

Mixon just what the doctor ordered

Guard sees role change

By Ashley Conklin
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The 6-foot-3 junior guard spots up behind a line nearly 20 feet from the basket, taking a pass from point guard Terrell Brandon.

He calmly lets go with an arching, feathery shot that finds the bottom of the net. Oregon guard Kevin Mixon has just hit another three-point shot for the Ducks.

The three-point shot is a fixture in the college game these days and Mixon has hit the three-pointer with great frequency this season, setting a new school record with 54 treys for the season, including a single-game record of seven last Sunday against California.

Although coach Don Monson has never been a big advocate of the three-point shot — noting that the three-point line is the same distance for men's and women's college basketball as well as high school basketball — he saw the need for having a player with Mixon's ability to hit the three-pointer.

"After the last two years we realized we needed to have not



Photo by Martin Thiel

Junior guard Kevin Mixon has had a key role in the Ducks success this season, setting a new school record in three-pointers with 54 after transferring from El Camino (Calif.) College where he was a junior college all-American last year.

a designated three-point shooter, but someone with good range who could shoot the three," Monson said.

"We recruited in that vein and it's helped having him," he added. "We'd like to have

more consistency from him, but that will come with experience."

The Ducks knew Mixon could score coming in since he was a junior college all-American last year at El Camino (Cal-

if.) College last season, averaging 18.8 points per game and going for 43 and 39 points in two games. As Oregon's third leading scorer this season at

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