

# Sport Talk

by Ron Sykes, Sports Editor



Oregon football 1982 promised to be a season of excitement. Oregon head coach Rich Brooks has had a year to put the adversities suffered by his '81 team behind him.

After posting a 6-3-2 record in 1980 Rich Brooks was rapidly becoming the most sought-after football mentor on the West Coast. He was picked Pac-10 coach of the year and had several nominations for national honors. In addition to those honors he was the recipient of the Slat's Gill Award as Oregon sportsman of the year.

Immediately following Oregon's most successful year since 1971, when the Ducks went 7-3 riding the strong arm of Dan Fouts and the brilliant rushing of Bobby Moore, aka Ahmad Rashad, Oregon dropped to 2-9. So the one question asked by so many was "What happened to the genius of Brooks?" A great deal can be said about why a program on the way up could tumble so quickly. Some thought the departure of offensive coordinator Ron Hudson had a lot to do with Oregon's failure. Hudson left in 1979 to become offensive coordinator for the UCLA Bruins.

Eric Widmark, longtime Brooks associate, was given the job vacated by Hudson.

Both Widmark and Brooks have come under severe criticism this year for lack of imagination in the big

Duck offensive attack. Brooks defends by stating the numerous injuries to key offensive players. Senior tailback Dwight Robertson has been missing since game 1 with a knee injury, sophomore Alex Mack (shoulder separation) and freshman Kevin Willhite (hamstring) are all out for the season, while junior Ladaria Johnson of Carson, Calif., who paced Oregon in rushing against the Sun Devils, but did not play again until the Ducks played Washington two weeks ago.

Add junior center Ryan Zinke to the growing injury list of offensive starters and perhaps you can understand why the offense has only been able to score in one game, and that one being the Huskies, the nation's number one team according to AP.

So what is Oregon's problem? Recruiting is certainly not one of them. Last year the Ducks were rated as having one of the best recruiting years on the coast. And this year was no exception. Oregon shocked the nation when they announced the signing of Kevin Willhite, whom many considered the nation's premier running back. Willhite was named to all the top All-American teams last year, including Parade Magazine's Outstanding Back in America.

They recruited the best kicker on the coast when they signed Tim

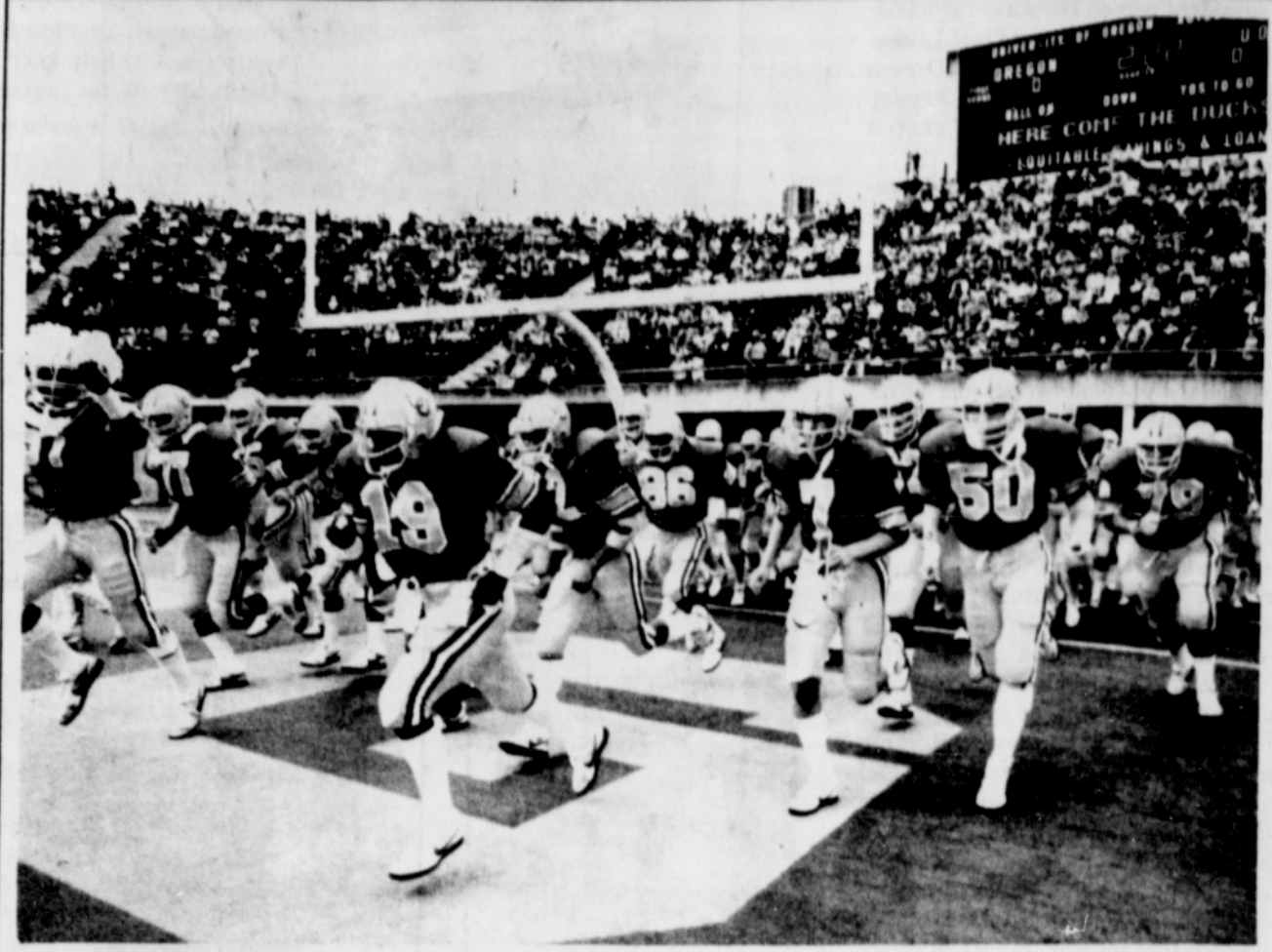
Wise. Wise kicked a California state record 59-yarder.

