

Appointed captain by new coach

Katy Moore back after changing of the guard

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When the guard changed after Oregon's field hockey team failed to win a game at nationals last year, Katy Moore wondered if she'd be back to do any more guarding.

Moore started on defense in her sophomore and junior years

under Diane Smith, a former Oregon player who became coach after she graduated.

New coach Nancy Plantz compiled a 42-4 record in two years at Ohlone Community College in Fremont, Calif. Given a free hand and scholarship money, Plantz heavily recruited.

"I was scared," Moore, now a

senior, recalls. "I didn't know who she was bringing in through recruiting, and we only had three players returning."

Moore didn't need to worry. Although Plantz brought nine fresh faces to Eugene, Moore remained a starter.

"I think Katy does very well," says Plantz. "She's smart and she's quick, always hustling. She works well with the other defensive players."

Moore has played in this city for several years now. She was a three-year starter at South Eugene High School and came to Oregon because of its strong field hockey reputation.

Previous successful seasons, however, have ended at nationals, with the Ducks losing, years ago.

This season, Moore forsee a change and she attributes that feeling to Plantz.

"She's great," Katy says. "For a coach, she's really different. She has charisma that matches her dedication. Plus, she really knows her hockey. I've learned more in

the last five weeks than I did in two years."

"You can't be fancy," Moore says. "You have to stop the ball and make a quick dodge. The hardest thing is determining when to intercept and when to hold back. My goals come when they don't pass me."

With the season well under

way, Moore finds herself at home with the team.

"At first it seemed strange calling it 'Oregon hockey' with the influx of new players," she says. "But there's no Ohlone or DeAnza (another community college in California from which Plantz recruited) or last year; there's just this year's Oregon field hockey team."



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Katy Moore, second player from the right, was afraid she would lose her starting defensive position when new coach Nancy Plantz arrived with new recruits this fall. Moore is still starting and Plantz says she is smart, quick and always hustling.

NCAA holds meeting for volunteers

"Our meeting was a great success and the University of Oregon is well on its way to establishing a fine program," says Sue Hartwell and Rick Eurard, NCAA Volunteer For Youth National Directors.

Approximately 40 male and female student-athletes attended the VFY introductory meeting last Thursday.

The VFY is a community program sponsored by the NCAA and each participating institution's athletic department, in which student-athletes volunteer as "big brothers" and "big sisters" to local junior high school aged youths who are having problems at school and home.

The University student directors are holding a kick-off meeting tonight at 7:30 in the Letterman's Lounge, for all interested student-athletes that could not attend last week's meet meeting.

Pacific Nautilus workout center not included

In last week's sports supplement, a story describing off-campus recreational facilities inadvertently omitted the Pacific Nautilus fitness center.

Located at 2570 Willamette St., the facility is a weight training center open seven days a week to both sexes.

A Nautilus equipped workout center, it also offers showers and lockers. According to a company spokesperson, the weight circuit offered "works you from head to toe."

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