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Two prep stars head to Oregon

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By Robert Weber

Emerald Sports Reporter

Schools from all over the country were after Stephanie Warren to play volleyball for them, but last week the two-time Oregon prep player of the year decided there was no place like home.

Warren, who attends Gresham High School near Portland, has been called the most talented high school volleyball player ever to come out of Oregon. She announced her intention last week to attend Oregon next fall on a volleyball scholarship

Volleyball Monthly recently named the 5-foot-11 senior to their first-team prep all-American list after she finished the 1990 campaign with 674 kills. She also averaged three blocks a game and compiled a 97-percent service percentage. Due to NCAA regulations, Oregon Coach Gerry

Gregory and his staff are unable to comment on Warren or anything else relating to recruiting until after a letter of intent is received. Schools cannot accept letters of intent until Feb. 13

Central Catholic's Rick Lorenz and Gresham's Rod Jones are two coaches who couldn't find enough good things to say about Warren. "She's incredible." Jones said. "She is a domi-

nant force on the court. She made a big statement at state this year. We got to state and she just took over and turned it into showtime.

Lorenz, who has coached some of the state's finest prep netters while at St. Mary's Academy and Central Catholic, rates Warren in the same league as some of the state's all-time greats.

said. "She's right up their with the elite players this state has ever put out. She is the premier hitter and blocker in the state and has been for the last two years

Lorenz said that Warren's talents aren't limited to her play on the court.

'I find Stephanie to be a real down-to-earth kid who hasn't let all the publicity and attention go to her head." Lorenz said. "She's very well thought of by the other players around the league because she just goes out and plays her game and doesn't gloat.

Staying close to home was something Warren never touched on with Jones until after she had made her decision to attend Oregon.

"We had talked about the whole thing many times before." Jones said, "but she never really told me how important it was to stay close to home until the very end."

When Warren arrives in Eugene next fall, she'll have some in-state company

Fellow first-team all-State selection Angee Henderson announced two weeks ago that she intends to enroll at Oregon in the fall on a vollevball scholarship.

While Henderson, Thurston's 6-foot-1 star who was recently tabbed Midwestern League player of the year, hasn't received as much attention as Warren, she has definitely raised the eyebrows of coaches around the state.

They beat us in two straight games down in Bend this year, and she had a career game against Lorenz said. "When she and Stephanie get us." down to Eugene and into Gerry's program they are going to be awesome."

'I'm very impressed with Stephanie," Lorenz

Eugene loses out in bid for trials

From staff and wire reports

Eugene and Hayward Field will not host the 1992 Olympic track and field trials The Athletics Congress, the American governing body for track and field, announced Wednesday.

The decision was actually reached July 7 but wasn't announced until Wednesday when TAC's international competition committee made public its 7-2 decision to award New Orleans the trials. The announcement was made at the



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12th annual TAC convention in Seattle and the decision was approved by a 29-6 vote at the convention.

Eugene and Sacramento, Calif. were considered the favorites to host the '92 Trials, and Eugene seemed to have a good chance of hosting the trials after the resurfacing of Stevenson Track was completed at Hayward Field in 1988

Hayward Field hosted the Trials in 1968, 1972, 1976 and 1980. Hayward Field also hosted the 1984 and 1988 NCAA Track and Field Championships and will host the NCAAs again in May.

Eugene and Hayward Field were thought to have the inside track because of their longstanding track and field tradition.

Instead the committee chose New Orleans and Tad Gormley Stadium to host the Trials.

Tad Gormley Stadium is currently undergoing a \$3.5-million renovation project that will reportedly turn the 29,000-seat stadium. "a state-of-the-art facility."

"We picked New Orleans because we felt their site would truly be a state-of-the-art facility." Pat Rico, chairman of TAC's nine-member trials site

selection committee, said.

Oregon Track Club member Tom Jordan, who led Eugene's effort at hosting the Trials, was surprised by the committee's selection of New Orleans.

"All along we've said it's 50-50 for Eugene, but we're all strongly surprised that it's New Orleans and that it was such a one-sided victory." Jordan said.

Although New Orleans doesn't have a big track history, the city has hosted seven Super Bowls and two men's NCAA Final Fours.

That factor was reportedly a big reason in New Orleans landing the Trials.

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