

"The coach was very competitive."

Pennsylvania State Trooper Thomas B. Broadwater after a Pittsburgh area T-ball coach allegedly paid one of his players \$25 to hurt a mentally disabled teammate so he wouldn't have to put the boy in the game

Staying on TRACK

Vin Lananna, new associate athletic director and director of track and field and cross country, has coached for 30 years

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The off-season for Oregon's track and field and cross country squads got a little more exciting last Wednesday when Vin Lananna was announced as the new associate athletic director and director of track and field and cross country.

Lananna is one of the nation's premiere track and field coaches and has been an honoree for NCAA Cross Country Coach of the Year four times in his 30-year career.

Alongside Oregon Athletics Director Bill Moos, Lananna held his first press conference last week in front of a crowd of 100 at the entrance to Hayward Field, expressing his excitement to coach in Eugene.

"I see this as a community, not just a university," Lananna said. "The sport of track and field needs a spark, and this is the place to do it."

Lananna is currently wrapping up his stay at Oberlin College in Ohio as the director of athletics and physical education. Prior to landing there in 2003, he coached at Stanford for 11 years and transformed the Cardinal men's and women's program into a combined juggernaut. Four NCAA team titles went to Lananna's cross country and track and field teams, highlighting their 36 top-10 finishes in the nation. NCAA track and field individual titles were claimed by 22 of his athletes. Lananna's teams racked up 17 team titles waged by 45 individual champions at Pac-10 Conference level. Lananna is a seven-time Pac-10 Coach of the Year for cross country alone and has two more coach of the year awards for track

and field for 2000 and 2001.

Lananna began his coaching career at his alma mater, C.W. Post College, in Greenvale, N.Y., in 1975, after graduating with a bachelor of arts degree in history and psychology. Lananna was the head coach of the Pioneers cross country team, coaching some of the former teammates who had joined him in finishing fourth in the NCAA Division II Championships in 1974.

Lananna then took a track and field head coaching spot at Dartmouth College in 1980 and rose to assistant athletic director for track and field and cross country in 1985. His Big Green teams nabbed six top-20 cross country finishes including back-to-back second place efforts from 1986 to 1987.

