



After a late-season run, the Oregon women were elated with their No. 6 seeding in this year's NCAA tournament. The Ducks will be making their second straight appearance in the field of 64.

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Duck Notes

Ricketts, Strait suspended

Oregon wide receiver Dameron Ricketts and offensive lineman Kyle Strait have been suspended indefinitely from the Ducks' football team for a repeated failure to fulfill team obligations, head coach Mike Bellotti announced.

Bellotti added that the sanctions would include the suspension from a minimum of one game next fall once the players are able to complete requirements to be restored on the team.

Ricketts, a sophomore from Culver City, Calif., started 11 games a year ago catching 42 passes for 534 yards. Strait, a redshirt freshman from Ashland, lettered last season in a reserve role at center.

Williams collects All-Pac-10 honors for second straight year

For the second year in a row, Oregon guard Orlando Williams was named to the All-Pac-10 team. In a vote of conference coaches, UCLA forward Ed O'Bannon and Arizona guard Damon Stoudamire were named co-players of the year in the Pac-10. California forward Tremaine Fowkes collected freshman of the year honors and UCLA head coach Jim Harrick gathered coach of the year honors. Kenya Wilkins received honorable mention for the Ducks.

All-Pac-10

- F Brent Barry, OREGON STATE
- F Mario Bennett, ARIZONA STATE
- G Dion Cross, STANFORD
- G Tyus Edney, UCLA
- F Mark Hendrickson, WSU
- G Brevin Knight, STANFORD
- F Ed O'Bannon, UCLA
- F Ray Ows, ARIZONA
- G Damon Stoudamire, ARIZONA

G Orlando Williams, OREGON Crowe, Fegent represent women on all Pac-10 list

Australians Sally Crowe and Renae Fegent were named to the All-Pac-10 women's squad for 1994-1995. Oregon's Ariane Boyer received honorable mention. Oregon State's Tanja Kostic was named the women's player of the year, Arizona's Adia Barnes grabbed the freshman award and Stanford head coach Tara VanDerveer was named the coach of the year.

Women's All-Pac-10

- G Sally Crowe, OREGON
- C Renae Fegent, OREGON
- C Kija Hughes, UCLA
- C Anita Kaplan, STANFORD
- F Tanja Kostic, OREGON STATE
- G Eliza Sokolowska, CALIFORNIA
- F Kate Starbird, STANFORD
- C Tina Thompson, USC
- C Rhonda Smith, WASHINGTON
- G Boky Vidic, OREGON STATE

DUCKS GET THEIR SHOT

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For the first time ever in Oregon history, both the men's and women's basketball teams will be in the NCAA tournament.

While the men are shining up their dancing shoes for their short jaunt to Salt Lake City, the women are preparing to wear down the tread on their Nikes as the team's first round matchup is in Athens, Ga.

The women will be making their second consecutive trip to the tournament, and their fifth appearance in 13 years, as the No. 6 seed in the Midwest bracket. Oregon's opening round foes will be the 11th-seeded Louisville Cardinals on March 17.

To get into the tournament, the Ducks had to complete an almost impossible mission. With six games left on the schedule, Oregon needed to pick up five victories in its remaining games against the likes of Arizona State, Arizona, Stanford and Southern California — teams the Ducks had previously lost to earlier in the season.

The Ducks started their run for a berth to the tournament during the last weekend of February, with revenge blowouts of the Arizona schools. Oregon's combined margin of victory against the visiting schools was an outstanding

57 points while holding its opposition under a 50-point average per game (49.5).

When the Ducks went on the road the following weekend, they ran into a road block when facing Stanford, after beating California two nights before, 89-73. The fifth-ranked Cardinal gave Oregon a taste of its own medicine when they outscored the Ducks 97-55, making the two remaining games must-win situations.

Oregon, a team that was thought to be in the midst of a rebuilding year, gave the hometown crowd exactly what they all came to see — another blowout. The Ducks wasted no time in their second to last game of the season against 23rd-ranked USC as they jumped ahead early and never looked back en route to a 76-50 victory.

"I think the way to term this year is we didn't rebuild, we just reloaded," Oregon forward Betty Ann Boeving said.

With their final game of season pairing them against lowly UCLA, the Ducks knew this game was not a must-win situation, but instead a don't-lose one. In the first 10 minutes of play, Oregon was only able to muster eight points while trailing by two to

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Plenty of Oregon faithful gathered at McArthur Court on Sunday to celebrate yet another highlight to Oregon's amazing year in sports.