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Candidates for track and field head coach narrowed to two

Oregon assistant John Gillespie and Wisconsin's Martin Smith were interviewed by Oregon Athletic Director Bill Moos last week in the search for Bill Dellinger's successor

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Oregon athletic director Bill Moos said he hopes to name the new men's track and field head coach by the end of the week. The two candidates vying to succeed the legendary Bill Dellinger are long-time Oregon assistant John Gillespie and Martin Smith, the head men's cross country and assistant men's track coach at Wisconsin.

Both candidates would bring distinct qualifications to the program, according to Moos.

Smith, 48, has won 12 Big-10 Conference cross country titles in his 15 seasons at Wisconsin. Throughout his tenure there his teams have won two national championships and never finished lower than third in the conference. Smith has coached 33 All-Americans and four individual Big-10 champions.

The 52-year-old Gillespie has been a part of Oregon track and field since 1983. He's coached athletes to 13 Pacific-10 Conference titles in the last 10 years, as well as to new school records in the high jump, long jump and triple jump.



The two coaches both believe they can lead Oregon to national prominence, but they have different ideas about the means of achieving it.

Smith said he may want to decrease the number of dual meets that the Ducks have traditionally competed in.

"Dual meets are not a part of the outdoor season at Wisconsin," Smith told the Register-Guard on Friday. "I know it's fundamental to the tradition of the program at Oregon and could be a delicate issue. My goal would be to build a team that contends at

the national level and the Pac-10 level, and if you contend at the conference level you have a good, well-rounded track program."

In contrast, Gillespie said he would continue to schedule dual meets.

Both coaches emphasize recruiting as a key to Oregon's future success.

"You've got to get good people," Gillespie said. "You work hard, you get good people, you get good recruits, you get the right situation to do it. Then at the right time, you've got to have a little luck."

It will not be an easy task for either to replace Dellinger, who retired after five decades of success at Oregon as both a coach and an athlete. Among his many accolades, Dellinger's teams finished in the nation's top 10 on 14 different occasions.

