

# SPORTS

## Men's basketball team to hit Mac Court tonight

### Young Ducks to face Iceland squad

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The Oregon men's basketball team will look pretty unfamiliar to most people this year.

The squad will try to improve on, or at least reach, last year's 13-15 record with only one returning starter and 11 players that have rarely or never played.

Oregon will get its first taste of action in an exhibition game at 7:30 p.m. against the Iceland national team at McArthur Court.

According to most pre-season scouting reports, the Ducks will have a hard time winning as many games as the football team.

It is almost a consensus the Ducks will finish dead last in the Pacific-10 Conference. But Oregon Coach Don Monson sees the positive side to that.

"If we finish ninth, we will have done better than everyone expected," he said with a grin. "Those picks are fine to read about, but I don't really know what they mean."

Oregon was rattled over the off-season by graduations, an early exit and just plain bad luck. Gone from last year's starting five are Terrell Brandon, Kevin Mixon, Richard Lucas and Bob Fife.

Mixon and Lucas both graduated, Brandon left for the NBA, and Fife decided to redshirt this year due in part to an accident that occurred over the summer.

Fife was injured when a tool box fell on his head while he was working. After the injury, he was unable to lift weights for a couple of weeks and he lost about 20 pounds.

Sophomore forward Jordy Lyden is the only returning starter from last year's squad. He averaged eight points a game and was named to the Pac-10 All-Freshman Team.

The team will look to Lyden to pick up some of the scoring slack. He has a decent jump shot, which last year he showed can be very effective when he gets hot.

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