

## Men: Manlove takes time off for classwork

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Rosemond appears to have won his battle with sophomore Mike McShane at point guard and is expected to start Friday.

"Yasir has probably played with a little more confidence," Kent said. "But starting isn't the most important thing to me, it's who is more productive with the minutes they get."

Kent said both should see ample playing time, especially in the next few games.

BYU, which is now 0-2 including a 73-59 season-opening loss at San Diego State on Nov. 15, returns just one starter, forward Justin Weidauer. The senior led the team in rebounds last season with 8.3 per game and was second in scoring, with 8.3 points per game.

Steve Cleveland is in his first year as the BYU head coach.

Oregon took care of some final bureaucratic business earlier in the week by selecting Madden, Smith and Jamar Curry as team captains.

Kent said that while determining captains was entirely up to the team, which voted for all three unanimously, he was happy with the selection of the three players

he himself would have chosen, including sophomore Smith.

"Leadership can come from a freshman if they're ready to go," Kent said. "A.D.'s a guy that has played a year and has sat and watched for a year. I think he's very smart in terms of understanding the game, and also he's straightforward and tells it like it is, and I think the guys respect that."

One player who will not be making the trip to Provo, Utah, is redshirt freshman Tyron Manlove, who on Monday requested time away from basketball to concentrate on his schoolwork.

"He's someone who is struggling academically right now, but he's not ineligible by any means," Kent said. "In a couple of his classes he is not performing to the level that we feel he is capable of. I certainly expect him to come back, but when is up to him."

Kent said the decision for Manlove to sit out was precipitated by the player and his parents and supported by the team. He will not practice with the team during his absence.

## Women: Runge concerned season debut is on the road

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The game begins a grueling nonconference schedule for the Ducks. They play six of the nine games on the road, highlighted by a Dec. 5 date at No. 16 Western Kentucky. They are slated to play at Portland, last season's West Coast Conference champion and a team that has won 23 straight home games, and will host No. 24 Kansas.

"We're really excited to get going for real," Oregon head coach Jody Runge said. "I'm really excited to see how we do with the adversity of playing on the road and how our young kids handle the life of playing on the road for the first time."

"I think that's going to be really instrumental in what we can accomplish this season."

Runge was referring to the 10 players who are either freshmen, sophomores or new to the team this season.

Idaho is 0-1 this season following a 73-71 loss to Lewis-Clark State on Tuesday.

Alli Nieman, a first-team All-Big West selection as a freshman last season and the Vandals' top returning scorer (18.3 points per game), will not be in the lineup tonight.

Nieman, a 6-foot-2 forward who paced the Vandals with 17 points on Tuesday, is the starting outside hitter on the Idaho volleyball team and will be playing with the team in the Big West Tournament in Long Beach, Calif., this weekend.

The Vandals will be thin down low. In addition to Nieman's ab-

sence, 6-foot-2 center Laura Bloom will be out with a case of mononucleosis, and 6-foot-7 Lara Chaney is sitting out the season as a medical redshirt.

That leaves 6-foot-2 junior Jennifer Stone to battle 6-foot-5 Jenny Mowe in the post.

"Offensively, it's going to be big Jenny Mowe inside," Hughes said. "I think we'll be looking to her a lot because she's very big and can score inside. Then, when the defense knows that, she's going to kick it back out to us guards and we'll shoot it."

Mowe is the only true center on the Ducks' roster this season and is looking forward to the opportunity to feast on the small Vandal players.

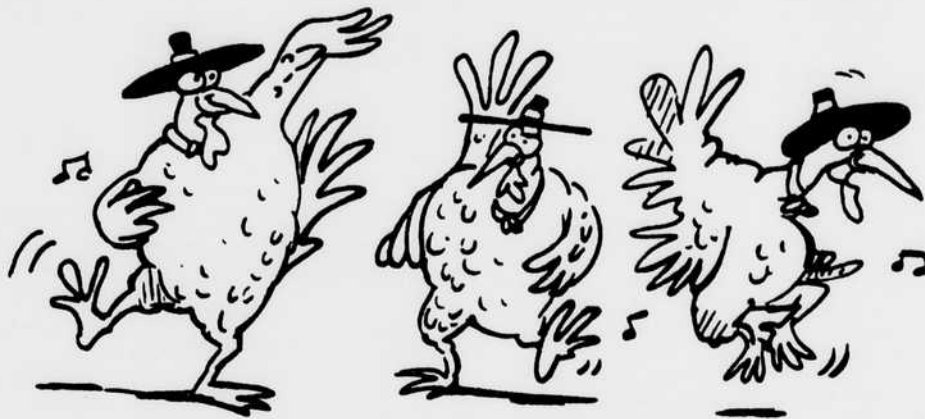
"Our post play is going to try to be dominating," she said. "I'm very excited to get going and get the season underway."

Runge is a bit concerned about the fact that her team will be away from McArthur Court for the season debut.

"It's always nerve-racking when you play on the road because you have to do things so well," she said. "You may not shoot the ball particularly well on the road, so you better be able to defend, not foul, and execute things both offensively and defensively. I think if we do that we'll be fine."

Idaho was 14-14 overall last season and 8-6 in the Big West, good enough for second place in the Eastern Division. The Vandals were picked to finish second to Nevada in the 1997 Big West media poll.

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