

# Revival: Madden may look to go professional after season

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Madden's next opportunity for growth comes Thursday night at McArthur Court, where Oregon hosts Arizona State in a rematch from Jan. 24 when the Sun Devils beat the Ducks, 67-51.

It was an overall lackluster performance by the Ducks, who shot 36.7 percent from the floor and hit just one of 17 three-pointers. But possibly even more disturbing was the performance of Madden.

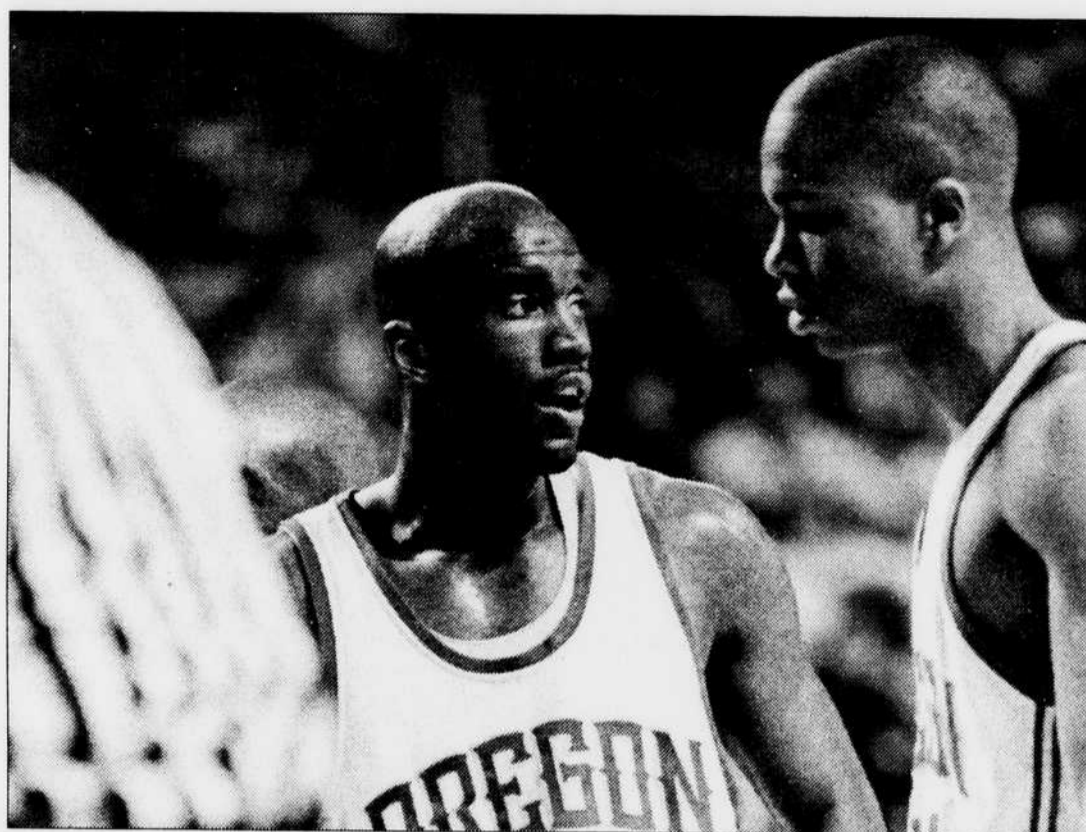
The Oregon co-captain tallied four points and five rebounds in 35 minutes and hit only two of eight shots, including none from three-point range.

"I wasn't really fatigued physically, but I was fatigued mentally," Madden says. "I had to get a lot of things straight in my life, like my school work and getting my priorities straight. My mind was on whether I'm going to graduate, which is the No. 1 priority for me. So I just came back to school for the week we played Oregon State and tried to [hand in] all the work that I needed to get handed in. Once I got that worry of school off my back, I was cool as far as performing how I was capable of performing."