He was recruited by UCLA, California, Oklahoma, but committed early to Oregon.

Brooks got the best linemen in the State of Oregon. He signed Dave Maley DT, 6-3, 245 pounds, out of Prineville. All Maley did was to go head to head with Beaverton's Jim Fitzpatrick in the Shrine game, and simply outplayed the USC-bound Fitzpatrick.

He got E.J. Duffy, a linebacker many believe will be as good or better than Dave Wilcox, and believe me folks that's saying a lot. Brooks is really blessed with good talent, so then why can't he win? The belief here is that the Ducks are hurting for speed. That is speed in the offensive line. The suggestion here is that the Oregon recruiters should learn a recruiting lesson from the top teams in the nation. Florida, for example, posted a 1-10 record two years ago.

They promptly went out and recruited some big, quick linemen and immediately turned their season around. What the Ducks need to do is follow suit. Brooks should now see that his recruiting should not be restricted to Southern and Northern California. There's some big, quick broilers playing football in the ghettos of the South. If it's horses you need, then why not use Clydesdales.



Oregon squad takes the field.

The belief here is that Brooks is still one of the best young coaches in the game today. He's had terrible quarterback problems, he's been

forced to go with a QB that is obviously not right for his system. He certainly had a tough break when he lost the heir apparent to Reggie Og-

burn, that person being the multi-talented Andrew Page. Page was lost through scandal and with him went two seasons.

# Let NFL support public school athletics

by Lee Ballinger, Pacific News Service

It's time for the true footsoldier of professional football—the fan—to stand up and force the National Football League to pay its debt to society. After all, the sport we love is not delivered to us on a silver platter. We pay the freight when we buy tickets and television sponsors' products, when we cough up millions to build and maintain NFL stadiums, when we put in countless unpaid hours to help train tomorrow's gridiron heroes.

If the fans remain in their seats, football as we know it is in danger of extinction due to growing cracks in football's very foundation. Professional football exists only by resting atop the vast pyramid of mammoth football. But NFL owners do not contribute one cent to the pee-wee leagues, high schools and colleges which combine to form a huge and highly effective farm system for the pros. The indispensable service these feeder systems perform is clearly illustrated by the incompetence of the occasional speed merchant who tries to sneak into the NFL without previous football experience.

Yet in this age of cutbacks, where the warm sun of education is increasingly eclipsed by the rising moon of military spending, schools are often unable to make ends meet unless they reduce the size of their athletic programs. Cleveland has eliminated all junior high sports. High schools in Idaho, Illinois, Indiana and Michigan have scrapped football. Even mighty Scarsillon (Ohio), the cradle of bigtime high school football, had to pass an emergency school levy to ensure the completion of the 1981 season. Villanova was forced to end an 87-year tradition of college football when their program sank in a sea of red ink last year.

The NFL makes a net profit of \$13 million each year just from licensing its trademarks, while high school football players in California, Connecticut, Michigan, Ohio and Pennsylvania have to pay as much as \$50 apiece just to be allowed to go out for the team. There are high schools in Washington, D.C., which do not charge admission to their football games because they cannot afford to erect fences around their fields. The school system of Warren, Ohio, which has produced five current NFL players, has been forced to lay off several high school coaches on the eve of the 1982 season.

