Ducks prepare for season with QB competition

Top role up for grabs in Eugene

By ANNE M. PETERSON Associated Press

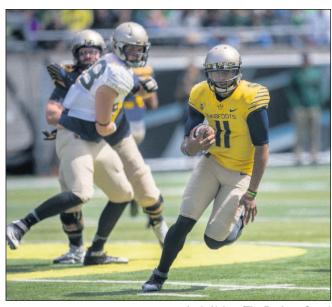
The quarterback competition at Oregon will sort itself out sooner rather than later.

Oregon coach Mark Helfrich says he hopes to have a decision about 10 days before the team's season opener against UC Davis at Autzen Stadium on Sept. 3.

Although many have looked to graduate transfer Dakota Prukop to lead the way, Helfrich said the job is far from sewn up. Redshirt freshman Travis Jonsen and freshman Terry Wilson are also in the mix.

"You want it to be obvious and glaring and everybody kind of looks at each other and goes, 'Yeah.' Like last year was a unanimous vote," Helfrich said. "No question about

Prukop came to the Ducks from Montana State, where he passed for 3,025 yards and 28 touchdowns with 10 intercep-



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Oregon quarterback Travis Jonsen scrambles with the football during the Oregon Spring Game in Eugene in April. Oregon coach Mark Helfrich says he hopes to have a decision on the starting quarterback about 10 days before the team's season opener against UC Davis at Autzen Stadium on Sept. 3.

tions last year. He also rushed for 774 yards and 11 touchdowns for the Big Sky's Bobcats, who finished 5-6.

He looks to follow Vernon Adams, another graduate transfer who started for the Ducks last season but was hampered by injuries.

Jonsen is a dual-threat quarterback from Anaheim, California, who injured his toe last fall and required surgery. Wilson enrolled early last spring at Oregon to get a head start.

Taylor Alie and Jeff Lockie, who both saw playing time at quarterback last season when Adams was hurt, were moved to receiver in the spring game.

Oregon went 9-4 last season, the first time the Ducks finished with fewer than 10 wins since 2007. The season was capped by a triple-overtime loss to TCU in the Alamo

Things to watch as the Ducks prepare for the season: **GREAT** EXPECTA-

TIONS: Royce Freeman is understandably getting some preseason Heisman buzz. As a sophomore last season he broke LaMichael James' single-season rushing record with 1,836 yards. He's currently 1,881 yards away from James' career record (5,082) at Oregon.

"I want to make bigger plays and go for longer rushes," he said at the Ducks' annual media day to open fall camp. "I want to be out there every down if I can."

BEST EXCUSE EVER: Wide receiver Devon Allen will miss fall camp. But he's

got a good excuse: He's at the Rio Olympics where he's competing in the 110-meter hurdles. Allen won a spot on the team in Brazil by winning the event at the U.S. track trials in

Helfrich said football is the furthest thing from his mind when it comes to the speedy junior. "His focus and our focus is him winning the gold medal, and we'll figure it out from there," the coach said.

Helfrich planned a team meeting — aka a watch party — when Allen runs in Rio.

NEW COACHES: Oregon has several new coaches making their Duck debut this fall, including new defensive coordinator Brady Hoke, who was head coach at Michigan from 2011-14, and new offensive coordinator Matt Lubick, who was promoted from wide receivers coach after Scott Frost took the head coaching job at Central Florida.

Also among the newcomers is quarterbacks coach David Yost, who coached receivers at Washington State under Mike Leach for the past three seasons.

ADDRESSING THE D: Hoke is installing a new 4-3 scheme, hoping to improve a unit that gave up an average of 37.5 points, a school record, and 485.3 yards per game.

"Obviously, from a defensive standpoint — just too many points, too many yards, too many explosive plays," Helfrich said. "Our two big keys are explosive plays and taking care of the football on offense, and explosive plays

on defense.' **OPENER: SEASON** Hosting UC Davis on Sept. 3.

and taking the football away

PREDICTION: Oregon has too many question marks — the competition at quarterback and the adjustment to a new defensive scheme — to suggest that they might overcome Stanford in the Pac-12 North. But the very fact that the Ducks get both the Cardinal and Washington at Autzen Stadium goes in their favor, at least in terms of conference play. Oregon again plays a challenging non-conference schedule, including a visit to Nebraska. Look for the Ducks to finish 9-4 again.

