

Ducks sign junior college point guard

■ **BASKETBALL:**
Yasir Rosemond was three-time all-state and all-region selection in Georgia

The Ducks took a step toward filling the void left by point guard and four-year starter Kenya Wilkins Wednesday.

Yasir Rosemond, a 6-foot-1, 170-pound junior college point guard, was signed to a national letter of intent by the Ducks.

Rosemond played one season at Okaloosa-Walton Community College in Niceville, Fla., two years ago, where he averaged 12 points and six assists per game.

Rosemond led his team to a 36-4 record and a No. 1 junior college national ranking that year.

After playing one season at Okaloosa-Walton, Rosemond transferred to Butler Community College in El Dorado, Kan., and was redshirted last season.

He will join the Ducks as a sophomore.

As a four-year starter at Frederick Douglas High School in Atlanta, Ga., Rosemond averaged 24 points, seven assists, three rebounds and two steals in 1995.

Rosemond was a three-time all-regional and all-state selection in high school.

The signing leaves one scholarship for the Ducks; however, head coach Ernie Kent said he does not plan on using it any time soon.

However, he will continue to recruit through summer and plans to look overseas for a center or power forward, Kent said.

"If I cannot find [another big man] ... then I am just going to hold on to that scholarship and take it into the fall signing period," Kent said.

Ryan Frank of the Emerald contributed to this report



Oregon competes for trip to nationals

By Ryan Halvorsen
Sports Reporter

It's do or die time for the Oregon men's golf team.

The Ducks are heading to the NCAA West Regionals in Santee, Calif., hoping to earn a spot in the national championships and are on a roll after finishing ahead of two top-10 ranked teams on their way to a second-place finish at the Pacific-10 Conference Championships last week.

The Pac-10 is one of the toughest conferences in the nation with three teams in the top 10 and eight in the top 50, and No. 38 Oregon showed it could compete at the top.

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■ **GOLF:** Oregon is up against a good field at the West Regionals

Blazers get 13th man with Dunleavy

Are you kidding? Mike Dunleavy? Is this the same Mike Dunleavy that is 76 games below .500 in six years as a head coach?

Unfortunately for Blazers' fans, this is that Mike Dunleavy.

For the life of me, I cannot figure out what the fascination with Dunleavy is.

Granted he took Los Angeles past the Blazers and into the 1991 NBA Finals. But that was an inherited team. That was Pat Riley's and Magic Johnson's team.

Let's take a look at what Dunleavy has done on his own.

The season after the Lakers went to the finals, they were just four games over .500 and were bounced in the first round of the playoffs.

Dunleavy then moved to Milwaukee where he spent four years as the Bucks' head coach.

And what happened there? A dismal 107-221 record. But on the bright side, the Bucks never lost a playoff game.

Granted, Milwaukee was not loaded with talent, but does taking a mediocre team to a terrible record make him qualified to be the Blazers' new head coach?

I say no.

However, there is logic behind Dunleavy's hiring.

The man can play.

While he was an assistant coach in Milwaukee from 1986-1990, before going to Los Angeles, Dunleavy came off the bench to help Del Harris and the Bucks when they were short-handed.

That must be what Bob Whitsitt was thinking.

When Isaiah Rider is suspended and Arvydas Sabonis is out with another knee injury, Dunleavy can help out. He's only 43 years old.

Where can you get a coach like that? They don't just grow on trees.

Can you see Chuck Daly running down court in shorts and a tank top?

Dunleavy's been there, done that.

In 1988-89 he appeared in two games for the Bucks, and in 1989-90, his last season in Milwaukee, he played in five games.

Find me another coach in the NBA who has that on their resume.

The Blazers have truly found someone special.

