

Bob Foster File

■ **WHAT:** Foster was hired as the Ducks' new defensive coordinator by Mike Bellotti last Friday

■ **AGE:** 57

■ **CONTRACT:** The contract runs through June, 30, 1999, at an annual salary of \$90,000

■ **BACKGROUND:** Foster coached at UC Davis for 19 seasons, four of those as a head coach. He comes to Oregon directly from Willamette University, where he served as the Bearcats' defensive consultant for three seasons. He helped the Bearcats to the NAIA championship game and a 9-2 record last season. As a head coach at UC Davis, Foster led the Aggies to a 30-11-1 mark.

Foster to lead Oregon's defense

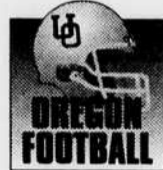
Former UC Davis head coach Bob Foster will take over the defensive coordinator position left vacant by Rich Stubler

By Rob Moseley
Sports Reporter

Oregon football coach Mike Bellotti introduced a new defensive coordinator on Friday, and it was a familiar face to many people around the program.

Former UC Davis head coach Bob Foster will lead the Oregon defense next season, replacing Rich Stubler, who resigned after two seasons with the Ducks and will serve

as defensive coordinator for the Edmonton Eskimos of the Canadian Football League next season.



Foster coached for and with Bellotti and Oregon receivers coach Chris Peterson at UC Davis before serving as a defensive consultant at Willamette the last three seasons.

"I've known Bob for 27 years," Bellotti said, "during which time I've had the pleasure of coaching with him and the displeasure of coaching against him. He's the most difficult person I've ever had to try and design an offense against."

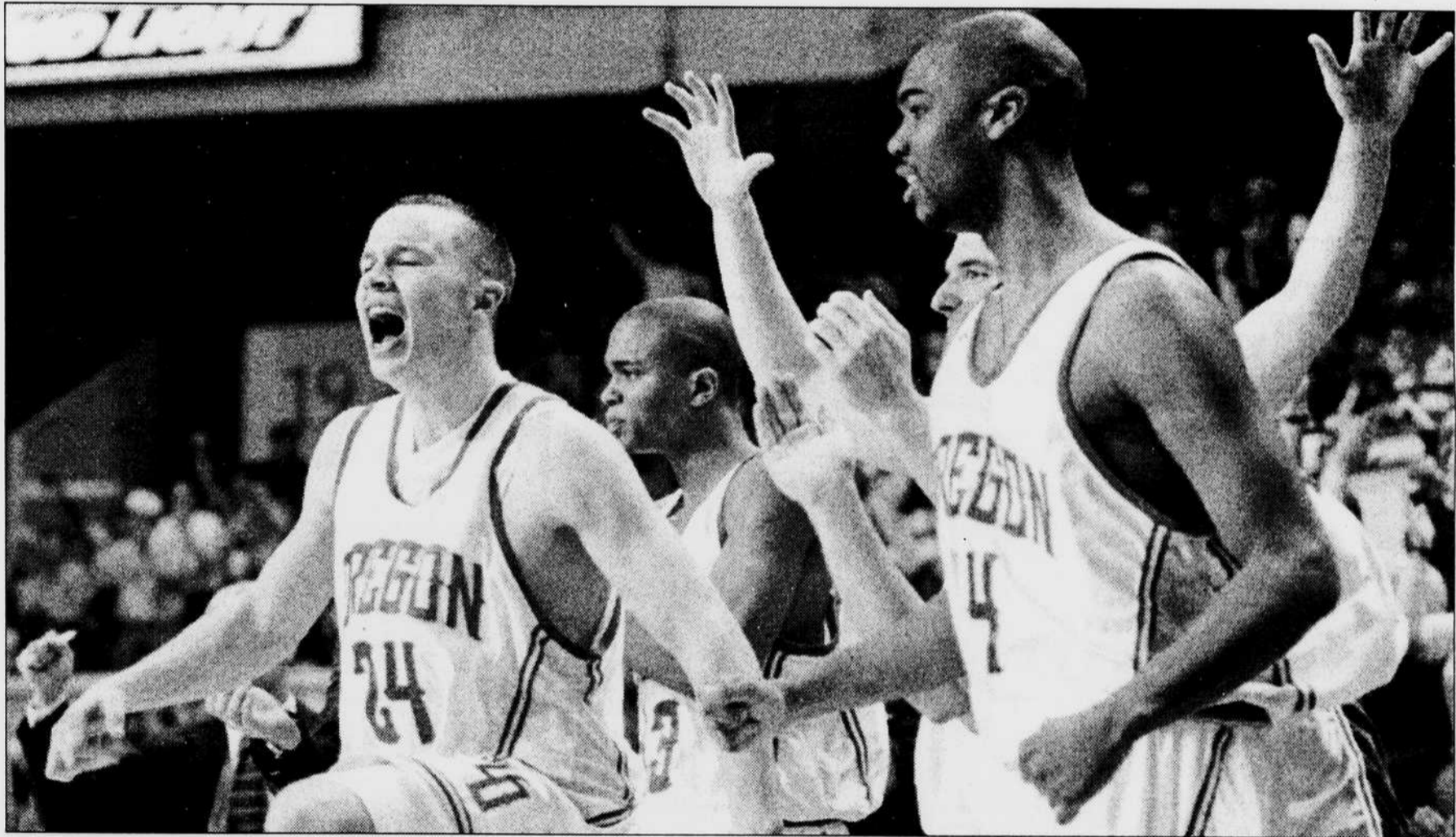
The only question Bellotti said he had regarding Foster was whether he was ready to coach again. Foster retired from football after four seasons as UC Davis' head coach in 1992 and served in the athletic department's development office the past five years, including during his association with Willamette.

