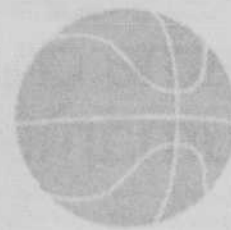


BASKETBALL



Meet the Green Jeff Potter



Senior Jeff Potter is finishing a stellar career at Oregon, one which has seen the 6-foot-9 forward from Redmond, Wash., establish himself as one of the most physical players in the Pac-10.

Chris Metz
Oregon Daily Emerald

There was a time when his distinct red hair wasn't the only reason Jeff Potter looked a little more fired up than anybody else.

"I used to be kind of a hothead," the senior forward said with a grin.

Admittedly, it used to bother him to be heckled and ridiculed by rowdy fans on the road in the Pacific-10 Conference, especially during the lean years at Oregon. But with age comes maturity — maybe a little too much maturity.

"I hate to say it — I'm only 22," Potter said, "but I feel like I'm about 40."

Aches and pains aside, though, not too much bothers Potter these days. The senior from Redmond, Wash., has pieced together an impressive season and has finally had the chance to nibble on success at Oregon — the flavor of which was nothing more than a dream when he came here in 1991.

"We were terrible three years ago," he said. "It feels good to see the improving that this program has done."

And it by no means has been an easy road to respectability for the Ducks — or for Potter, for that matter.

Last season, he relinquished his starting role some two and a half years after injuries to three starters allowed the 6-foot-9 Potter to claim it as a true freshman.

But the 1994-95 season has been one to remember for the quiet big man. Along with sophomore guard Kenya Wilkins, Potter is the only member of the Ducks to start every game this season. His 10.7 points per game is third best on the team, and he has been a solid contributor on the boards as well, hauling in just under five rebounds a game.

Potter was recently named co-captain of the Ducks, along with senior Orlando Williams. Both have been instrumental in the transformation of the Ducks into a winning program, even though they are leftovers from the Don Monson years.

"I feel like we've helped bring this pro-

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WEEKEND SLATE

Men's Basketball

Wed, Feb 15	Stanford 83, California 70
Thur, Feb 16	Arizona St. at UCLA
	Arizona at USC
	Washington at Oregon
	WSU at Oregon St.
Sat, Feb 18	Arizona St. at USC
	WSU at Oregon
	Washington at Oregon St.
Sun, Feb 19	Arizona at UCLA

PAC-10 HOOPS

Assists	G	AST	AVG
Stoudamire, ARIZ	23	174	7.6
Elison, WSU	17	122	7.2
Capers, ASU	23	162	7.0
Edney, UCLA	17	108	6.4
Knight, STAN	19	118	6.2
Gardner, CAL	20	122	6.1
Wilkins, ORE	19	113	5.9
McClain, WASH	16	75	4.7
Murray, USC	21	92	4.4
Hamilton, WASH	17	74	4.4

FULL HOUSE

Pac-10 home game attendance and the percentage of the seating that is filled on average.

ARENA (sellouts)	AVG.	PER.
Arizona (11)	14,257	100
Arizona St.	9,139	64
California		
at Harmon Gym (5)	6,578	100
at Oakland Col.	11,007	73.2
Oregon (5)	7,948	79
Oregon St.	6,757	65
Stanford	4,766	63.5
UCLA	10,538	82.2
USC	2,996	19.3
Washington	4,818	61.2
Washington St.	5,825	48.3

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"He's like Jordan — he starts so far out that you think there's no way he can dunk, but he does... he's really a special athlete."
— Lute Olson
Arizona basketball coach on USC's Lorenzo Orr

Green takes nothing for granted against Huskies



Kris Henry
Oregon Daily Emerald

At a glance, tonight's home game against Washington would seem to play out as an easy victory for the 19th-ranked Ducks.

But according to Oregon head coach Jerry Green, that might not necessarily be the case.

"I really think [Washington] is dangerous," the third-year coach said. "They can beat us if we don't play good. They're a good team and have put it together well."

Pretty strong sentiments about a youthful program that is 6-13 overall, tied for last in the Pacific-10 Conference with a 2-9 record and has recently been depleted by the loss of junior starting point guard Michael McClain due to disciplinary actions.

"They're kind of like we were toward the end of last season," Green said, referring to Oregon's improvement in the league last year. "I think they will play better the second time around [in the Pac-10 season] than they did the first round."

"When you lose one of your players like they lost McClain, I think everybody pulls a little bit closer together."

Instead of focusing on what Washington

Henry Madden's five rebounds a game is second best on the Ducks.

OREGON BASKETBALL

Oregon vs. Wash. 7:05 p.m. Mac Court



Next: Oregon vs. Washington State 7:05 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 18.

Notable: Oregon has won the last four meetings with Washington, the longest such streak over the Huskies since a five-game streak in 1941.

doesn't have, a better sense of the program might be gained by looking at what Washington does have.

The Huskies boast one of the conference's top freshman players in forward Mark Sanford, who has stepped up his play

in recent contests and has averaged nearly 16 points and six rebounds in his last seven games.

"He has to be one of the top candidates for freshman of the year in the Pac-10," Green

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