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things up.

"They're going to double up Jenny every time she gets it," she said. 'So if she just looks to the opposite side of the court, there's going to be a lot of free shots for the guards."

Bowyer started all but one game for the Ducks last season and earned her reputation as a defensive specialist with 40 steals while often getting the assignment of covering the opposition's top guard.

"Everyone knows her as the defensive machine, but she's also a big offensive threat," Hughes said. "She's worked on her shot all summer, and she's nailing every three she shoots from out there [in practicel."

Bowyer said she wants to con-

tinue her defensive tenacity but also step it up on the offensive end. 'That's been my emphasis the

whole year, so I hope to improve my shooting percentage this year." Bowyer shot just 33 percent

from the field last season, while averaging 6.5 points per game.

The Ducks boast tremendous depth this season and should not lose much when they call on the bench

Freshman Karen Piers will get the majority of the minutes backing up Hughes.

'Karen Piers is developing very quickly as a freshman," Oregon head coach Jody Runge said. "She is a good shooter and a smart offensive player. But all the freshmen need to develop defensively.

Backing up Bowyer is a "dog fight between Kirsten McKnight, Shannon Thorne and Nicole Strange," Runge said.

McKnight is a senior who played in 14 games for the Ducks last season.

Thorne is a redshirt freshman with a good outside shot and is a strong ball handler who should see a lot of playing time.

Strange played in 25 games last season, shooting 44.8 percent from the field.

Overall, the Ducks are confident about where their guards rank in the Pac-10.

"I think we've got the most experienced backcourt in the Pac-10.

which other teams I think will find intimidating," Bowyer said. However, Hughes wasn't so

diplomatic. "We're the best guards in the

Pac-10, that's all I'm saying," she said.

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that for whatever we want to do in the postseason, and for our own pride and our own feeling about ourselves, we want to get a win and even close out with three.

And it all starts with the Huskies, where a victory, Bellotti said, could do more good for his team than just a 'W' in the win column.

"The Huskies are a very good

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football team, and a win over them would go a long way towards making this a successful season," he said.

In other notes: Offensive tackle David Weber sustained somewhere between a second- and third-degree tear of his medial collateral ligament in his right knee during Saturday's game and will be out at least three weeks with a possible return for the Oregon State game Nov. 22.

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