

Lions may draft Rogers

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DETROIT — The evaluation process has barely begun and Detroit Lions coach Steve Mariucci isn't sure if Charles Rogers plans on working out at the NFL scouting combine next week, but the Michigan State wide receiver is already on his mind.

Rogers, who gave up his final year of eligibility at MSU to play in the NFL, is considered one of the top prospects in the April 26-27 draft.

And with the Lions' need for a big-play receiver for former Oregon quarterback Joey Harrington, there has been speculation that Rogers would be a quality choice with the No. 2 pick overall.

"We're going to take a good look at Charles," Mariucci said Wednesday.

Mariucci met Rogers, from Saginaw, briefly during the NFL playoffs at Tam-

pa Bay last month when Rogers visited San Francisco linebacker Julian Peterson, a former MSU teammate. And Lions assistant coach Bobby Williams, the former MSU head coach, has had nothing but good things to say about Rogers.

NFL teams have been notoriously reluctant to take even the most highly regarded wide receivers that high in the draft, however, and Mariucci is not likely to make a quick decision.

Jerry Rice, the NFL's all-time leading receiver, was selected 16th in the 1985 draft, Marvin Harrison was the 19th pick in the 1996 draft and Terrell Owens of San Francisco went in the third round in 1996.

"You've got to take a lot of things into consideration," Mariucci said. "Are there other receivers that will fall to you in the second pick? Somebody that's going to start or be an impact

player, because we do need to add to our receiver group.

"What other needs do you have? If we had starters returning at the receiver spot, then you may say, 'Well, we need another position.' But right now we may need a starter at the wide receiver spot as we work through this."

The Lions invested heavily in wide receivers a year ago. They committed \$22 million — including \$7.75 million in signing bonuses — over the next five years to Az-Zahir Hakim and Bill Schroeder, but received minimal production.

In addition to wide receivers, Mariucci said the Lions must address needs at cornerback, safety, linebacker and offensive line before training camp in July.

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Sports brief

Golfers sit sixth in Hawaii

Making the most of his first tournament of the spring season, junior Mike Sica shot an even-par 70 to tie for 12th after the opening round of the Taylor Made/Waikoloa Intercollegiate tournament Wednesday in Hawaii.

Oregon, coming off a poor performance in Arizona last week, positioned itself well Wednesday with a sixth-place tie in the 26-team tournament.

Following Sica closely in the standings is Oregon senior Chris Carnahan, who shot a one-over-par 71. Rounding out Oregon's scoring are freshmen Gregg LaVoie, tied for 46th with a 73 and senior John Ellis, tied for 62nd with a 74. Junior Jimmy White scored an 83 for the day.

Oregon finished with a team score

of 288 at the par-70, 6,566-yard Waikoloa Resort Beach Golf Course. The tournament is being played on Waikoloa's two courses, including the par-72, 6,594-yard King's Golf Course.

Leading the field is No. 3 Texas Christian University, with a team score of 276. Oklahoma is five strokes behind at 281. Rounding out the top five are Lamar and UCLA, at 283, and Texas Tech at 284.

Sica, who did not qualify to compete in last week's Ping Arizona Intercollegiate Tournament, finished the day four strokes behind the leader. The leaderboard is in a tight bunch as only 14 strokes separate the top 10 teams. However, TCU has distanced itself from its nearest competitor, Oklahoma, with a five-stroke lead.

Oregon begins the second round today at 6:45 a.m. and wraps up play Friday.

— Scott Archer

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year and followed up his rookie season with 21 wins from the No. 1 spot in just his second year of NCAA tennis.

"I wanted to compete at a high level," Teig said during his freshman season. "And I think the Pac-10 is the highest."

Teig found out just how difficult the Pac-10 can be as he suffered a disappointing season to post an 11-12 record last year while alternating with then-freshman Manuel Kost at the No. 1 position.

"Oded has seen the whole progression," Russell said. "He's been with us through good and bad years."

Teig knows that better than anybody, and his optimism has prevailed throughout the ups and downs.

"Last year was a difficult year," Teig said. "But I'm hoping this year will be the best."

