

■ SPORTS EXTRA BASKETBALL

# 'Cats and Ducks hook up in grudge match at the Pit

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Oregon's eight-game winning streak at McArthur Court will be tested when the 12th-ranked Arizona Wildcats invade Eugene at 7:05 tonight.

The Pit will be packed for the third straight game as two of the best backcourts in the conference square off in an effort to gain leverage in the Pacific 10 Conference standings.

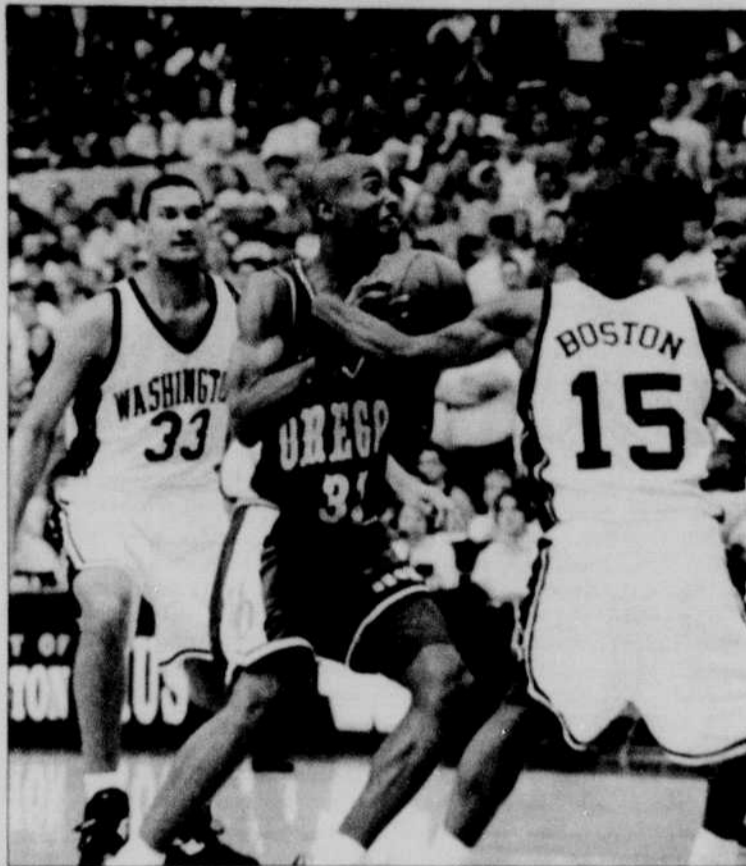
"(Tonight's game) is a small opportunity that hopefully can lead to a bigger opportunity down the road," Oregon head coach Jerry Green said. "As a young man growing up learning how to play basketball, you dream about nights like this and I think (the game) is going to be exciting."

Arizona, 13-4 overall and 3-2 in the Pac-10, is led by All-America candidate Damon Stoudamire — considered by many as the premier senior guard in the country.

Stoudamire, who has already guaranteed victories in his home state of Oregon, is the league's top scorer (21.3) and playmaker (7.1 assists) and also is one of its most potent weapons. Reggie Geary, Stoudamire's backcourt mate, is one of the nation's top defensive weapons and helps form the perfect combination for the Wildcats.

"I think Damon is the best point guard in America and is going to be a lottery pick (in the NBA draft)," Green said. "He's going to be even more fired up coming back home and I've seen that in the way his tone has been across the sports pages."

The Wildcats also boast solid play from their frontcourt of Ray Owes, Ben Davis and Joseph Blair. The trio account for nearly 20 rebounds per game and provide a dominating presence in the paint. Arizona's talented bench also makes it difficult to find a squad.



Oregon's Darryl Parker leads the defense averaging close to two steals a game.

## ARIZONA STARTERS

- F - Ray Owes, #22  
6-9, Sr.
- F - Ben Davis, #04  
6-9, Jr.
- C - Joseph Blair, #50  
6-10, Jr.
- G - Damon Stoudamire,  
#20, 5-11, Sr.
- G - Reggie Geary, #44  
6-2, Jr.

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"Arizona has four starters back from the Final Four team last year, and a lot of people feel they are good enough to get back there this year," Green said. "But don't count us out . . .

we're explosive . . . and have tremendous heart."

Leading the charge for Oregon (12-2, 4-1) will be shooting guard Orlando Williams. Williams has led the team in scoring nine times, including five straight, and been over 20 points on seven occasions — including two 30-point outings.

Oregon point guard Kenya Wilkins will play a key role in the backcourt confrontation between the two schools. Wilkins gives up some size to Stoudamire, but has enough quickness to help negate that aspect of Stoudamire's game. Stoudamire will also have to concentrate on the defensive end, as Wilkins is coming off a career-best scoring effort and is looking to take charge more on the offensive end.

■ UNIVERSITY

MEETINGS

International Student Association will meet tonight at 7 in the EMU Oak Room. The meeting topics are the LACSO elections and the Guatemala Sister University Project. For more information, call 984-2372.

Vietnamese Student Association will meet tonight from 6:30 to 8 in the Multicultural Center. For more information, call 346-9210.

MISCELLANEOUS

ASUO will sponsor "Amnesty International" tonight at 7:30 in EMU Century Room A. For more information, call 346-9875.

ASUO Women's Center will sponsor "Travelin' Shoes" — a women's international travel workshop — tonight at 7 in the EMU Ben Linder Room. For more information, call 346-4095.

Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Alliance will offer "Coffee Hour" today from 4 to 6 p.m. in EMU Room 319. For more information, call 346-3360.

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