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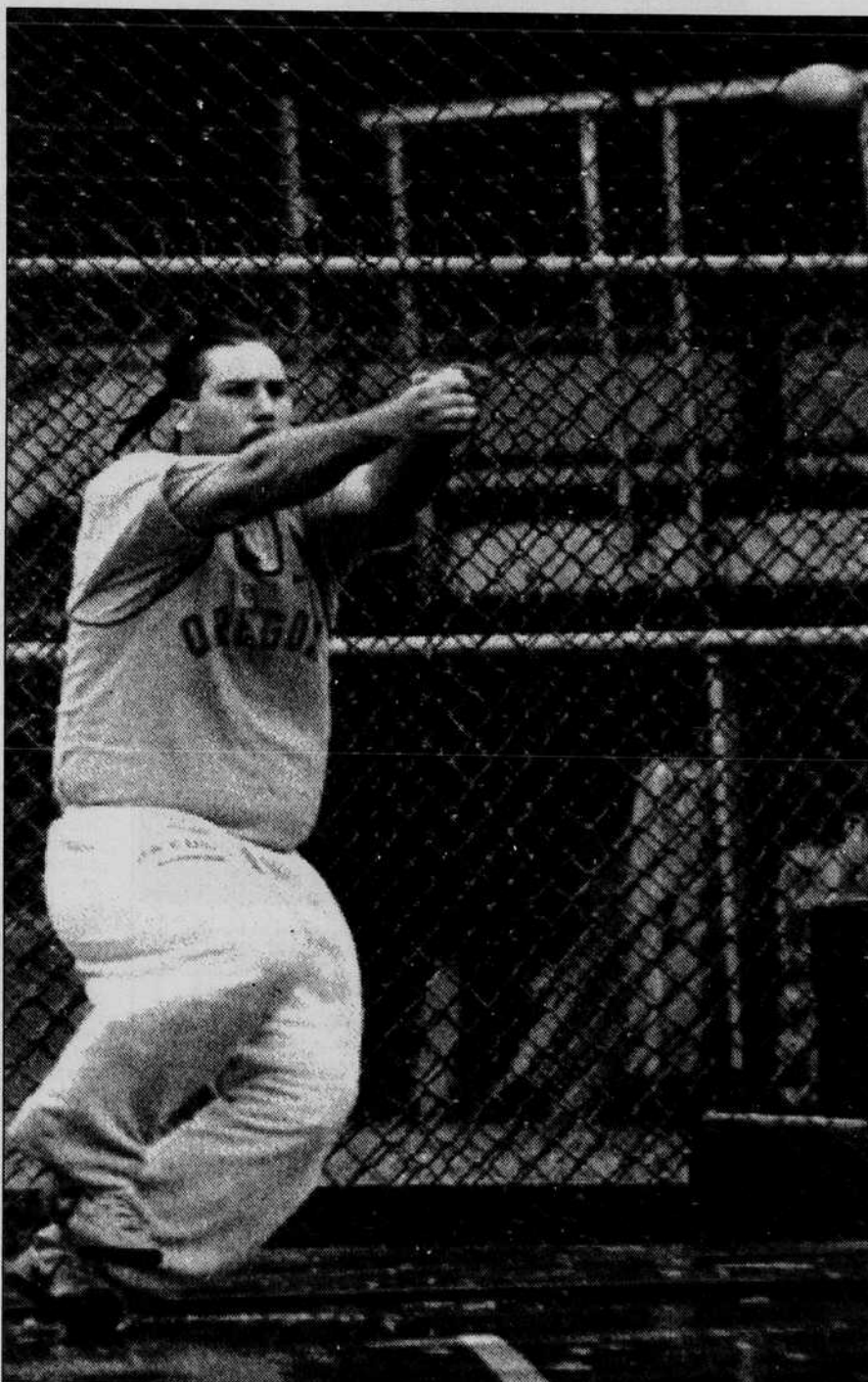


Ryan Frank

"It's kind of ironic but I'm just starting to learn the hammer now. It's just starting to all come together now."

— Jeremy Robinson, UO hammer thrower

Timing is everything



After a serious knee injury, Jeremy Robinson has recovered to become an NCAA provisional qualifier

By Alex Pond
Sports Reporter

Talk about peaking at just the right time.

With the Pacific-10 Championships two weeks away and the NCAA Championships looming on the horizon, Oregon hammer thrower Jeremy Robinson unleashed a toss of 200-8 while winning the event during Saturday's dual meet with Washington.

The mark was a season best for Robinson and earned him an NCAA provisional qualifying mark.

More important is the fact that he seems to be at the top of his "game" as the season enters the crucial home stretch. Robinson has consistently been over 190 feet during the past month and constantly flirted with the provisional mark of 196-10 before finally achieving it last weekend.

"He's smart," Oregon throwing coach Stewart Togher said. "If you train for a number of years and train consistently like he does, there's a biological clock. You may want to throw far, but the only time you really want to throw far is at the Pac-10s or NAAs."

"Even though he had some good training throws, it doesn't come out in the other competitions because it's not necessary. But when it's on the line, it happens."

While he was pleased with Saturday's mark, Robinson said he thinks he can throw farther. He would like to break his career best of 202-7 reached last year, and thinks he may need a few more feet to get him into the NCAA Championships. He currently ranks 24th on the NCAA list.

"It's hard to say because I really don't know, but I don't think that will get me in," Robinson said. "I think I need a

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Oregon's Jeremy Robinson threw 196-9 at the Pepsi Team Invitational April 19, one inch short of the NCAA provisional qualifying mark. But last weekend against Washington, he threw a season best 200-8, which ranks 24th on the NCAA list.