

Dancin' Ducks

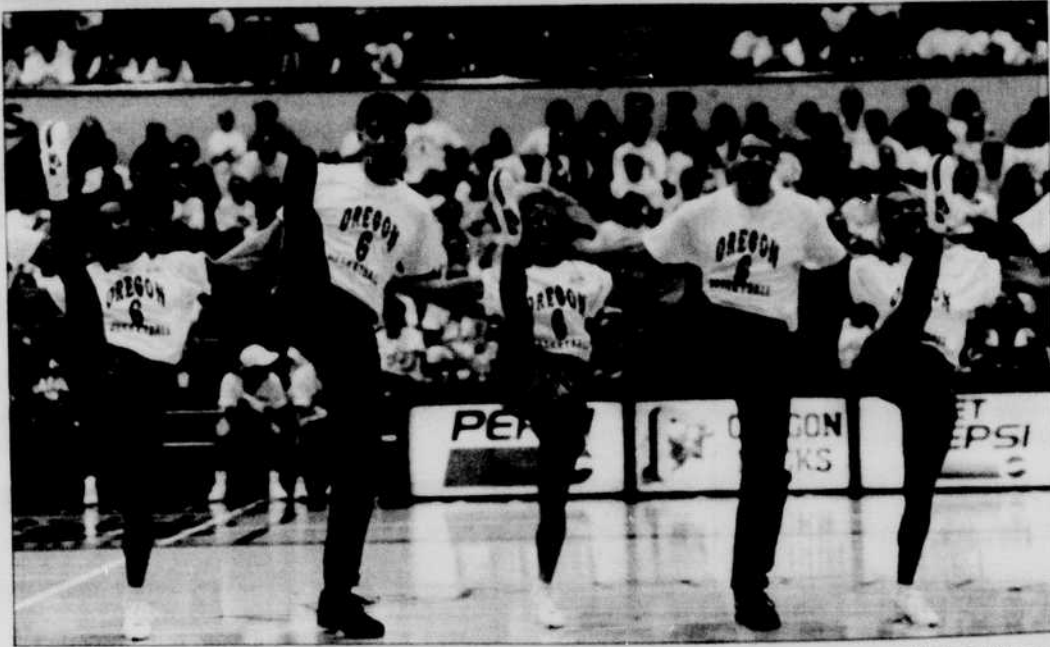


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Oregon basketball players Jeff Potter (left) and Jordy Lyden try to keep up with the Duck cheerleaders at Saturday's "Late Night with Jerry Green," which included the team's first practice of the year. Nearly 2,000 people showed up at McArthur Court for the event put on by head coach Jerry Green to introduce himself and his team.

Beavers gain split in Civil War

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Despite a career high of 34 kills for outside hitter Stephanie Warren, Oregon dropped its Pacific-10 Conference match against intrastate rival Oregon State, 16-14, 15-17, 14-16, 16-14, 11-15, Friday night in Corvallis.

"It was a fun match to play in," said Oregon middle blocker Karissa Meith. "Stephanie was playing great; she was really putting the ball down."

The match was one of the longest in coach Gerry Gregory's seven-year tenure at Oregon, taking three hours and 15 minutes to play. Meith said the length of the match had little to do with the final outcome.

"We had so much adrenaline going in the fifth game, I don't think anyone really felt tired," Meith said. "Plus, we're pretty well conditioned."

Warren made 82 kill attempts for the evening, picking up some of the slack created when injured teammate LaReina Woods was forced to leave the match in the fourth game because of a sore shoulder. Woods finished the match with 11 kills despite the injury.

After rallying to win game four 16-14 and tie the match at two games apiece, Oregon began game five slowly, falling behind by four points. Although the Ducks made a late charge, they were never able to pull even with the Beavers.

Gregory was pleased with his team despite the loss.

"We fought hard all night and gave a good, hard effort," Gregory said. "We had our opportunities, especially in games two and three, but overall, I felt it was a great match."

Oregon's middle blockers had their best night of the season, with Angee Henderson, Anne Conway and Meith combining for 32 kills. Meith said that the play of the middle blockers helped account for Warren's high kill total.

"Once the middle blockers got established, it helped open things up for Stephanie," Meith said. "It wasn't as if we were only going to Stephanie. We were still trying to mix our plays up."

Shelly Smith, who was questionable before the match because of a sprained ankle, led the Beavers with 18 kills.

"She (Smith) looked like she was fine to me," Gregory said.