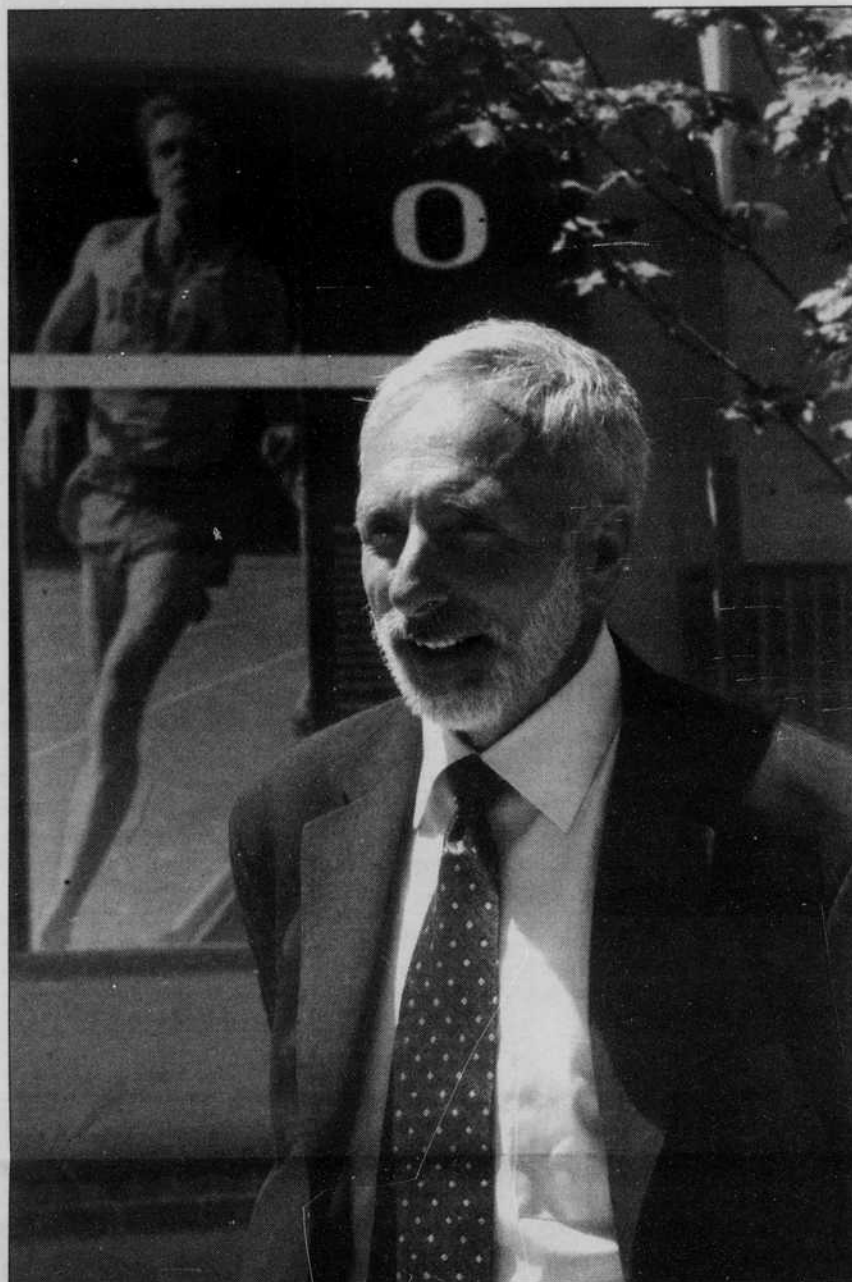
Lananna's career reached U.S. and international levels as well. He was the men's assistant coach for the 2004 Olympic Games and 1999 World Championships. He was also the junior coach for the 1990 and 1996 World Cross Country Championships. His lengthy resumé and numerous accolades have kept him in the crosshairs of Moos, who, at the conference, recognized the countless times he tried to rope Lananna into a job at Oregon.

"My vision has shown where we want Oregon track and field to go," Moos said. "I knew we needed Vin Lananna to get there."

Efforts have finally paid off for Moos, who could not be happier with the addition of Lananna, whose contract guarantees him at least five years in Eugene.

"I am thrilled with Vin's decision to join the University of Oregon's intercollegiate athletic

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Vin Lananna speaks at a recent press conference announcing his new position as Oregon's associate athletic director and director of track and field and cross country. Lananna signed a five-year contract.

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Emeralds fly past Hawks on Sunday

Eugene came back after a 12-7 loss on Saturday to overtake the Boise Hawks 9-1 on Sunday

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The Eugene Emeralds (12-14) hadn't scored more than seven runs while losing seven of its last eight games, but that was all forgotten Sunday after the team hammered the Boise Hawks (11-15) 9-1.

The Emeralds used a six-run seventh inning, highlighted by a three-run homer off Nick Hundley's bat, to blow open a close game.

"I was just looking for a pitch to drive a couple of runs in and fortunately he (the Boise pitcher) hung it up," Hundley said of the slider slapped over the left-field wall.

Brian Cavanaugh led off the seventh inning with a first-pitch double off the right-field wall. Daryl Jones followed with a single, before Billy Richardson knocked an RBI double over the center fielder that scored Cavanaugh.

"I just tried to relax at the plate, let the pitches come to me and try to put a good swing on it," said Richardson, who reached base in all five at-bats. "I believe it was a slider that he (the Boise pitcher) hung."

Kelvin Vazquez followed with a four-pitch walk to load the bases before Mike Sansoe hit a two-RBI single, plating Jones and Richardson. Hundley's homerun followed a strikeout by Drew Davidson. Chase Headley popped out and Will Venable struck out to end the inning.

"They were getting good pitches to hit and getting the barrel on the ball," Eugene manager Roy Howell said. "You get a big fly in the middle and it all just comes together."

