

## Dynamic duo reunited at Oregon

Ramaker and Milling give the Ducks experience

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If you go to a Oregon men's basketball game this season, you will see a lot of unfamiliar faces on the team. But two of the newest Ducks are quite familiar with each other, and soon will be to you.

Kyle Milling and Rob Ramaker have been teammates since they started college together. They were roommates their

freshman year and, according to Ramaker, became best friends.

"Pretty much as we got older," Ramaker said, "he found his major and I found mine. But when we were younger we used to go everywhere together. For the first four quarters, we had all the same classes. We are really close."



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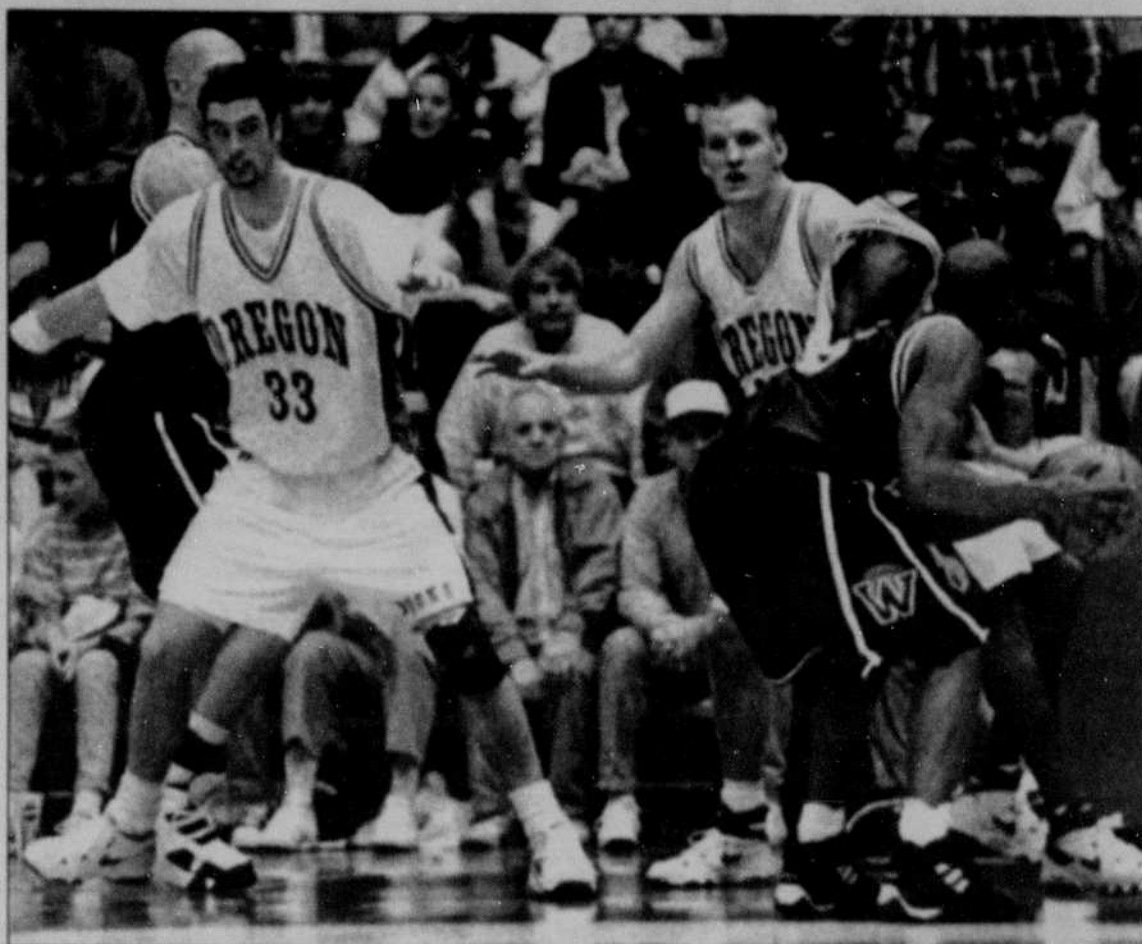


RAMAKER

Before Milling and Ramaker even began to play together, their careers were almost parallel.

Both men were high school standouts in California. They each made the *USA Today* all-state team and were each named on the Best in the West list by the *Long Beach Press-Telegram* their senior year. They both decided to go to the University of California at Santa Barbara to play college hoops.

But neither of the men were too happy playing for the Gauchos. At the end of his sophomore year, Milling decided to leave Santa Barbara to come play for Oregon.



Rob Ramaker and Kyle Milling have played basketball together since they were freshman at Santa Barbara.

"When you are transferring you just call all the schools," Milling said, "and I called Oregon because I knew all the post players were leaving. So as far as playing time, it was a perfect opportunity. I saw that the program was on the rise so I decided to just come be a part of it."