It definitely has all the makings to be just that. Not only are the Ducks off to a 4-1 start and feel they are improving, but Teig and his doubles partner, Sven Swinnen, have beaten some of the top duos in the nation.

"Sven and I know each other's strengths and weaknesses," Teig said. "And we are friends off the court, so we like to play together."

Oded Teig File

Born: Oded Teig on July 3, 1977 in Holon, Israel

Before Oregon: Ranked No. 4 in Israel's 18-and-under division before serving three years in the Israeli army. Defeated several ATP-ranked players, including No. 85 Jeremy Berman.

Oregon: Notched a 22-11 singles record freshman year playing from the No. 3 position. In sophomore year, played from the No. 1 position and had a 21-16 record. During fall season of 2001, played on the ATP satellite tour in Israel. This season, has notched two singles victories as the Ducks have started 4-1, and is three more victories away from Oregon's career singles record, which is 65.



Teig

Tennis with friends and a winning record might be enough for a good year for the Ducks, but Teig is also just three wins away from tying the Oregon singles wins record of 65.

Teig will continue his race to the record books this Saturday, when the Ducks face Boise State, and he will most likely take on No. 86 Guillaume Bouvier. With home matches against Pacific and California-Santa Barbara set for next weekend, there is a chance that Teig could tie the record in front of Eugene fans.

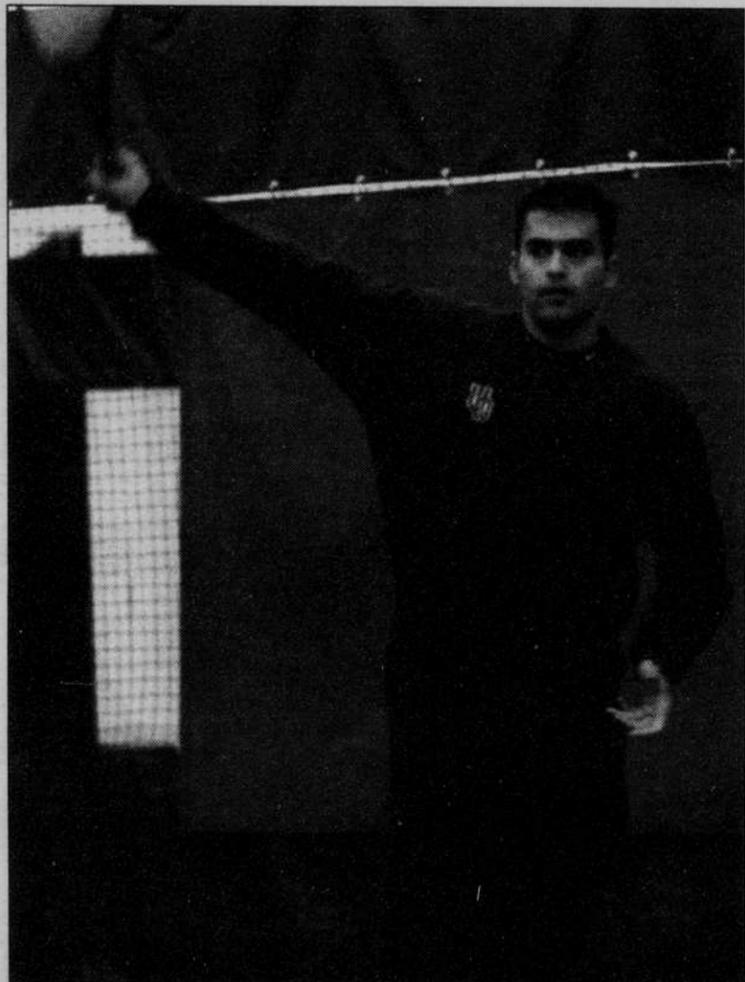
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senior tennis player

Teig doesn't surprise anyone by putting the well-being of his team ahead of his own accomplishments. It wouldn't surprise 15 men of a certain Israeli artillery unit either.

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Teig needs three more wins to break Oregon's career singles-wins record.

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Pick up your application in the football office on the 2nd floor of the Casanova Center.

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