Four on the floor for Biles; Bolt coasts in 200

By JOSH HOFFNER Associated Press

RIO DE JANEIRO — Simone Biles closed her Rio Games with more gymnastics gold. Usain Bolt breezed through another sprint as he makes a run at one final Olympic title in his favorite race.

Bolt easily won a qualifying race Tuesday in the 200 meters, the first step in his bid for the gold Thursday. His prowess on the track is the dominant story line of the final week of the Olympics, along with Biles' resounding success in gymnastics.

"I came out here to qualify," Bolt said, "and that's what I did."

It was a wild ride Tuesday for fans of the Brazil team. Their women's soccer team and top-ranked beach volleyball duo were eliminated from the Olympics, but a lightweight boxer gave the host nation a lift with a stirring victory in his gold medal bout. Robson Conceicao whipped the packed arena into a frenzy with every jab as he claimed the country's first gold medal in boxing.

Biles won the floor exercise games — only the fourth Olympic the 2012 and 2016 Olympics.

MEDAL TRACKER

As of Wednesday morning, Aug. 17

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6.	Japan	7	4	18
7.	Germany	11	8	8
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9.	Italy	8	9	6
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gymnast to do so.

"It's been a long journey," the 19-year-old Biles said. "I've enjoyed every single moment of it."

She added a bronze in the balance beam Monday in what marked the first day of a Summer Olympics since 2008 the United States didn't win a gold medal. The U.S. Tuesday for her fourth gold of the had claimed gold on every day of

The drought proved brief. Christian Taylor won gold in the triple jump to start the day, and teammate Will Claye came in second a familiar result for the Americans. Taylor and Claye finished 1-2 in triple jump in London as well.

It ended up being a pretty eventful day for Claye. Moments after earning his silver, he bounded into the stands, dropped to a knee and proposed to his longtime girlfriend , hurdler Queen Harrison. She said

One day after a Brazilian pulled off an upset to win the men's pole vault Monday night, the women's soccer team lost to Sweden in a shootout. The Brazil men are still alive, however, and play a soccer semifinal match against Honduras on Wednesday.

The Brazil-Sweden game had the biggest crowd ever for a women's national team match in the country, and the fans roared whenever Marta touched the ball. The charismatic forward has been one of the world's top players for more than a decade, but she has never won a major international tournament with her national team.

"This loss won't take away from all that we have done to get here,"

'It's been a long journey. I've enjoyed every single moment of it."

Simone Biles U.S. Olympic gymnast

Marta said. "We have the match for the bronze medal now and we will fight until the end to get that

Rio Olympic officials in Brazil have one less trouble to worry about following robberies, stray gunfire and a falling camera outside the basketball arena. The Olympic diving pool, its water turned a murky green a week ago, reverted to its usual blue Tuesday.

One off-the-field issue remains unresolved, however. Police investigating reports that American swimmer Ryan Lochte and three teammates were robbed at gunpoint so far have found no evidence supporting the account. Lochte insists he has been upfront about what happened.

Astoria 'Fall Sports Night' set for Friday

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Astoria's annual "Fall Sports Media Night" is on tap for Friday at CMH Field.

The night will include team pictures of all fall sports teams beginning at 5 p.m., followed by a performance from the Astoria dance team and scrimmages for girls soccer, boys soccer, freshmen/sophomore football and varsity football.

Gold Cards available

Astoria High student-athletes will be selling AHS Discount "Gold" Cards doorto-door throughout the community Thursday, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., and also at the Fall Sports night.

Cards cost \$10. Over 40 local businesses are offering savings on the card. After Thursday, cards may be purchased at Gimre Shoes, Englund Marine & Industrial Supply, or at the AHS main office. All proceeds go to the athletic and activity programs at Astoria High School.

Drive 1 Astoria's next "Drive 1 4 Ur School"

event takes place Sept. 24 at Astoria Ford. For every test drive taken, Astoria Ford will donate \$25 to AHS athletics.

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