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large snowdrift blocking about a 100-yard-long portion of the trail here, but it isn't difficult to pick up the trail again as it enters the forest. There are several other smaller snowdrifts on this portion, as well, but none should present any

route-finding problems. About two-tenths of a mile past the rockslide is another trail junction. Switchback to the left here, ignoring the trail leading straight ahead and downhill.

This final-tenth-of-a-mile section of the trail is steeper, switching back twice before reaching the base of Tidbits Mountain's summit pinnacle. The rotted remains of the wooden ladder used by the fire lookouts to climb the pinnacle can be seen. but the ladder should not be used for the ascent. It's an easy, 30-foot scramble to the top, where all that remains of the lookout building is a flat concrete foundation.

Views from the top extend from Mount Hood south to Diamond Peak. The Three Sisters appear only a stone's throw away, and even Mount Bachelor and Black Butte farther east in Central Oregon peak through. To the north and west the mountain's slopes drop away dramatically, and the eastern pinnacle of Tidbits Mountain rises nearby. The clearing where you parked the car can also be seen far below to the east.

The rugged Western Cascades stretch to the horizon to the north and south, and there are even glimpses west to the Willamette Valley. The view from the summit has that panoramic, 360-degree feel a mountain should have.

The recent cooler weather has likely brought snow back to this area, but it shouldn't last long. And again, this is a hike best done on a clear day. when the full range of its scenery can be appreciated.

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players don't seem to be too worried.

"We're all pretty good ath-letes," Potter said. "It will take an adjustment period with a different coach and different philosophy, but I think we'll adapt to it pretty quickly."

Many players were somewhat surprised how quickly a new coach was hired, but the Ducks were pleased with the work of athletic director Bill Byrne.

"I think (Byrne) did a good job," Potter said. "We were kind of in limbo without a coach. It's like the head's cut off the chicken."

Well the head's back on the chicken, and there's a little excitement back in the Ducks. But everyone will have to wait until the fall to

see if this team starts to fly or lays an egg.

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