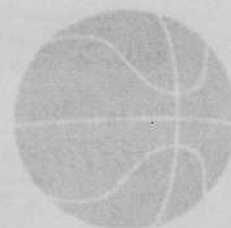
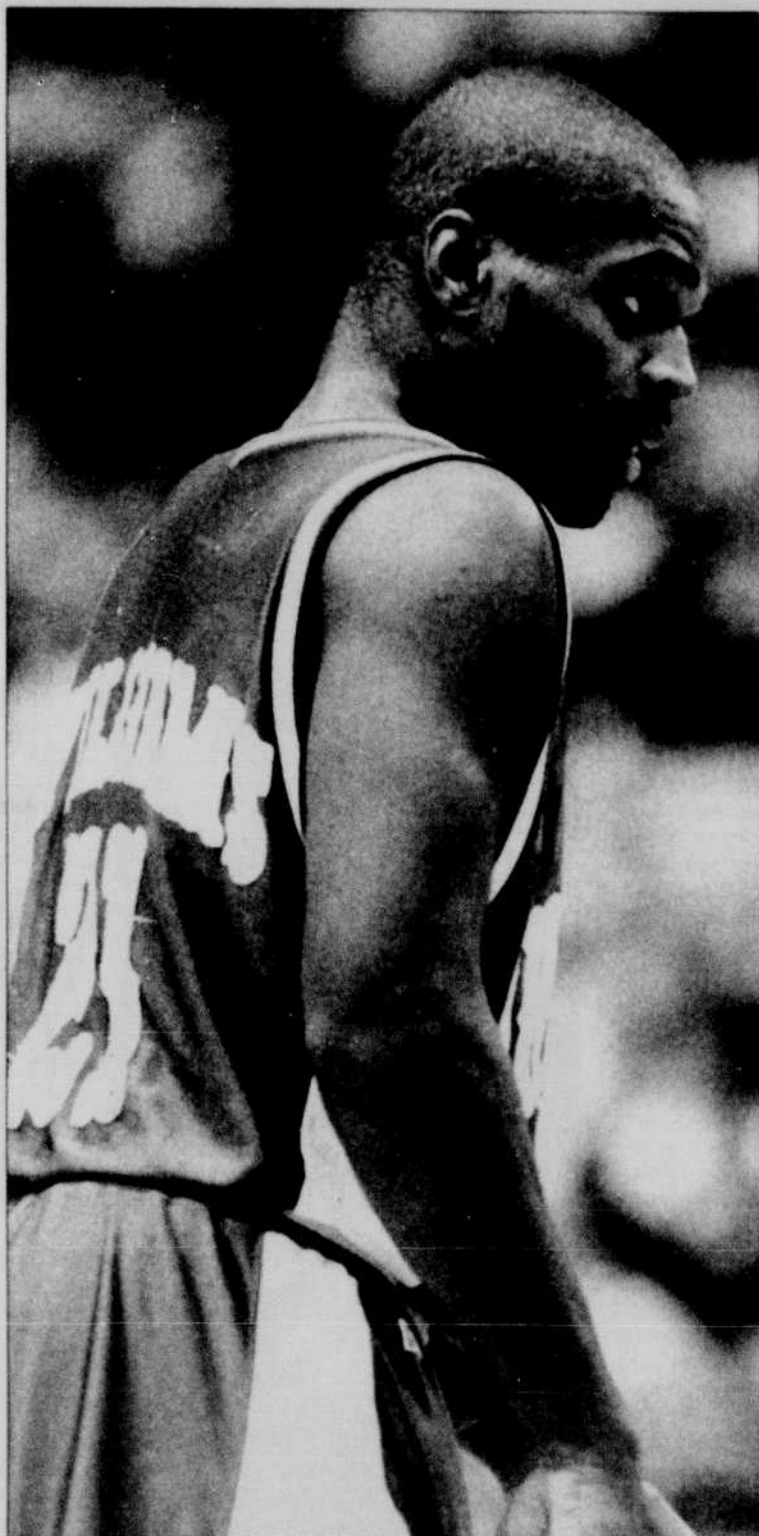


BASKETBALL



Meet the Green

Orlando Williams



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Orlando Williams sat attentive in his practice garb, occasionally fidgeting with the left hand that many Duck fans admire. A smile was a constant feature to the smooth-shooting senior as he sat and answered questions about the man Williams truly is.

To the outsider, "O" is the man most want to take the clutch jump shot for the 12-2 men's basketball team. The senior's sweet stroke has tickled the twine for four years at Oregon and his relentless work ethic has made him into a living example of determination.

"Orlando has meant so much for our basketball program," Oregon head coach Jerry Green said. "He has really worked on his game. He's probably one of the hardest workers outside the regular practice time that I've been associated with since I started coaching."

The man that has meant so much to the Oregon program has, putting it mildly, gone through some rocky times as a Duck.

He has come face-to-face with so much losing that you must oblige him when he chooses to talk about this season. Entering this season, Williams has had a 26-58 overall record, including an 11-43 conference record.

"All the turmoil and the disappointing seasons just makes this season that much sweeter," Williams beamed. "I guess sometimes you really have to hit the bottom before you can really feel the sweetness of victory."

In basketball terms, "O" is a shooter.

He doesn't soar through the air with acrobatic grace nor does he force shot after shot to be deemed a scorer. By his own account, Williams puts his game in his teammates' hands and it is their screens and passes that allow him the opportunity to do what he does best — shoot.

