

SPORTS

It's the year of the 'Cats & Bruins

□ Arizona, UCLA are just the tip of a talented conference

By Jayson Jacoby and Dave Charbonneau
Emerald Sports Reporters

The Oregon men's basketball team has already had enough to worry about this season.

Don Monson's squad has beaten two good teams in Fresno State and East Tennessee State, but the Ducks looked awful in losses to Montana, Minnesota and LaSalle.

And now two Oregon starters — point guard Andre Collier and forward Jordy Lyden, Oregon's top returning player — are out with injuries.

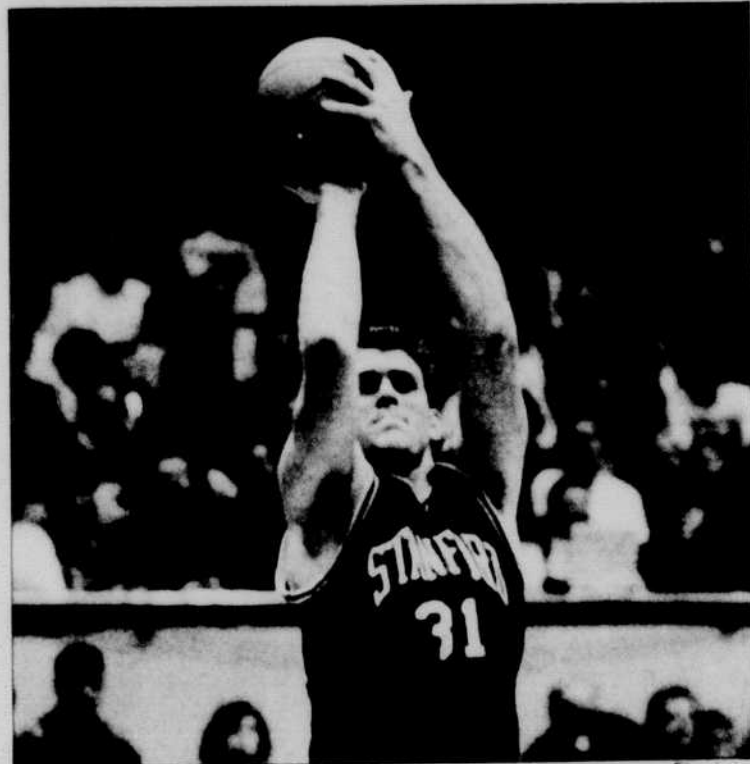
All these headaches are likely to make worse the upcoming Pacific-10 Conference season, which starts tonight at 7:35 when the Ducks meet California in McArthur Court.

There aren't many conferences tougher than the Pac-10, which seems to get more competitive from top to bottom every year.

"I think it's better than it was last year," Monson said.

That's kind of scary, considering four Pac-10 teams made the NCAA tournament last March, and Stanford won the NIT.

Like just about everyone else who pays attention, Monson picks UCLA and Arizona to be at the top when the season ends, but after those two, he says, "It's kind of up for grabs."



Stanford's Adam Keele is just one of many talented big men the Ducks will face in '92.

Most people are picking Oregon to finish in the cellar this year, and while Monson is known for surprising the prognosticators, he admits things won't be getting any easier for the Ducks after their up-and-down 4-5 non-conference start.

"We're going to have to scrap and claw every game and try to find ways to win," Monson said.

Oregon can always hope to duplicate Washington State's 1990-91 surprises, when the

Cougars finished 16-12 overall (8-10 and fifth in the Pac-10) after being picked almost unanimously to finish last.

"We understand that this year's probably going to be tougher in terms of people being prepared for us," Washington State coach Kelvin Sampson said.

The Cougars do have one big plus in their effort to earn a post-season bid — something

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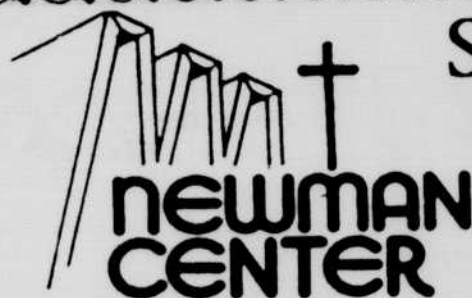
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A **STUDENT MASS** is celebrated every Wednesday at 9:00 p.m. starting Wednesday, January 8. A social gathering will follow.

Would you like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation? Come to the first meeting on Sunday, January 12 at 6:00 p.m.

The first meeting of the **NEWMAN CLUB**, an organization for students run by students, will be held on Sunday, January 12 at 8:30 p.m.

A **BROWN BAG BIBLE STUDY** is held on Mondays, starting Monday, January 13 at 12:30 p.m. at the Century Room D at EMU. Fr. Albert and John Gunther will lead the bible sharing.

The **Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults** for those who are seriously interested to become a Catholic Christian will continue on Sundays at 6:15 p.m. starting Sunday, January 12.

Fr. Tom Kirkendoll of Cincinnati, OH will be the guest speaker at all the weekend Masses remembering Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday on Sat/Sun., January 18/19.

A 6-week series on **RELIGION AND CINEMA** will start on Monday, January 21 at 7:00 p.m. Fr. Jose will lead a discussion after the movies.

SOCIAL ISSUES FORUM: A panel presentation on "The Influence of the Media in Decision-Making on Social Issues" will be held on Wednesday, January 22 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Members of the panel are: Don Bishoff (Register Guard), Jean Powell (KEZI), Carl Bybee (Assoc. Prof at UofO), and Alan Siporin (KLCC).

SPECIAL HAPPENINGS:

A 4-part series on **CHRISTIAN MORALITY** will start on Monday, January 27 at 7:00 p.m. Fr. Albert will lead the series.

STUDENTS - do you need a quiet place to study, read or just relax? Come to the Newman Center's lounge. It is open from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

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5:00 p.m.

Sunday:

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