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Green: Ducks no turkey for Shoot-out host team

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When Alaska-Anchorage looked at the field of this year's Great Alaska Shoot-out, they saw an Oregon team that failed miserably

As the host team, the Seawolves must have been licking their chops at the opportunity for an easy win over the Ducks in the first

Oregon head coach Jerry Green thinks the Seawolves made a good choice in choosing their opening game.

'Alaska-Anchorage picked a great team to open with," he said. They chose a team that finished 10th in the Pac-10 last season. They chose a team that has a new coach and a new system. I would have done the same thing if I were them.

It's true that in the eight-team field, Oregon looks like the one toam the Division-II Seawolves will have the best chance of defeating. However, Oregon may not be as bad off as Alaska-Anchorage

The Ducks are coming off two exhibition victories. Sunday, against Athletes in Action, Oregon won 100-90 and led by as many as 26 points in a game that showed Green's passing, team-oriented offense is starting to work wonders for a team that finished 6-21

"We were an easy team for them to choose," Green said, "but I think we have an opportunity to win if we play like we did in the first 30 minutes on Sunday.

Green seemed worried and at the same time interested to see how his team reacts to playing on another team's homecourt.

'Our players need to be brave and focused," he said. "It's a hostile environment up there, and we need to learn how to play in a hostile setting.

Unlike last year, when All-Conference guard Antoine Stoudamire was counted on to do the majority of the scoring, Green has given 10 players ample playing time, and the result has been five players scoring in double figures in both games. Stoudamire is still averaging 17 points a game, but guard Orlando Williams led Oregon on Sunday with 18 points.

Depending on the outcome of Thursday's game, the Ducks will face either Tennessee-Chattanooga or New Mexico State. The rest of the field consists of Illinois, Dayton, Vanderbilt and Alabama-

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