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## Green, Ducks look for medicine

By Dave Charbonneau **Emerald Sports Edito** 

Oregon assistant coach Bobby Braswell will have a little more responsibility this weekend when the Ducks face Washington Thursday and Washington State Saturday at McArthur

Last weekend, Oregon men's basketball coach Jerry Green mysteriously injured his knee in his sleep and was unable to leave the bench during the Ducks' loss to UCLA. On Tuesday, Green was released from the hospital after undergoing arthroscopic knee surgery.

Green will be at the game Thursday night, but will be on crutches and probably won't pace the sidelines like usual.

This makes Braswell's job tougher.

"As a coaching staff," Bras-well said, "we all have to pick up the slack as far as communicating with the players on the court and relaying information to them.

Braswell, along with assistants King Rice and Mark Turgeon, all have a heavier burden

placed on their shoulders because of Green's injury, but nothing comparable to the weight their team has been car-

The Ducks are 0-11 in the Pacific-10 Conference and are in jeopardy of becoming the first team since the Pacific-8 expanded to 10 teams to go winless in conference play.

Oregon will be at home for the first time in three weeks. The Ducks played well on the three-game road trip, but lost to Oregon State, UCLA and USC

The encouraging thing is that we had opportunities to win all three of those games," Braswell said. "The players are really confident right now and we're hoping some home-cooking will get us over the hump.

Washington and Washington State have been surprises this season. Both were picked to battle with Oregon for last place. but the Huskies are 5-6 in the conference, and the Cougars are tied for second place at 7-4.

Braswell said he's not surprised at all.

'Any time you have a solid big man and a quality point guard, you're going to be competitive," he said. "Washington has both of those.

Washington's Rich Manning. a 6-foot-11 center, is averaging 17 points and nine rebounds a game. Point guard Prentiss Perkins has done a good job running the Huskies' offense, averaging 11 points and three assists a game.

As for the Cougars, Braswell gives credit to their head coach.

'Kelvin Sampson is a great coach," he said. "Sometimes a team takes the personality of its coach, and that's the case with Washington State. Any time you play those guys, you're going to be in war.

Washington State plays with a relatively small lineup that features three guards all averaging over 11 points a game. Bennie Seltzer leads the team with 17 points a game.

Oregon guards Antoine Stoudamire and Orlando Williams have been first and second in scoring in the past five games. In those games, Stoudamire has averaged 24 points a game, and Williams has averaged 17.

The Ducks play five of their final seven games at home.

## Sampson staying at WSU

PULLMAN, Wash. (AP) Washington State head basketball coach Kelvin Sampson has heard the rumors about being a hot prospect at schools looking to fill coaching vacancies, but he's not currently interested.

The sixth-year Cougars coach has been rumored to be a leading candidate for head coaching jobs at California and South Carolina.

California Vice Chancellor Dan Boggan has expressed interest in hiring a black coach to replace fired coach Lou Campanelli, but Sampson said Tuesday he wasn't in the running.

'Wait a minute, isn't that the school that fired the coach because he yelled at the players during practice?" Sampson asked. "Somehow, I don't think I'd fit in there.

The University of South Carolina is looking to replace Steve Newton, who has announced he will retire after this season.

'I don't have a comment on that stuff," said Sampson, a North Carolina native. "The thing I'm most focused on is this basketball team here. That stuff is going to come up and there's nothing you can do about it. But it's not something I'm thinking about. My goal right now is to win those two games this week.

Sampson's Cougars are tied with Arizona State for second place in the Pacific-10 Conference with a 13-7 overall record (7-4 in the Pac-10) and are on the road in Oregon this week.



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