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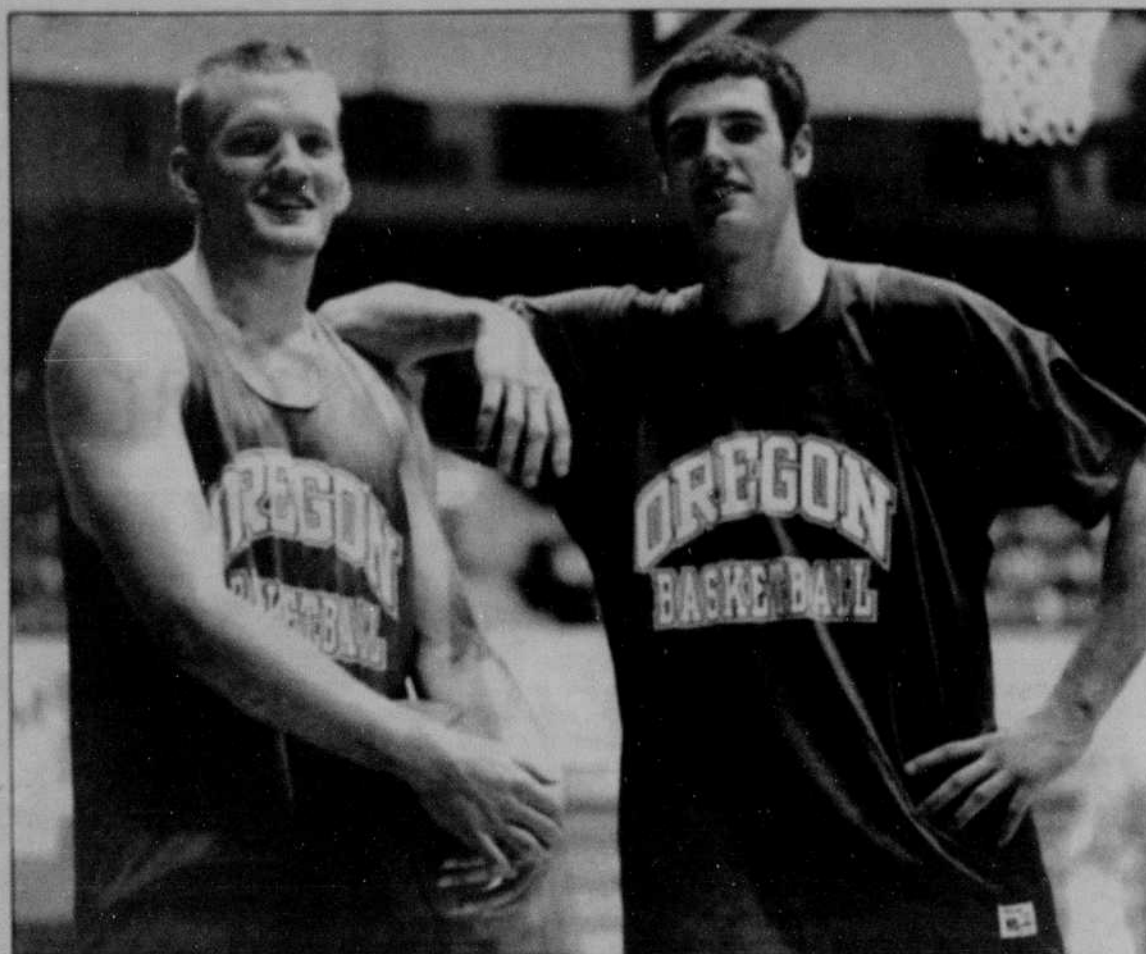
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Duo: Starters share experience with team

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sophomore. So I knew that I could get a lot of playing time and that's what I needed since I only have two years to play left. I could somehow slip into the starting spot, and the new players were exciting to me because I knew that we'd be playing together for two years."

Coming to Oregon was adjustment for both Milling and Ramaker. The Big West Conference, which UCSB belongs to, plays a different type of game, according to Milling.

"Basically everyone [in the Pac-10] is a couple inches taller, a step quicker and can jump a couple inches higher," Milling said. "Maybe it's a little bit speedier game, whereas down in the Big West, they're not as good of athletes, the pace of the game is a little bit slower and the coaches are a little bit more fundamental. In the Pac-10, the players are better, so the coaches kind of let the players play a little bit more."

Ramaker said it was more than difference in the style of play that brought him to a Pac-10 school.

"The style of play [in the Big West] wasn't very exciting, wasn't an up-tempo game," Ramaker said. "Shooting the ball, getting out running, scoring points, things like that and it really wasn't an athletic type powerhouse school. Pac-10, Oregon and the football team and all that stuff — this is the kind of atmosphere that I wanted to be in. They take athletics seriously here and there are a lot of sports and things like that."

Milling and Ramaker are a positive addition to the Ducks this year. They have been in the starting lineup together in the past few games. Milling is averaging 14.3 points and 7.9 rebounds per game, and has posted a double-double in five games. Ramaker has been starting in the center position and has averaged 5 points and 6.2 rebounds per game. He has the only other double-double on the team.

Together, they are taking on

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Starting Center

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the pressure of being the inside players and of being considered leaders on the team because of their experience. Neither is thrilled about that responsibility, but both are willing to take it on.

"I think I have to be [a leader]," Milling said. "I'm not so much a vocal leader, I kind of lead by example. We don't have any seniors on the team, so we need somebody to step up. I'm one of the oldest guys on the team even though I transferred, so I think I need to be a leader."

"Since I've gotten older," Ramaker said, "I have developed a leadership role, taking the younger players aside and telling them what to do and making sure they don't get in trouble, things like that. On the court I have developed into more of a bigger role player than I'd like to be, but somebody's got to do it." 27.6

After playing together in Santa Barbara, Milling and Ramaker know how each other plays and almost what the other is thinking. They admit they have a certain mentality on the court that causes them to look for each other under the basket.

"I think we both look for each other a lot," Milling said, "maybe before we look for someone else because we want to get the ball on the inside a lot more, and it seems like the inside guys throw it into each other. I'd rather get it inside to Rob than kick it back out for three [points]."

"Definitely," Ramaker agreed. "The guards get enough shots. Whenever it gets to one of us, we look at the other one first and make sure we have a chance to score and usually we can get it in there as often as we want."

There is a lot of respect

between these two teammates. Not only do they look for each other, but they appreciate what the other does for him on the court. They help each other out, both in basketball and in life.

"Since he's so aggressive and so demanding of respect on the inside," Ramaker said, "it helps me because I can kind of hide, not be as flashy as he is. Also he knows how I play, so he knows how to get open and I can pass the ball and vice versa he gets me the ball when I need it, too."

"He's been helping me on the court with new plays, like where to go, how to do things, what the coaches like — things like that."

Milling is happy to be playing with Ramaker again.

"It's a lot of fun," Milling said, "because when I left, I didn't think that we would be playing again together. It's kind of weird how we are playing again together. I'd rather be playing with Rob than anyone else."

Despite the mutual respect and similar playing styles, there is one major difference between the two California transplants: the Oregon weather.

"I like it here a lot better. I like the rain and everything," Ramaker said. "I'm kind of crazy."

"My first year I didn't mind it too much," Milling said, "but when spring time came around I wanted the sun. I think I'm a little more of a beach guy than Rob is."

Milling and Ramaker may be two of the many new faces on the Duck squad, but judging by the crowd's reaction when their names are announced at McArthur Court, they are already a welcome addition to the team.