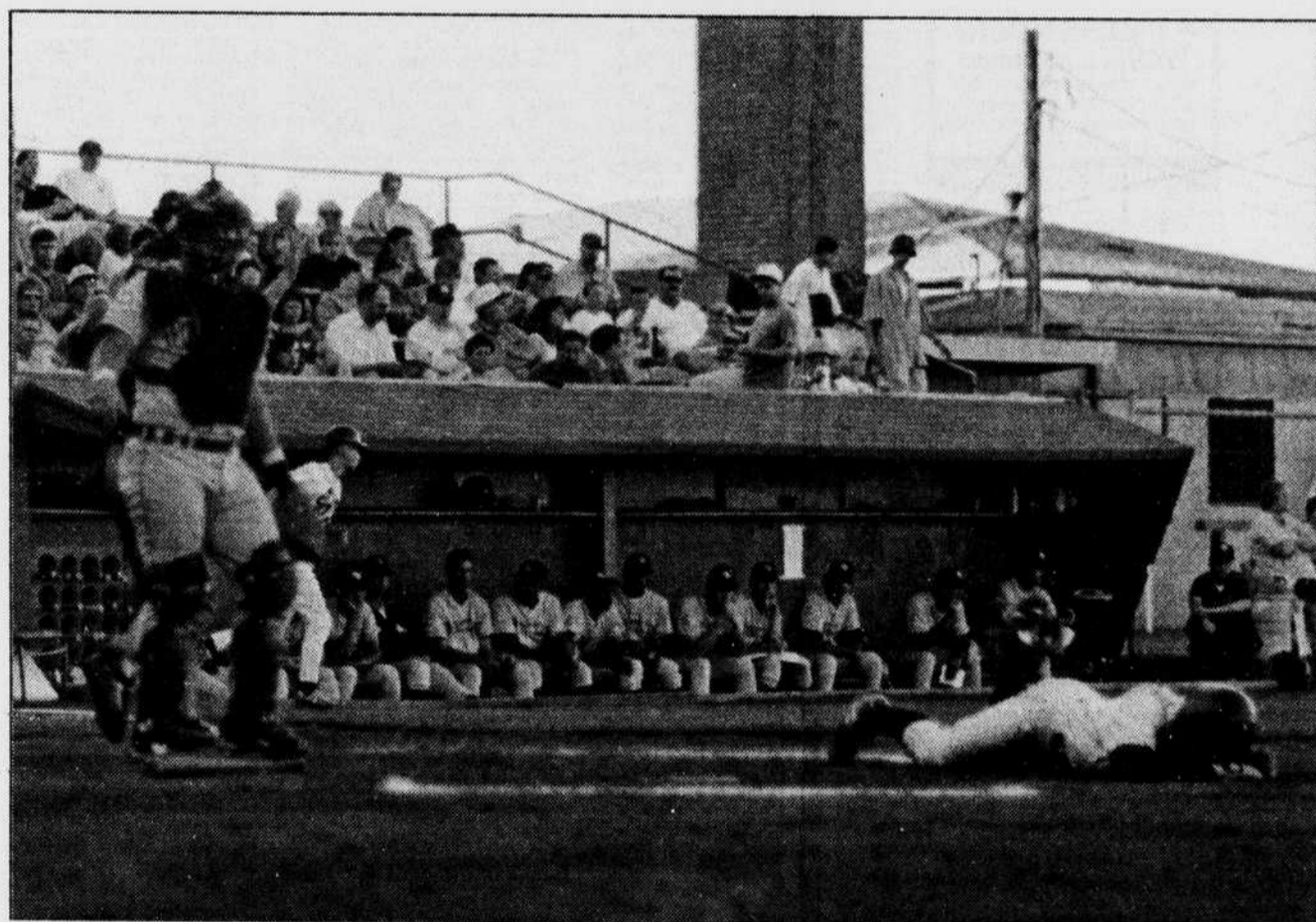
"Bill's a true legend," Moos said. "He

"Bill [Dellinger] is a true legend. He served the University well. His achievements speak for themselves. He will be sorely missed."

Bill Moos
OU athletic director

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LAURA GOSS/Emerald

Eugene shortstop Al Castro falls to the ground after swinging and missing in a controversial loss to Portland.

Ems lose to first-place Rockies

Eugene wasted a sterling performance by starter Horacio Ramirez in a 4-3 loss

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After being the only Eugene pitcher not to give up a run in Portland's 11-2 route of the Emeralds on Sunday evening, Zack Frachiseur saw dramatically different results in the Ems 4-3 loss on Monday night, when he came in on relief for Horacio Ramirez.

With the score locked at one apiece, Frachiseur came into the game with one out in the eighth inning, inheriting runners on first and second base. He immediately gave up a single to Portland's clean-up hitter Josh Etheridge, which drove in a run and placed runners on the corners. A controversial balk call during the next at-bat allowed another run to score before catcher Erik Johnson singled in the third run of the inning.

The balk was one of a few calls that upset the Emeralds.

"Umpires don't win or lose games," Eugene manager Jim Saul said. "But that was the outcome of the ballgame because it was called a balk."

Down 4-1 and with one out in the eighth, the Ems rallied for two more runs on a RBI triple by Manny Sanchez, who then scored on Bry Ewan's RBI single. German Alvarez and Brian Cox both struck out, stranding Ewan at first and ending the Ems threat.

Ramirez pitched well through 7 1/3 innings, giving up six hits and two walks, while striking out two. He picked up his second loss in his four outings this season.

"It's tough," Ramirez (1-2) said. "But, that's baseball. You win some and then you lose some. I'm happy with my performance. I did alright."

Saul was also pleased with the 18-year-old's performance, noting that the Portland hits which eventually ended up being the winning runs came when Ramirez was tiring.

"The two hitters that got hits, the ball was up in the zone," Saul said. "Probably there was a little bit of tiredness. When they reach back and try to get a little extra the ball has a tendency to straighten out and they're much easier to hit."

The game was scoreless until the fifth inning, when the Rockies struck first on an RBI single by first baseman Ricardo Mahoney.

In the seventh, the Ems evened things up when Casey Cheshier scored on a Greg Strickland single. Cheshier had reached on a double, his second hit of the night.

Despite the loss, Saul was not displeased with his club's performance.

"They played very well tonight," he said. "They did a good job. We could have won, but we got beat."

Wolvert tries out for USA junior squad

Oregon freshman Angelina Wolvert traveled to Colorado Springs last week for the Junior National Team tryouts

By Allison Ross
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For Angelina Wolvert, sickness couldn't have come at a worse time.

The 6-foot-3 Oregon forward needed to be the player who, during a powerful freshman season, smashed weight-room records, recorded two double-doubles and scored the most points by a Duck freshman since 1991. After all, it was those qualities that most likely landed her in Colorado Springs June 22 through 26 to try out for a spot on the 1998 USA Basketball Women's Jones Cup and Select Teams.

Wolvert spent the week before tryouts not training, but trying to get well enough to compete with players like All-Final Four forward Tamika Catchings and guard Semeka Randall, both members of the 1998 NCAA champion Tennessee squad.

But there were other concerns as well. Aside from competing against 36 of the nation's top collegiate players, Wolvert had to face a USA Women's Select Team Committee, chaired by three-time Olympian and 1998 Championship Team assistant coach Anne Donovan. The committee wasn't completely foreign to Wolvert, however. Oregon head coach Jody Runge was also a member.

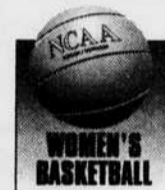
Wolvert knew before she went that she had her work cut out for her. As one of only four players invited from the Pacific-10 Conference, she was just excited to compete.

"When I got there, I wanted to make the team, but I knew the chances of it weren't going to be that good because I wasn't as in shape as I wanted to be," Wolvert said. "I was really happy that I got a chance to play with 36 of the top girls in the nation."

The four-day tryouts consisted of a lot of full-court play, general offensive play, seminars by Olympians and sessions where guards and posts were split. It was just the right amount of basketball for the recovering Wolvert.

"You were tired at the end of the night, but it wasn't to the point where you were dead," Wolvert said.

Wolvert understands pressure better now than she did a year ago. College basketball proved to be much more demand-



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