The loss dropped the Ducks into a last-place tie with Oregon State, as each school now has a 2-10 conference record. Things will not get any easier for Oregon this weekend, as the Ducks play host to No. 1-ranked UCLA on Friday night at 7 p.m. in McArthur Court.

UCLA has an 18-0 record this season and is the defending NCAA champion. The Bruins are led by 1991 all-conference players Natalie Williams and Elaine Youngs.



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Bob's deathly fear of life after politics

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All right, set the scene. The
Freightliner plant on Swan Is-
land. Monday, middle of the af-
ternoon. A 40-ton truck is bear-
ing down on Bob Packwood.

For once in his life, Packwood isn't
looking over his shoulder. The truck is
big as life, but he knows it's only paint on
a canvas. A backdrop for the TV cameras.
An artist's rendering of what Les AuCoin
begs for when he wishes upon a star.

Packwood is cruising. Talking trade to
the suits. Casually asking for a show of
hands on a balanced budget amendment.
He asked for this pep rally. This is a GOP
crowd and the senator is working it.

It all goes according to the script until
some guy with a blue collar won't go with
the flow. He asks about the big spenders
who are funding Packwood's campaign.
What do they expect in return?

Packwood looks baffled, as if this quid
pro quo has never occurred to him. I've
got \$8 million coming in, he says. Maybe
a third is from pro-choicers and another
quarter is pro-Israel money and let's see,
when you add that together...

The blue collar shakes his head. He
doesn't want to hear about fractions, or
nickels and dimes. Who gives you the big
bucks, he repeats, and why?

Packwood's face is wonderful to behold.
It's a total blank. Devoid of memory, guilt,
or panic. There is no trace of the \$125,000
he's received from the cable television in-
dustry in the last 18 months.

No sign of the \$317,000 handed to him
from health care and health insurance
providers.

No hint of the \$2.4 million in PAC con-
tributions he's lapped up since 1977.

Packwood sadly shakes his head. I
wish I could help you, he says,
but nothing comes to mind. He
scans the audience and sails on,
unfazed and unshamed.

Watching Packwood work you realize
why he stripped off the environmental
sheepskin years ago.

He's not a preservationist.

He's a self-preservationist.

When their survival is at stake, lizards
will abandon their tails, and crabs sacri-
fice a claw. Coyotes, they say, will sink
their own teeth into the leg that's caught
in a trap.

These beasts have nothing on Pack-
wood. To get re-elected, he will say any-
thing. Sell anything. String anyone along.
He'll even hold up a ragged old bone like
the balanced budget amendment whenever
he wants the dogs to bark.

There is no mystery in Packwood's
frenzied play for another term. On Tues-
day, he told 300 Nike employees that
Washington would be a safer, wiser place
if legislators served 12 years and then "we
went back to the profession we came
from."

Packwood has nowhere to go. He ad-
mitted at Freightliner that although he
was trained as a lawyer, "I haven't tried
five cases in my life."

He has no fall-back position. No
life after politics. His wife is
gone, his kids are grown. And
he's terrified that the child
and beer he serves out of his D.C. base-
ment apartment won't be enough to draw
a crowd if he no longer stalks Capitol Hill.

The campaign brings out the only fight
left in the man. Asked to name his primary
accomplishment in the last two years,
Packwood rummaged around and came up
with his vote against an added tariff on
imported mini-vans.

He stayed out of sight during the Thom-
as Hill hearings. He only sees Measure 9
for its political impact on him, not its per-
sonal toll on the voters.

The 1996 Tax Act, once the crowning
achievement of his Senate career? Pack-
wood can't backpedal fast enough. The
best thing he can say about the act is that
AuCoin voted for it, too.

He plays stupid when he has to and dis-
honest when he must. He still claims that
the drift-net bill that recently cleared Con-
gress is his bill, even while his staff
sheepishly concedes that it's not.

He brags that he introduced the first
drift-net bill to mandate sanctions when
Rep. Peter DeFazio beat him to the punch
by 18 months.

And he feigns that he would limit
terms, campaign spending and congres-
sional pay raises only after abusing each
to the legal limit.

When he is called on these antics, Pack-
wood simply sails on. In this race, as in
all the others, he is not weighed down by
memory, guilt or panic. He'll sacrifice
whatever it takes, play squash with one
arm if he has to, to keep his seat on the
Hill.

He has nowhere else to go.

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So, AuCoin isn't perfect . . .

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