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Oregon-Hawaii game promises to be battle of guards

■ **PREVIEW:** Oregon's back court battle will be led by Kenya Wilkins and Jamal Lawrence

By **Andrea DeYoung**
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The Oregon men's basketball team begins its run for the National Invitation Tournament title with a stop on the island of Hawaii.

The Ducks finished the season with a 17-10 record and now face Hawaii, which came out of its season with a 20-7 record. The Rainbows lost three of their last four

games, including the game against New Mexico in the quarterfinals of the Western Athletic Conference tournament. The game looks to be a battle of the two backcourts, with Oregon being led by Kenya Wilkins and Jamal Lawrence, and Hawaii featuring Anthony Carter and Alika Smith. Carter averages 19 points per game this season and Smith pitching in 17.8 of his own.



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A loss by Oregon tonight could bring the end of the Green era



Chris Hansen

There could be an interesting side note to tonight's National Invitation Tournament first-round game between Oregon and Hawaii.

If the Ducks lose, obviously it will be the last game the team's seniors will play in an Oregon uniform, but a subject that most people don't want to talk about is, will it also be the last game for Oregon head coach Jerry Green?

Last weekend at McArthur Court, when the home crowd bid farewell to Oregon seniors Kenya Wilkins, Jamal Lawrence, Rob Ramaker, Kyle Milling and Miguel McKelvey, it was hard not to think that maybe Green should have joined them out at center court to receive his thanks from the hometown crowd.

