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Investigation of Runge's methods continues

Nearly 80 people have been interviewed, but the law firm's private investigation has yet to conclude

By Adam Jude
Oregon Daily Emerald

Nine days after beginning its evaluation of the Oregon women's basketball program, Kansas City-based law firm Bond, Schoeneck and King is still looking into the controversy surrounding head coach Jody Runge.

"All we can say at this time is

that the process is continuing," University assistant director of media relations Pauline Austin said Wednesday.

Oregon Athletic Director Bill Moos, however, has indicated that he expects to hear something from the law firm's inquiry by the end of this week.

Bond, Schoeneck and King, nationally recognized for its

handling of collegiate sports programs, began its investigation March 27 and has interviewed nearly 80 coaches, players, administrators and community members.

Moos hired the independent evaluation because of the turmoil surrounding the team. Eight unidentified players criticized Runge's coaching methods and requested that she be

fired in a March 4 meeting with Moos.

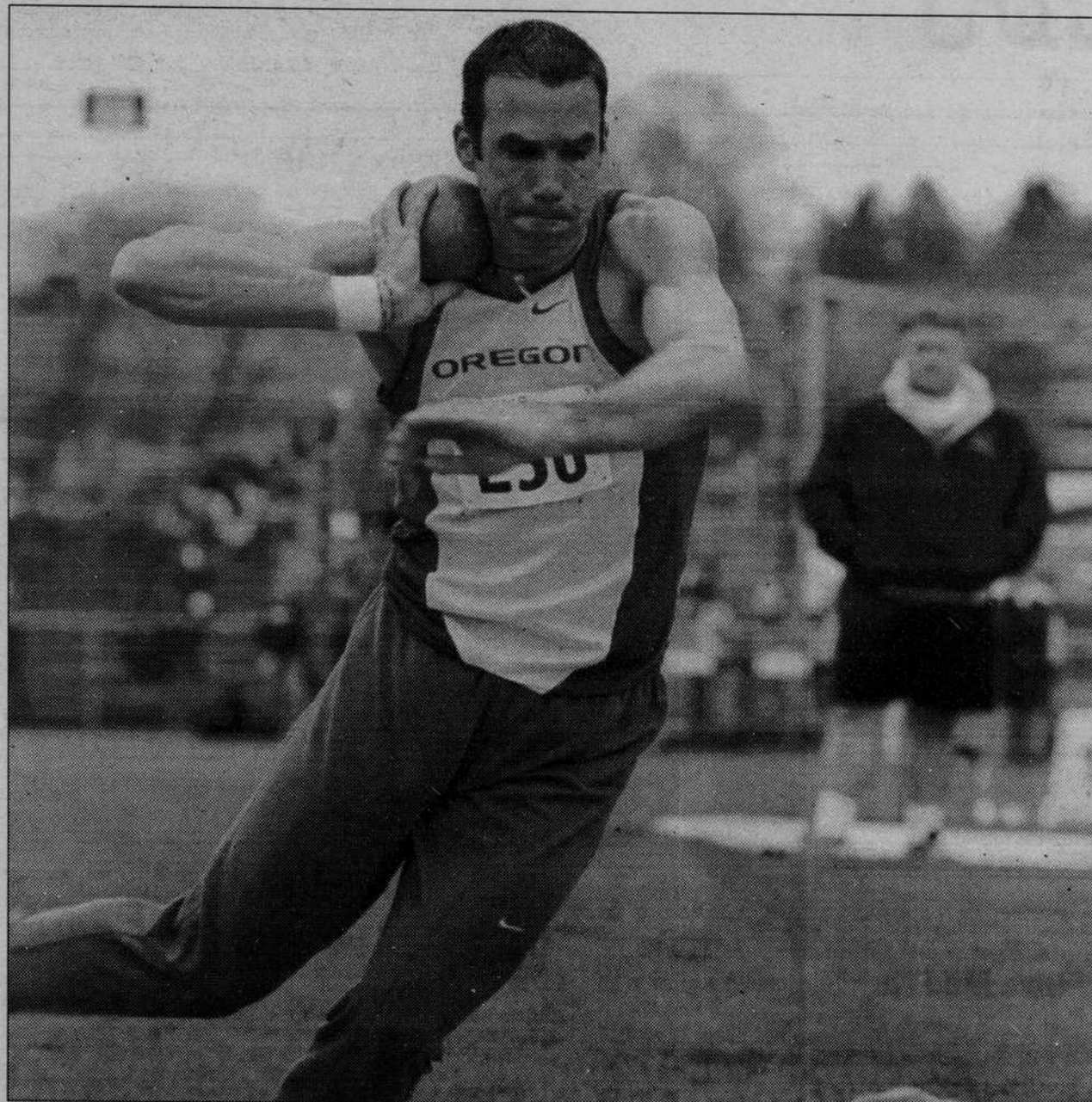
On Tuesday, Runge met with investigator Michael Glazier, one of the 100 most powerful people in sports, according to The Sporting News. Runge was unavailable for comment, but told The Oregonian that the meeting was "cordial."

