Top recruit chooses Oregon over glamour

By Steve Mims **Emerald Sports Reporter**

The opportunity to travel around the country at the expense of different colleges might seem glamorous to most, but not to Woody Green.

Green, a 5-foot-10, 180pound running back from Portland's Jesuit High School, ended months of speculation Wednesday when he signed a letter-of-intent to play football at Oregon next season. Green was one of the top two recruits in the state and was courted by teams all along the West Coast but decided to remain in his home state.

"When the recruiting process started I was excited," Green said. "But come December and January there is pressure to decide where you want to be for the next four or five years of your life. I think if I had it to do over again, I wouldn't go

through it again. Green cut his list of possible schools down to Oregon and Fresno State earlier this week, but he waited until Tuesday night before finally deciding to become a Duck. Green had been in contact with Oregon head coach Rich Brooks and running backs coach Gary Campbell for two years because he attended summer football camps in Eugene, and Green said that affected his decision.

"My familiarity with coaches Brooks and Campbell was defi-

nitely a factor in my decision," Green said. "I also chose Oregon because it is in the Pacific-10 Conference and it is close to home so my friends and family can watch me play."

Brooks said he considers -Green to be one of the top recruits of his 1993 class.

"Woody is very talented." Brooks said. "He put up very good numbers in a good pro-

Oregon has a wealth of talent at running back, but that did not deter Green. Junior Sean Burwell and freshman Ricky Whittle both had solid seasons in 1992 while splitting time at tailback, but Green said he be-lieves he will be able to fit into

"I think I will fit in nicely at Oregon," Green said. "Sean will be a senior and Ricky a sophomore, but Oregon usually gives two tailbacks playing time. If the coaches want me to, I would redshirt next year and wait a season before I play."

Green comes to Oregon after two seasons at Jesuit where he ran for more than 3,000 yards and scored 43 touchdowns. Green led the Crusaders to the third round of the Oregon 4A playoffs during his junior year

"Woody is a mature young man who will adjust to the college game as well as any fresh-Jesuit head football coach Ken Potter said. "He has the capabilities to adjust quicker than most players."



Oregon head coach and athletic director Rich Brooks announced Wednesday the players that signed a letter of intent to play for the Ducks next season.

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Oregon head football coach Rich Brooks went looking for speed in his 1993 recruiting class. and he didn't have to look far.

Wide receiver Jamaal Wallace from Willamette High School and running back Woody Green of Jesuit High School in Portland head this year's class of 21 players. Wallace was the first high school player from Oregon to be named to the Parade All-American team since 1963 after catching 78 passes for 837 yards during his senior year. Wallace is believed to have set a state record with 202 career pass recep-

tions over the past three years.

Green rushed for more than 3,000 yards in his

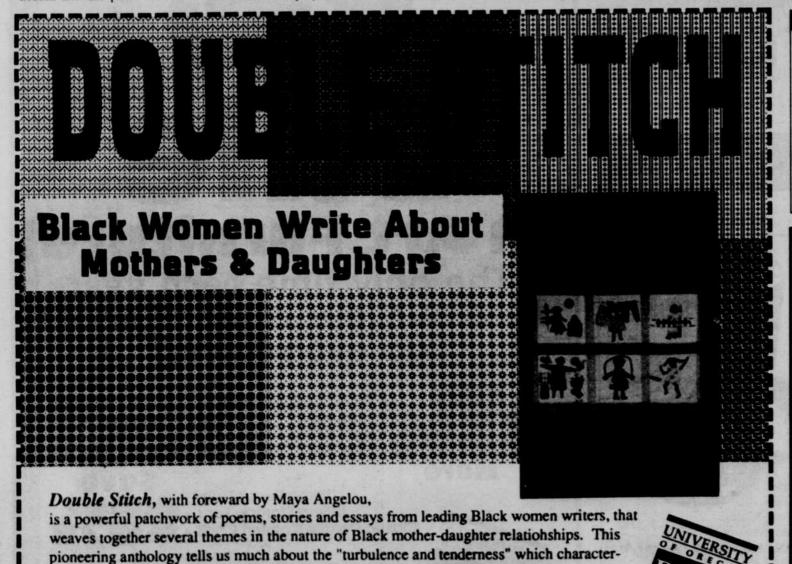
final two prep seasons, culminating with 1,330 vards and 19 touchdowns in his senior year. Green was named on the 19-player Northwest Nuggets and Western 100 rosters by the Tacoma News-Tribune.

"I am very excited about Jamaal and Woody," Brooks said. "They are two high-profile, in-state prospects and it was critical to get them. I think they can have an impact early.

Oregon's 1993 recruiting class is balanced and features 13 offensive players and eight defensive players. The emphasis of the class is on speed and quickness, as opposed to last year's class, which featured many big players.

The Ducks signed only two junior college trans-

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