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The Canadian Connection

Coaches and players from Canada have helped give the Oregon women's basketball program quite an advantage over its opponents this year, and have contributed mightily to the team's success. Head coach Elwin Heiny first brought assistant coach Neil Stenseth from Salmon Arm, B.C. to Eugene, U.S.A. in 1976. Stenseth then recruited Duck forward Tara Smith (on the right)

and her sister, freshman standout Bev Smith (on the left). Meanwhile, Heiny also lured Olympian Sheila Strike to fill another assistant's position. Naturally, Heiny continues to recruit heavily north of the border, because he knows the true value of "the Canadian Connection."

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