"Growing up," Williams said, "I was always on teams with guys who were just as good or better than I was. It was never the case where I could say 'I'm the star so give me the ball'. Going through my years that way, I learned to be a team player. And now that I have the chance to be a good scorer, I still have team play instilled in my mind."

Williams' touch has carried him to sixth on the Oregon all-time scoring list (1,414), needing only 140 more to catch No. 5 Blair Rasmussen. His name dominates all three-pointer categories in the school's history books and is gradually creeping up the list for career field goals, only 18 outside of seventh place.

As a Portland native, "O" never considered that someday his tour at Oregon would land him atop these vaunted lists of achievement. However, he is

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Oregon senior guard Orlando Williams is eyeing a chance to finally lead his team to a postseason tournament in his last year as a Duck.

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Sun Devils loom on horizon as Ducks enter tough game

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Arizona State will enter McArthur State on Saturday with a drastically different attitude than its cross-town rivals.

Whereas Arizona has offered guarantees of victory, the Sun Devils are remaining relatively close-to-the-vest about their chances in the Pit at 7:05 p.m. on Saturday.

Faced with playing the 18th-ranked Ducks before an expected capacity crowd, Arizona State head coach Bill Frieder is a little chivalrous of his team's chances.

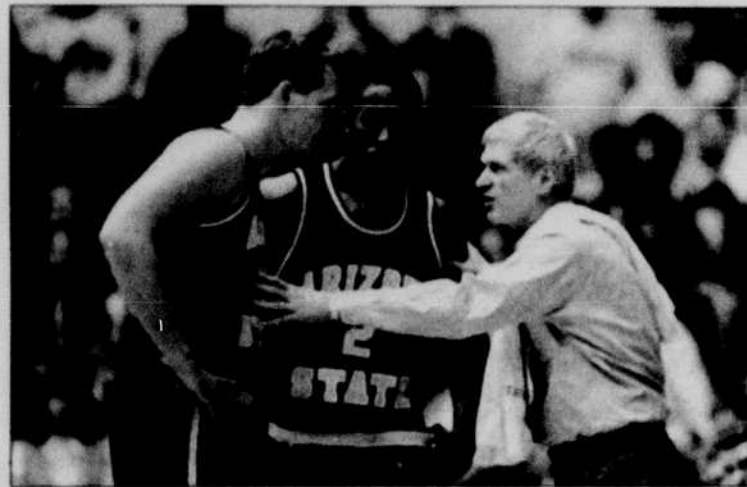
"I've played in a lot of places and (Mac Court), in its own

regard, is a tough place because of it being so old," Frieder said. "It's a very, very tough place for a team to play on road and it's a big-time home-court advantage for (Oregon). I expect it to be a tough basketball game, as everybody should when they go in there."

Cautious words for a team that will arrive in Eugene with a No. 13 ranking, a 13-4 mark overall and a 3-2 mark in conference. Or is it?

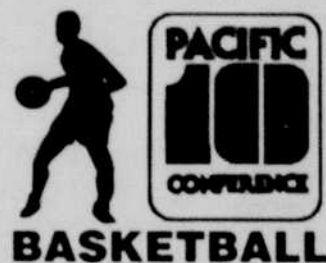
"We're very fortunate to be where we are at this time because our stats at don't bear our record out," Frieder said. "Our 3-point shooting is atro-

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Arizona State head coach Bill Frieder will attempt to rally his team to victory after last year's loss to the Ducks.



PAC-10 SLATE

Thurs, Jan. 26	Arizona @ Oregon
	Arizona St. @ Oregon St.
	California @ USC
	Stanford @ UCLA
Sat, Jan. 28	Arizona @ Oregon St.
	Arizona St. @ Oregon
	California @ UCLA
	Stanford @ USC
	Washington @ WSU

MEN'S HOOPS

Scoring	G	PTS	AVG
Stoudamire, ARIZ	17	364	21.4
Hoff, OSU	14	289	20.6
Williams, ORE	14	273	19.5
O'Bannon, UCLA	12	233	19.4
Barry, OSU	14	267	19.1
Orr, USC	16	301	18.8
Cross, STAN	14	259	18.5
Fontaine, WSU	13	226	17.4
Bennett, ASU	17	284	16.7
Buckley, CAL	14	229	16.4

Rebounding	OFF	DEF	AVG
Wilson, USC	72	92	10.3
Hendrickson, WSU	45	83	9.8
O'Bannon, UCLA	31	76	8.9
Owes, ARIZ	30	111	8.3
Young, STAN	43	70	8.1
Bennett, ASU	49	83	7.8
Orr, USC	47	72	7.4
Hoff, OSU	38	66	7.4
Poppink, STAN	36	62	7.0
Barry, OSU	18	72	6.4

Assists	G	AST	AVG
Stoudamire, ARIZ	17	123	7.2
Ellison, WSU	12	81	6.8
Capers, ASU	17	112	6.6
Edney, UCLA	12	74	6.2
Gardner, CAL	14	82	5.9
Knight, STAN	13	74	5.7
Wilkins, ORE	14	78	5.6
Murray, USC	16	74	4.6
Hamilton, WASH	12	52	4.3
McClain, WASH	13	55	4.2

Blocked shots	G	BS	AVG
Bennett, ASU	17	56	3.3
Stewart, CAL	14	30	2.1
Young, STAN	14	23	1.6
Orr, USC	16	20	1.3
Daniel, WSU	13	16	1.2
Corkrum, WSU	11	12	1.1
Sanford, WASH	13	14	1.1
Madden, ORE	14	14	1.0
Zidek, UCLA	12	10	0.8
Owes, ARIZ	17	13	0.8