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Senior forward Eric Dunn showed great improvement during the 1989-90 season and was rewarded with the Jesse Nash Most Improved Player Award.

Brandon named men's MVP; Duck seniors all win honors

Sophomore guard Terrell Brandon was honored Monday with the Steven J. Award as the most valuable player in Oregon men's basketball for the 1989-90 season.

Brandon was among four Oregon men's basketball players honored at the annual awards banquet at Eugene's Valley River Inn.

Brandon, a 5-foot-11 point guard from Portland's Grant High School, averaged 18.1 points, six assists and 1.7 steals per game in leading the Ducks to a Pacific-10 Conference record of 10-8. The Ducks are 15-12 heading into this weekend's Pac-10 Tournament in Tempe, Ariz.

After sitting out his freshman season due to Proposition 48 guidelines, Brandon came on to help Oregon to become one of the most improved teams in the conference. Oregon was 8-21 last season, but this season may receive an invitation from the National Invitational Tournament after NCAA bids go out.

Brandon led the team in scoring in 14 of the team's 27 games and was second on the team eight times.

Senior forward Keith Reynolds won the John Warren Most Inspirational Player

Award as voted by his teammates. The 6-7 native of Springfield came back from arthroscopic knee surgery in December to average 17 points and five rebounds per game while showing consistency in most phases of his game.

The Jesse Nash Most Improved Player award as voted by the Oregon coaching staff went to senior forward Eric Dunn.

The award, named after former Oregon player Jesse Nash, who drowned in May of 1987, went to Dunn on the basis of improvements made over last season and over the course of this year.

Dunn, a native of Los Angeles, improved his field goal percentage by nearly 200 percentage points over last season and his free throw average by more than 60 points while averaging 5.9 points and 3.2 rebounds this year.

Senior guard Steve Ranniger, the team's only fifth-year senior, won the Harry Ritchie Scholar Athlete Award for academic excellence during the basketball season.

Ranniger, 6-3 player from Spokane, Wash., maintained a 3.08 grade-point average in rhetoric and communications over the last three terms.

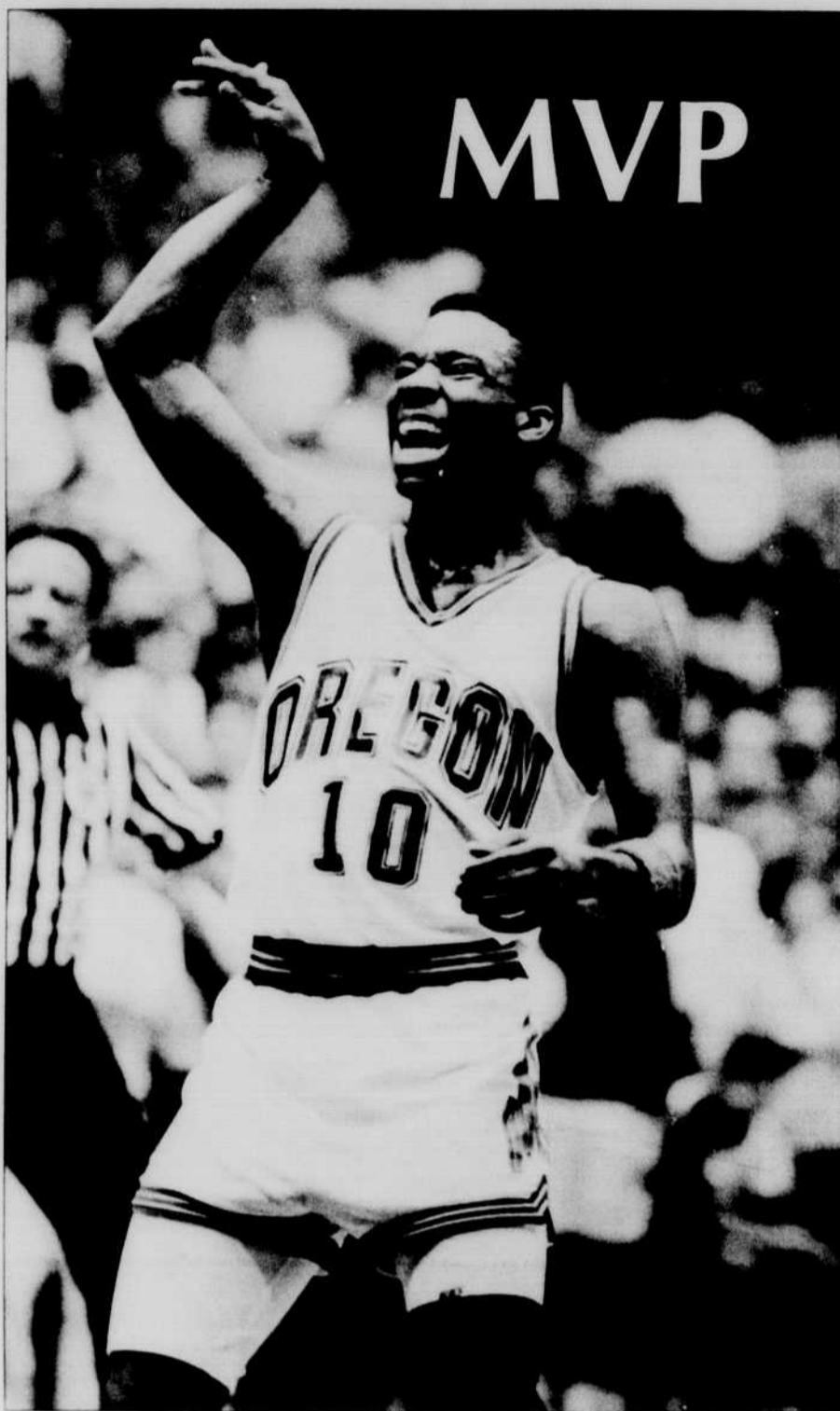


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Oregon's star sophomore guard Terrell Brandon was named Monday as the Ducks' most valuable player as voted by his teammates.

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