In her eighth season, Runge led
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RUNGE

Decathlete Lorenzo has strong showing in day one



Oregon's Santiago Lorenzo placed fifth in the shot put and finished sixth overall after day one of the Texas Relays decathlon Wednesday. Laura Smit Emerald

■ Santiago Lorenzo stands sixth in the Texas Relays Decathlon and Billy Pappas is a contender despite faltering performance

By Robbie McCallum
Oregon Daily Emerald

With his best events ahead of him and least favorite behind him, Oregon men's track and field junior Santiago Lorenzo is in good position to win the Texas Relays Decathlon.

The All-American decathlete is currently sixth out of 18 competitors after five events at the Relays, only 288 points behind the leader, Trafton Rodgers, who is competing unattached.

Lorenzo had a good all-around day in Austin, Tex., placing as high as third and no lower than 10th in any event. Lorenzo looks forward to the final day of competition, in which his marquee events (javelin, pole vault and 110 hurdles) will be contested.

Lorenzo placed third in the 400 meters in a time of 49.26 seconds, less than four tenths of a second behind Rodgers. He also added fifth-place finishes in the 100 meters (11.11) and the shot put (44 feet).

Overall, the Buenos Aires, Argentina native is only 64 points behind his personal best after five events.

Teammate Billy Pappas had a tougher day in his season-opening competition. After solid efforts in the first three events, Pappas failed to make the opening height in the high jump, costing him hundreds of points.

Pappas' personal best in the high jump is 6 feet, four inches, which would have been worth 740 points in the decathlon. The junior can



"I'm looking forward to training hard and if I just stick to the fundamentals, I'll keep improving."

Jason Hartman sophomore distance runner

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Pro women's football league holding tryouts in Eugene

■ Local females will get the opportunity to participate in a new professional women's football league

By Peter Hockaday
Oregon Daily Emerald

As the much-debated Xtreme Football League is slowly falling apart, another league is trying to do what the XFL could not: steal some of the limelight from the National Football League.

But this new league has a decidedly feminine touch.

Starting Nov. 3 this year, the female football players of this world will have a chance to show off their stuff in the newly formed Women's American Football League.



Oregon scored two teams in the WAFL, the Oregon Unforgiven — based in Eugene — and the Rose City Wildcats, in Portland.

Those two teams will hold tryouts for players to fill its rosters April 14 at 10 a.m. on the turf field next to the Recreation Center.

The Unforgiven and the Wildcats will compete in the Northwest Division of the Pacific Conference of the WAFL. There are currently 20 teams in the WAFL, with about 10 more in negotiation.

Randall Field, general manager and owner of the Unforgiven, says that the league should provide nearly as much excitement as the NFL.

"We're going to take them through all the techniques they need to know in order to become competitive football players," Field said. "We're going to try to get them to at least college level."

Players from the Eugene area still have the ability to try out for the new league. Field said the teams are currently accepting applications from women 18 or over for the tryouts next weekend. He said they will accept applications until Thursday the 12th.

Interested players should call
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Information on Tryout

When: Saturday April 14 at 10 a.m. (sign in at 9:30 a.m.)

Where: The turf soccer field next to the Recreation Center

Who: All females 18 years of age or older

Cost: It costs \$25 to tryout

How: Contact Randall Field, general manager/owner of Oregon Unforgiven at (541) 683-6079.

Deadline: Must apply by April 12