregon's highest placer, finishing 16th in the 10k skate race. Austin narrowly missed all-American status, which includes the top 15 finishers. Oregon's Emil Ostberg and Christian Martin finished 23rd and 25th in that same race, respectively.

In the 15k Classical race, Austin

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was again Oregon's highest-place finisher, coming in 19th overall. Ostberg was 25th and Martin 26th.

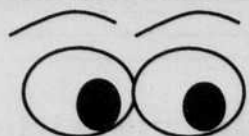
The Ducks wrapped up the competition with a seventh-place finish in the 3 x 7.5k relay.

"Considering we only train on weekends, we did pretty well," head coach Casey Carroll said.

### Club karate places two at championship

Elizabeth Balch and Hamilton Link won medals for the Oregon Club karate team last weekend in Hwang's Martial Arts Open Championship.

Balch won a gold in beginning women's non-contact sparring after just five months in the sport. Link earned a silver in the black belt open forum competition and a bronze in lightweight men's brown and black belt non-contact sparring.



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