The taxpayer fan not only funds the educational system whose athletic assembly line empties directly on to the NFL loading dock, he also directly subsidizes Pete Rozelle and Co. Since 1953 the public has paid hundreds of millions to build and maintain professional sports facilities and that was only the down payment. The fans must still come up with almost \$7 billion before the

citizens can be burned. The local mortgagors of Pontiac, Michigan, already devastated by the collapse of the auto industry, pay \$1.2 million a year in property taxes to help keep the Lions and the Silverdome in the black. Meanwhile, their own school system has been forced to lay off coaches due to a decrease in tax revenue. The Anaheim Stadium Authority used public funds to build 108 luxury boxes yet donates 80 percent of the revenue they produce to the Rams.

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# Billy Ray, Billy Ray

by Ron Sykes

Riding high in April, shot down in May...with that in mind the Trailblazers said good bye to Billy Ray.

Bates, the enigmatic guard who journeyed from the pits of the Continental League to the glory of the NBA and the Portland Trailblazers, is now a Washington Bullet.

Bates' release came as no surprise. It had been rumored or leaked to the media for months.

I'm positive that it was planned to leak Billy's release in order to prepare the public in advance.

Billy Ray was a hero in this state, for sure. Little kids were attracted to Billy as if he were a black pied piper.

Whenever Bates traveled he was immediately swarmed over by kids like ants to syrup on a warm summer day. Sure, Billy had his personal problems, which finally led to his demise with the Blazers.

And it can never be said that the club didn't try and help Billy.

What can be said, however, is perhaps they didn't want to take a chance. Chance. This little six-letter word could possibly be the difference, for the Blazers, between having a mediocre team or a very good one.

If the Blazers can be blamed for anything in the past, then that one thing could be their reluctance to take a chance.

Golden State took a chance on Bernard King when the 6-7 small forward was having his problems with alcoholism.

What they got was a reformed player who has apparently won his bout, and is now the most productive small forward now playing the game.

Los Angeles took that chance with Bob McAdoo and came out smelling like a rose as Big Mac helped tremendously down the stretch run to the NBA Champion-

ship. Chance. It doesn't work all the time, but then didn't someone once say, "Nothing ventured, nothing gained"?

And nobody can tell me that Billy Ray can't play the game.

During a recent talk with Harry Glickman I was informed of Billy's troubles learning the Ramsay system. Maybe so, but my thoughts on that subject are quite clear. I just do not believe that in order to be a successful and winning team you must always work with a structured offense.

Billy needs the ball to be effective. When Billy has the ball he is effective.

How many times have you heard Ramsay, in crucial situations, yell give the ball to Billy. Billy Ray was the best clutch player on the team for the years he was in Portland. Time after time he responded when the game was on the line. And Billy never missed a crucial free throw during his career with Portland. No, Harry, I just can't believe that Jeff Lamp will ever become the guard that Billy is now.

The Blazers went a long way with Billy, but perhaps they should have gone one step further.

Just got to believe that somewhere out there there's got to be a place for a man as talented as Billy Ray.

So what if the San Francisco Giants didn't win the National League West. So what if they didn't become champions. Even though they failed this weekend to overcome both Atlanta and L.A., their manager, Frank Robinson, still emerged as a champion. And for his tremendous effort the Gian skipper should be named the National League manager of the year.

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World Series. Everyone knows that Robinson became the first black manager in major league history when he took the helm of the Cleveland Indians in 1975.

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## Playoff Picks

St. Louis over the Braves. Too much speed by the Cardinals should be the difference. If the Braves are to win they will need excellent bullpen help. Something they lacked all season long.

California over Milwaukee. This one will be a classic. Both teams have superb personnel. One could easily pick an all-star team from these two teams.

Reggie "Mr. October" Jackson could make the difference here. The man just seems to take charge in the big games.

Down yonder scores  
Angelo St. 28, Alcorn St. 9  
Bethune/Cookman 38  
North Carolina A&T 23  
Hampton Institute 14, Livingston 6  
Kentucky State 7, Knoxville 0  
Norfolk St. 7, Elizabeth City St. 3  
Fort Valley 18, Morris Brown 14  
Grambling 42, Florida A&M 21  
South Carolina St. 50, Howard 0  
Jackson St. 44, Miss. Valley 17  
Southern U. 42, Prairie View 6  
Virginia Union 28  
Winston-Salem 19  
Central State (Oklahoma) 42,  
Sam Houston St. 7

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