Milling spent last year practicing with the Ducks and learning the system. He attributes the year off to his ability to play well for Oregon this season.

"I have adjusted pretty good," Milling said. "Last year helped a lot because I got to practice, got to learn the system without having to play in a game and I got to take it slow, whereas the new guys this year only had a month to learn the system before they got thrown into a game. I had a year to learn the system."

During the year, he convinced Ramaker, who had been attend-

ing a junior college in Santa Barbara, to come play for the Ducks.

"I basically told him that they let you play," Milling said. "That it's your type of game up here and they don't make you play a certain way. They take your talents and try to blend everyone's talents together. So whatever you're good at, they let you do that instead of changing what you can do and make you do something else."

Ramaker wasn't too sure about the Oregon program out of high school, but when Milling came up to be a Duck, his perception changed.

"I looked at Oregon out of high school," Ramaker said, "and [former Oregon head coach Don] Monson was here and the program didn't really look like it was too happening, not much to talk about. But once Kyle transferred up here, it looked like

"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."

—Rob Ramaker  
Starting Center

everything was going real well. As a player you want to play for coaches with enthusiasm and a program that's on the rise.

"It was good for me because I knew that I would be coming in with Kyle and then relatively all freshman and Mike [Carson] is a

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## Oregon takes on winless ASU tonight

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The Oregon men's basketball team is in the midst of a three-game Pacific-10 Conference losing streak, a streak in which the Ducks have twice been outscored by 20 or more points.

Enter the Arizona State Sun Devils.

While Thursday night's game against Arizona State won't be a cakewalk for the Ducks, you wouldn't get that impression talking to Sun Devils head coach Bill Frieder.

The not-so-shy sixth-year head coach didn't hesitate to say that his team (5-8 overall, 0-5) is outmatched by the young Oregon team (9-7, 2-3).

"Our team is struggling," Frieder said on Tuesday during a telephone conference. "We are not a very good team. Our talent level, for whatever reason, is just near the bottom of the league, probably with Oregon State."

"We are just finding ways to lose rather than finding ways to win. We don't have a lot of bodies and our practices have not been as competitive as I would like."

But Oregon head coach Jerry Green was not quite as candid with the media during the teleconference.

"I think Arizona State is very, very athletic," Green said. "They have got some excellent shooters on the outside. We expect it to be a high scoring game, we think they will get the ball up and down the court and there will be a lot of outside threes that will be taken."

The Sun Devils' woes this season give Oregon no room to complain about its 9-7 overall record. Arizona State is in the middle of a nine-game losing streak compared to the Ducks'

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## Ducks get second Pac-10 victory with 72-52 win over ASU

**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL:** The Ducks coast to an easy victory over the Sun Devils, who have yet to win in the Pac-10 this year

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The Oregon women's basketball team won its second consecutive Pacific-10 Conference game by routing Arizona State 72-52 in Tempe, Ariz., Wednesday night.

The Ducks (10-6 overall, 2-4 Pac-10) were paced by junior Arianne Boyer, who scored 23 points on 7-for-11 shooting from the floor and eight free throws. Boyer added three steals, 10 rebound-

and two assists as the Ducks rolled to their second blow-out victory in as many games.



BOYER

After losing four straight Pac-10 games to start out conference play, the Ducks have rebounded to notch two strong Pac-10 wins. Last Sunday, the Ducks beat California 73-56 at McArthur Court after leading the whole way.

Boyer is playing in her third game since a one-game suspension left her status with the team in limbo. The 6-foot forward leads the team in scoring and rebounding and recorded her fourth dou-

ble-double of the year in just over 32 minutes of play. Her 23 points were the second highest by a Duck this year.

Earlier in the year, Boyer scored 26 points against Santa Clara and Saint Mary's, and senior Renae Fegent equaled the task against Washington two weeks ago.

Oregon also got 13 points from junior guard Elsa Oliveira and 11 points apiece from Fegent and junior guard Cindy Edamura. Fegent also pulled down eight boards and Edamura swiped the ball from the Sun Devils three times.

The Sun Devils (7-11, 0-6) last conference victory came almost one year ago, as the team is currently on a 17-game league losing streak.

The Ducks now have a 15-8 all-time advantage in the series and have won four of the last five meetings between the two schools.

The Ducks shot only 37.9 percent from the floor for the game and only 30 percent on 9-of-11 shooting in the first half, but were able to grasp a 33-22 lead at halftime thanks to 19 first-half turnovers and 6-of-23 first-half shooting by the Sun Devils. The Ducks then went on to shoot 46 percent from the field to outscore the Sun Devils 39-30 in the second half.

For the game, Arizona State connected on only 14-of-47 shots from the field for a 29.8 percentage.

Next up for Oregon is Arizona at McArthur Court at 6 p.m. on Friday.