

# Kearney: Above all else, Greenball will excite

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Gone are the familiar faces of Orlando Williams, Jeff Potter, Daryl Parker and Zach Sellers from the starting lineup. With them went reserves Jordy Lyden, Aaron Johnson, Damon Runyon and Jon Mitchell, too.

"[This season] reminds me a lot of two years ago when we graduated a lot of people and we were still trying to put the pieces together," Green said at the Ducks' media day Wednesday. "For us to be as good as I want us to be a lot of things will have to fall into place."

And those things revolve around the only returnees from last year's team with any significant amount of playing time, junior guards Kenya Wilkins and Jamal Lawrence and sophomore guard Jamar Curry.

The Ducks also return sophomore guard Brian Williams and sophomore center Michael Carson, but the two only have a few games under their belts.

Henry Madden, who was suspended from the team last year for academic reasons and transferred to Fresno State, is back at the University but still cannot play due to academic problems. He is also nursing a knee injury. According to Green, Madden will not play at all this year.

As for the remainder of the team, there are four freshman, two transfers and about three spots that, as of yet, have not been filled.

"We have got four true freshman, (and) we have got only 11 players, so we will take some walk-ons," Green said. "A lot of things fell into place [two years ago], but it was about halfway through the year. It may fall into place earlier this year — it may come right away — but we need to find somebody from this freshman class to be impact [and] to be solid for us."

The lack of experience puts the Ducks in a tough spot this year, but forecasts a bright future.

"Remember that we will have every player that we have got [now] — plus more — back again next year," Green said. "So we are going to be very, very patient with these young men and give them every opportunity in the world to succeed."

The coming year does not, however, mean that Green and his team will alter their style of basketball, which above all else, is exciting.

"I have never walked into a press conference at the University of Oregon and said that we are going to win 25 games and kick everybody's rear ends, because I have still not gotten the program to where I want it," Green said. "I like exciting basketball. I still think we are going to play very exciting basketball. There has been no time that I know of that we were not going to be competitive."

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# Pro hockey ready to hit Eugene

**HOCKEY:** The Snowcats' training camp nears with the season-opener to follow

By Mark McTyre  
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The Eugene Snowcats, of the newly-formed North American Professional Hockey League (NAL), are getting ready for their inaugural season set to start on Nov. 10 against the visiting Mexico City Toreros at Lane County Ice Arena.

During the next two weeks the Snowcats' staff will be solidifying their training camp roster in preparation for an exhibition game against Mexico City on Oct. 29, and for the preceding 54-game season schedule, which will come to a close in late April and be followed by the league playoffs. Players are expected to come from the East Coast, International and Central leagues, and a few former National Hockey League players are expected to be part of the league as well.

## EUGENE HOCKEY



### Snowcats Home Schedule

Nov. 10,11	vs. Mexico City
24,25	vs. Vancouver
Dec. 8,10	vs. Los Angeles
22,23	vs. Mexico City
29,30	vs. Las Vegas
Jan. 12,13	vs. Los Angeles
26,27	vs. Mexico City
Feb. 2, 3	vs. Las Vegas
16,17	vs. Mexico City
March 1, 2	vs. Vancouver
15,16	vs. Mexico City
April 12,13	vs. Los Angeles
19,20	vs. Vancouver

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The NAL is the first professional hockey league to offer teams from more than two countries, including the United

States, Canada and Mexico. League president Garrett Krause, who also owns all five teams — the Las Vegas Ice Dice, Los Angeles Bandits, Vancouver Venom, Eugene and Mexico City — is optimistic of the NAL's future.

"Our future plans are to have three teams in Mexico City," Krause said. "We're looking at some teams in Nevada, in Tucson, and we've even talked about teams in Tokyo and Czechoslovakia for a division that would play off for a Pacific title. Our final goal is to have a league that covers five or six countries."

Even though those goals may be some time away, Krause is ready to make the five-team league succeed and expand. If it does, plans have been set to offer percentages of a team's total ownership to the general public.

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