"Bob is a guy I first interviewed three years ago when I got this job," Bellotti said. "At that time my only question was whether he really wanted to do this. When he went back to work at Willamette, I knew he was ready."

Foster added: "Sometimes that's what it

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The thrill of victory



Oregon point guard Mick McShane celebrates with teammate Jonathan Nelson during the Ducks' 71-62 win over Washington State. The win at McArthur Court Saturday broke the Ducks' five-game losing streak that dated back to their conference opening win over California. Story on page 11A. The Oregon women also defeated Washington State Saturday. The Ducks used a 7-0 run over the final two minutes of the game to win in Pullman. Story on page 12A.

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Cardinal not what it once was

OPINION



Alex Pond

Stanford is showing signs that it may not dominate the Pac-10 like in years past

By Alex Pond
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News flash: Stanford may not win the Pacific-10 Conference championship this season.

While it still has enough talent to get the job done, the Cardinal seems to be more vulnerable this season than in recent years.

The Cardinal (8-5 overall, 5-1 Pac-10) breezed through its first three Pac-10 games, winning by an average of 24 points, but struggled a bit last week, losing at Arizona and coming from behind to beat UCLA.

Granted, a one-point loss at the buzzer on the road against the then-No. 9 team in the nation (Arizona) and a five-point win at 9-6 UCLA is no cause for alarm, but there are some signs that Stanford won't run away with this thing like it has in winning the past three Pac-10 titles, the last two with perfect 18-0 records.

The first sign is that Stanford actually lost a Pac-10 game. Prior to last Monday, that hadn't happened since a 78-73 loss at Oregon State in 1995, a span of 48 games.

The loss, though, wasn't the biggest clue that perhaps the Cardinal is coming back to the pack. A one-point loss to one of the 10 best teams in the nation is no big deal.

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Stanford front-runner of Pac-10

OSU's Ron Grady suffered bruised ribs and a lacerated kidney against Washington

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The Pacific-10 Conference race began to work itself out this weekend as Stanford defeated UCLA convincingly at home, 93-80. The Cardinal led by 18 at halftime and made 14 of 26 three-pointers for its second consecutive home win over UCLA. Stanford won by 48 at Maples Pavilion last season.

The Cardinal remained undefeated at 16-0, including 5-0 in conference, and is now ranked No. 6 in the nation in the ESPN/USA Today's top 25. The 16-0 start is

the best in school history, and if the Cardinal can weather two games with Arizona, an undefeated season is not unlikely.

The Cardinal puts its ranking and record on the line this weekend in Washington. While Washington State should pose no threat, it should be noted that the last time the Cougars faced an unbeaten team in January that team entered February with a loss. Washington State sent then-No. 17 Oregon back to Eugene with its first loss of the season last year.

Also, Stanford will be severely tested by the presence of Washington center Todd MacCulloch. MacCulloch is the reigning Pac-10 player of the week after posting 31 points and 15 points

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