

Former Washington coach Rick Neuheisel cleared

Washington's probation increased, Neuheisel cleared of wrongdoing in basketball gambling

SEATTLE — Former Washington coach Rick Neuheisel was cleared of wrongdoing by the NCAA Wednesday for gambling in a college basketball pool, but the University had its probation extended two years.

Washington's NCAA probation — initially imposed because of men's basketball recruiting violations — now runs until Feb. 9, 2007. The school was also reprimanded for failing to monitor the football program.

Thomas E. Yeager, chair of the NCAA's Committee on Infractions,

said that Neuheisel avoided punishment because the school's compliance officer had written memos mistakenly saying that participation in gambling pools was allowed.

"Sports wagering is a problem that continues to threaten the well-being of student athletes and coaches and the integrity of intercollegiate athletics," Yeager said. "If not for unique and unusual mitigating circumstances in this case, the outcome certainly would have been different. This case should not be interpreted in

any fashion as a softening of the NCAA's anti-gambling position."

Neuheisel coached four seasons at Colorado before compiling a 33-16 record in four seasons with the Huskies, including a Rose Bowl victory.

Neuheisel was fired in June 2003 by then-athletic director Barbara Hedges after he acknowledged taking part in a high-priced NCAA college basketball tournament pool.

Neuheisel twice told Hedges that he had never taken part in gambling pools, when in fact he had won \$11,219 in two of them — winnings he donated to a local school.

— The Associated Press

2004 PACIFIC-10 CONFERENCE FOOTBALL STANDINGS (SEPT. 25)

Team	Conference		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
USC	3	0	6	0
Arizona State	2	1	5	1
California	2	1	4	1
Stanford	2	1	4	2
UCLA	2	1	4	2
Oregon	2	1	3	3
Washington State	1	2	3	3
Oregon State	1	2	2	4
Arizona	0	3	1	5
Washington	0	3	1	5

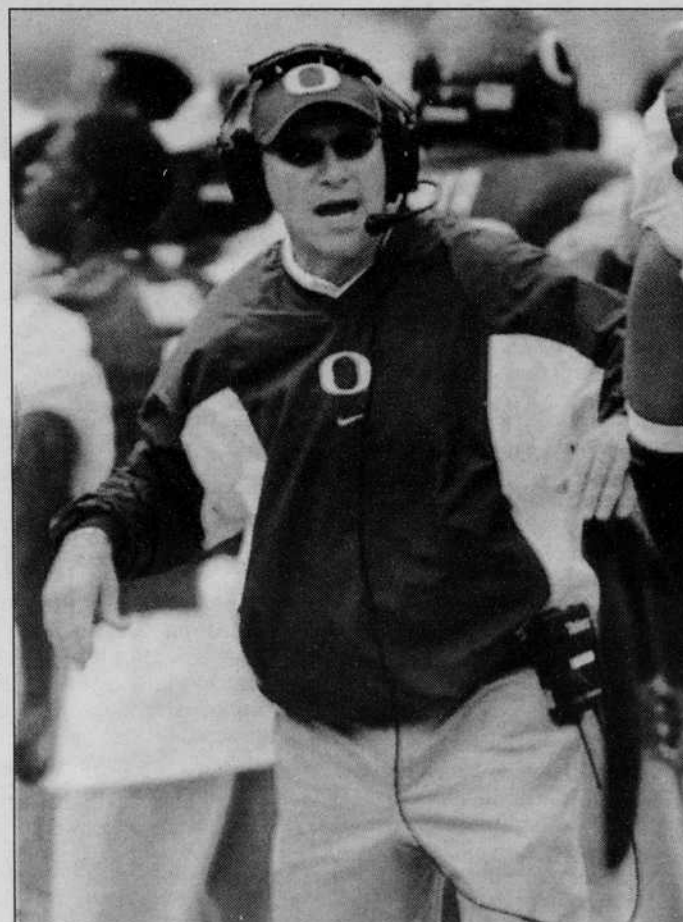
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Team	Record	Points	Previous
1. USC (50)	6-0	1,610	1
2. Oklahoma (13)	6-0	1,567	2
3. Auburn (2)	7-0	1,478	4
4. Miami	5-0	1,448	3
5. Florida State	5-1	1,304	7
6. Wisconsin	7-0	1,240	10
7. California	4-1	1,215	8
8. Texas	5-1	1,081	9
9. Utah	6-1	1,072	11
10. Georgia	5-1	1,040	12
11. Tennessee	5-1	999	13
12. Purdue	5-1	957	5
13. Michigan	6-1	895	14
14. Virginia	5-1	738	6
15. West Virginia	4-1	627	17
15. Louisville	5-1	627	18
17. Texas A & M	5-1	561	23
18. LSU	4-2	528	20
19. Boise State	6-0	467	21
20. Florida	4-2	450	22
21. Arizona State	5-1	305	15
22. Oklahoma State	5-1	273	16
23. Virginia Tech	5-2	194	NR
24. Notre Dame	5-2	134	NR
25. Iowa	4-2	62	NR

"Wear elevator shoes (or) put springs on (their) feet."

Mike Bellotti

Oregon head football coach on what his secondary will have to do to compensate for their lack of height against Stanford



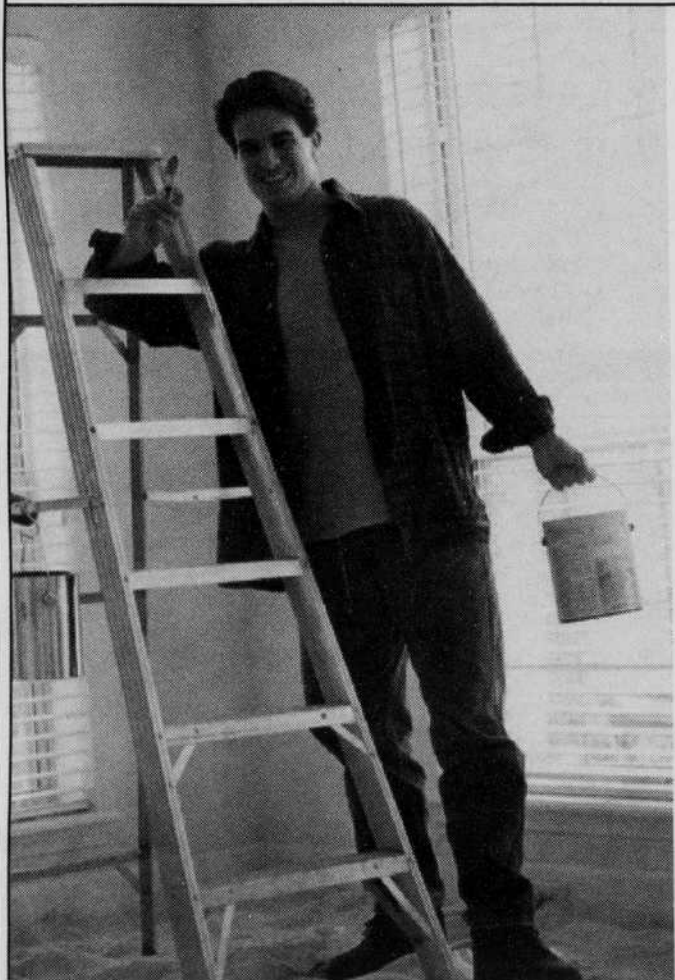
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Oregon head coach Mike Bellotti said he has plenty of confidence in Oregon's cornerbacks, who will be going up against Stanford's much taller wide receivers Saturday.

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