Currently, Louisiana State is

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The Oregon Invitational

Ducks finish 3rd, Huskies take all

■ **GOLF:** The Ducks shoot the same score as Monday but lose a position

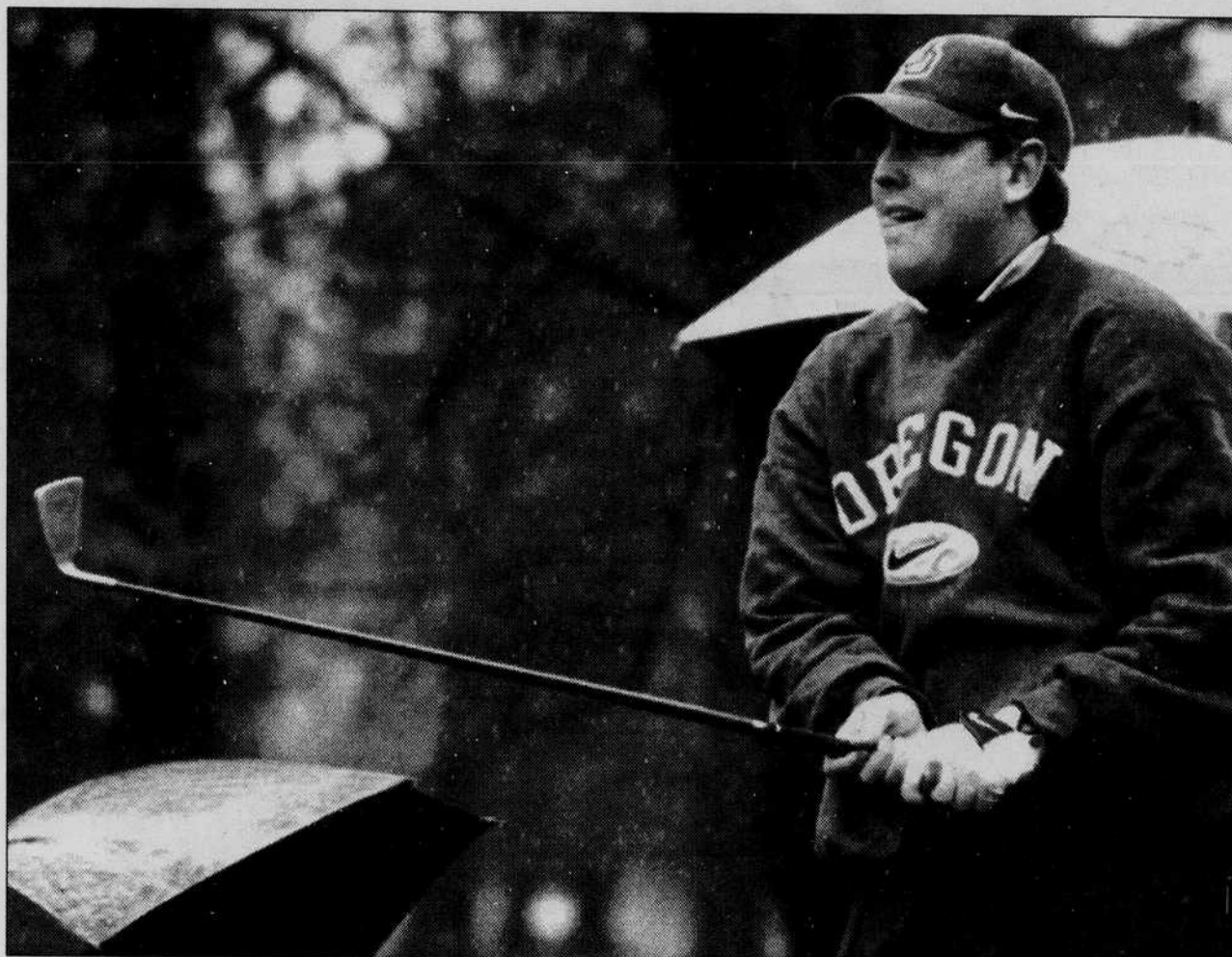
By **Ryan Halvorsen**
 Sports Reporter

Oregon's liquid sunshine gave way to the California variety, warm and dry, and scores drastically improved in the second round of the Oregon Duck Invitational Tuesday at the Eugene Country Club. Every team improved on or equaled its score from the day before in the dryer conditions.

Washington held on to its lead in the final 18 holes to take the team title with a score of 588, shooting a final-round 292. USC snuck in the back door, passing Oregon to grab second place with a 591. The Trojans shot a 288, 15 shots better than their first-round performance, tying them with San Jose State for the best round in the tournament. Oregon held on to third place by shooting another 297 for a tournament total of 594.

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— **Steve Nosler**
 UO Head Coach

Oregon's J. J. Astorquia got off to a slow start in the rain Tuesday and didn't really recover, finishing in a tie for 29th place at the Oregon Duck Invitational.

St. Louis' Phillips put in jail for 30 days for parole violation

■ **SENTENCED:** His lawyer said he could be released after 23 days for good behavior

The Associated Press

LINCOLN, Neb. — Humming as he was led away in handcuffs, St. Louis Rams running back Lawrence Phillips was sentenced to 30 days in jail Tuesday for violating probation.

He is the third University of Nebraska player from the

1994 national championship team to spend time behind bars and the second to be sentenced in the past month.

Lancaster County Judge Jack Lindner revoked Phillips' probation and sentenced him on two counts stemming from the 1995 assault of former Nebraska basketball player Kate McEwen. The sentences will be served concurrently.

"There is a price tag you pay for the mistakes you make," Rams coach Dick Vermeil said at the NFL meetings in Palm Desert, Calif. "Once he gets this behind him, he can get on

with being a football player. This can't hurt. It can help."

Phillips, 21, nodded to Rams vice president Lynn Stiles as he left the courtroom in handcuffs. Stiles would not comment on how the jail term would affect Phillips' standing with the team.

Anderson said the player could be released after 23 days for good behavior. He said Phillips was recently recovering from knee surgery and called this a good opportunity to do

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 IN SPORTS

UO Basketball

Oregon senior Arianne Boyer was named honorable mention All-American by The Associated Press Tuesday. Boyer led the Ducks with 15.1 points and 9.1 rebounds per game this season, and was twice named Pac-10 Player of the Week in 1997.

Club Lacrosse

The Oregon Club lacrosse team split a pair of games last weekend, losing to Lewis and Clark and beating Linfield. The Ducks are 4-2 on the season and have a home game against Western Washington on Saturday/9

MLB

(AP) — San Francisco Giants first baseman J.T. Snow was hit in the face with a pitch by Seattle's Randy Johnson during an exhibition game. Snow tried to deflect the ball with his left wrist, but it glanced off and hit him just over the left eye.

NCAA Basketball

(AP) — Steve Cleveland, who has never coached major college basketball, was hired Tuesday to take up the reins of a Brigham Young program coming off its worst season in history. Cleveland is completing his seventh season at Fresno City College.

NFL Meeting

(AP) — Coaches seemed ready to shoot down instant replay because it might force them to make too many job-threatening decisions. A new ownership policy allows NFL owners to hold controlling interest in franchises in other sports.