



Oregon victories receive recognition

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The Oregon Ducks. Ask anyone last year — or for that matter the past thirty years — outside of Oregon, who the Ducks were and most likely you would receive a response of "I don't know," or you may be lucky enough to get an answer of "Aren't they pretty good in track?"

Well, in the past 11 months things have changed in little ol' Eugene, as you all know. The football team did the unthinkable, the men's basketball team did something almost as remarkable by beating the UCLA Bruins in two consecutive meetings and the women's basketball team went from the cellar to stellar. So what do people think about the Ducks now?

"I guess they're pretty good," Adam Weisz of Seattle said.

"They [the men's football and basketball teams] have played well but we have beaten them both," said Jay See, a student at Washington State.

So Oregon is left in limbo. Does it become a national, athletic powerhouse, or does it fall back into the form that previously



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earned the Ducks the comments of "Who?" "The Ducks?" and "Aren't they in the WAC?"

The rejuvenated fans of Autzen Stadium and McArthur Court say the hell with the old, bring in the new. I think everybody would have to tend to agree.

Starting two and a half years ago, Oregon did just that when it brought in Jerry Green to take over the duties of men's head basketball coach. After his arrival, Green went right to work bringing the best the country, not just the state of Oregon, had to offer to the Ducks.

Although the Ducks had no chance of bringing the national names of Jerry Stackhouse or Joe Smith to Oregon, Green put together the best team he could from the best of the rest. And look

at what they have done now.

One year after Green's entrance to Mac Court, the women's basketball team's fate was placed in the hands of new head coach Jody Runge.

Under Runge, given her first full recruiting year, the Ducks strayed away from the United States to the unlikely confines of Australia to find the players they hope will push them towards a possible second-straight NCAA tournament berth.

The two newcomers, Renae Fegent and Sally Crowe, stepped right into the starting lineup after their arrival. Fegent brought to the Ducks the scoring and defensive ability of a post-player that had been missing after the loss of three seniors from last year's starting rotation, while Crowe brought her experience from a women's professional league.

The play of these two standouts (Fegent is the leading shot blocker of the Pacific-10 conference and Crowe holds the top spot in free-throw percentage) has made the rest of the conference coaches sit on their benches watching wide-eyed.

"(Oregon is) a quality basketball team," Washington women's

basketball head coach Chris Gobrecht said after a 22 point loss to the Ducks. "I think the real key is those two Australian kids."

So the question once again arises, "Do we or don't we make the final strides to becoming a nightly appearance on ESPN?"

We have the players, we have the coaches and the fans have finally shown up, so what is left?

Some believe the national recognition will never stretch to Oregon unless the Ducks recruit a nationally known high school player. Others believe the style of play needs to be moved from the basic West Coast style to the high-flying antics embedded in every East Coast school.

Although it would be exciting to have a national high school superstar playing for Oregon, and have the East Coast style instilled into the program, I think we need to let our coaches do what they are being paid for. To win with what they got.

Whatever the final hurdle may be, it is sure that all Oregon athletes are anxiously awaiting it to come.

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Division I Ice Hockey Poll

TROY, N.Y. (AP) — The top ten teams in the Division I men's ice hockey poll published by the Troy Record, with first-place votes in parentheses, records against NCAA Division I opponents through Jan. 29, points, and previous ranking:

	Record	Pts	Prv
1 Maine(16)	21-2-6	282	1
2 Michigan(12)	18-4-1	274	2
3 ColoradoCollege(12)	17-7-0	234	4
4 BostonU.(1)	17-5-3	219	3
5 BowlingGreen	16-7-1	175	5
6 MichiganSt	16-6-2	159	6
7 NewHampshire	16-6-3	86	10
8 Clarkson	13-5-3	74	9
9 Denver	16-9-1	66	8
10 Minnesota	14-10-2	49	7

Others receiving votes: Brown 21, Wisconsin 8, Harvard 2, Lake Superior State 1.

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