Vazquez led off the bottom of the first inning with a solo homerun, the only run scored by either team until Eugene added a run in the sixth. Sansoe, who reached base on an error to begin the inning, scored after the ball was thrown away during a pick-off attempt on Cavanaugh at first base.

Cavanaugh followed Sansoe's at-bat with a bloop single that allowed Sansoe to reach third.

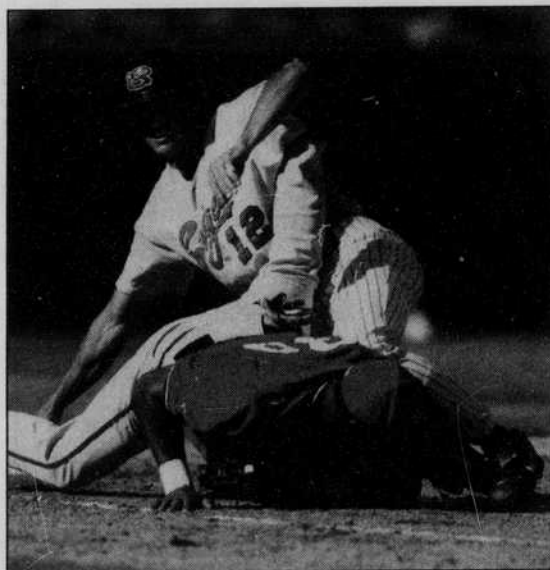
Boise answered in the top of the seventh, cutting the lead to 2-1. Back-to-back groundouts by Mark Reed and Jose Rios allowed Brandon Taylor to score after he stroked a double to start the inning.

"If you go put a run on the board, the pitching staff needs to go out there and shut them down," Howell said.

The Emeralds' offensive outburst didn't stop in the seventh, as they added a run in the eighth.

Cavanaugh hit a double and reached third base on a wild pitch during Jones' next at-bat. Jones was walked and Richardson was hit by a pitch before Sansoe laced an RBI single up the middle that scored Cavanaugh.

Eugene starting pitcher Stevie De-



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labar collected his third win of the season after pitching six scoreless innings and allowing only three hits and one walk.

"I was just trying to locate the fastball today," Delabar said. "Throw strikes and get outs."

Boise had runners in scoring position in each of the second, third and fourth innings; however, Delabar pitched out of every jam without giving in.

"I was rushing at the beginning," Delabar said. "I was a little shaky, a little nervous."

Every Emerald batter reached base at least one time. Cavanaugh and Richardson each finished with three hits.

Boise Hawks rout Eugene Ems 12-7 on Saturday

Boise scored six runs in the ninth inning to win 12-7, despite connecting on only two hits in the inning.

To begin the ninth, Scott Hode was hit by a pitch. Hode stole second and reached third on Jonathan Mota's sacrifice attempt. Back-to-back errors on infield ground balls allowed the Hawks to score twice and take the lead. The snowball continued from that point.

Sansoe finished with four hits and drove in runs in the second and fourth innings. Sansoe's RBI single in the sixth broke a 5-5 tie.

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Coach adds ten recruits to women's soccer roster

The players will join women's soccer head coach Tara Erickson in her first year at the University

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A soccer mentality was the key ingredient first-year women's soccer head coach Tara Erickson looked for in recruits, and after signing three Division I transfers and seven freshmen, Erickson is looking forward to her inaugural season on the Duck sidelines.

"They have the mix of athleticism, mentality and experience," Erickson said. "They can do some great things."

Tiffany Smith, a graduate of Sheldon High School in Eugene, transferred from Portland State University, where she played one year under Erickson before the two departed for Oregon.

"Tiffany is a very versatile and athletic player who will just get better and better as her career goes along," Erickson said. "She is someone who has a tremendous upside."

"Athletically she can compete and mentally she can compete."

Erickson hopes the year the two spent together at PSU will translate into Smith helping bridge the gap between the sidelines and the field.

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