For Madden, concentrating completely on basketball equates to leading the team in scoring each of the last two games and having the ball in his hands when the Ducks were down one point with three seconds left on the clock against Washington last Sunday.

Madden had 19 points against the Huskies at that time and had hit all four of his three-point shots. The play diagramed by Kent in the huddle during a timeout with those three seconds to play called for Madden to get the ball on the wing for another three-pointer, this one for the game.

"I was just thinking, 'I'm going to hit this shot, and we're going to win,'" Madden says. "I was real confident going into the



During his senior season, Madden (left) has taken a lead-by-example approach with younger Oregon players, such as sophomore forward Donte Quinine (right).

shot, and I felt really appreciative that coach Kent had enough faith in me to go to me in the last three seconds. We have a lot of great shooters in Terik [Brown] and A.D. [Smith], who was hot all night, but he said 'Henry, this play's for you.' He gave me the confidence to knock down the shot and win the game, but when I stepped on the court I think I was a little overconfident and I hesitated and missed."

It was a tough break for a player who had single handedly kept his team in the game, and his teammates recognize Madden's importance to Oregon's success.

"When Henry plays well, we usually do pretty good," says sophomore forward Donte Quinine. "He brings a lot, he's a good shooter and a good rebounder. When he's doing those things

well we usually win."

Madden will need to be at the top of his game for Oregon to have success against Arizona State on Thursday, Kent says.

"They are a tough, aggressive basketball team, and we're going to need [Madden's] tough, aggressive mentality to really step up and lead this team against a team that is really going to push and shove and fight," Kent says. "We've got to match that with our intensity."

Of particular concern to the Ducks will be the Sun Devils' top threat, swing man Jeremy Veal, who leads the Pacific-10 Conference in scoring with more than 20 points per game.

"He brings everything to the table," Madden says. "So we've just got to hope our defensive

stoppers can slow him down. You can't hope to stop Jeremy Veal; you can only hope to contain him and make him take bad shots."

Speaking of shots, Madden is heavily considering taking one at playing professional basketball after this season, and his career at Oregon, ends.

"I feel like I can play basketball," he says. "I'm capable of competing with some good athletes and some of the greatest athletes. I'm going to try and pursue a basketball career, and if it doesn't work out, I'll get a job."

That realistic attitude is one of the key attributes Kent teaches his players, and after a brief history of disciplinary problems, Madden can be considered a prize pupil.

## Oregon, 11-11, 6-7

Probable starters		
F	Henry Madden	12.8 ppg
F	Flo Hartenstein	3.9 ppg
G	Terik Brown	12.1 ppg
G	Jamar Curry	8.8 ppg
G	Mike McShane	5.0 ppg

NOTES: Oregon swept the Sun Devils last season, winning 76-51 on the road and 85-77 at home ... Oregon split in Washington last weekend, losing to the Huskies 62-61 two days after downing the Cougars, 64-63

## ASU, 16-9, 6-6

Probable starters		
F	Bobby Lazor	17.3 ppg
F	Mike Batiste	16.0 ppg
G	Eddie House	11.5 ppg
G	Ahlon Lewis	9.2 apg
G	Jeremy Veal	20.5 ppg

NOTES: Arizona State leads the all time series against Oregon 26-18, including an 87-51 win in the desert earlier this season ... ASU's Jeremy Veal leads the Pacific-10 Conference in scoring with 20.5 points per game ... This game should be of particular significance to Veal, who needs just four points to become ASU's career scoring leader... Veal joins Arizona's Damon Stoudamire and Sean Elliot, Oregon State's Gary Payton and Oregon's Ron Lee as the only players in Pac-10 history to total 1,800 points and 400 assists in a career... Teammate Ahlon Lewis' total of 9.2 assists per game is also first in the Pac-10 ... The Sun Devils lost a heart-breaker to instate rival Arizona last Saturday, 83-82 ... Veal scored 24 in the loss, with Bobby Lazor adding 20 points and 10 rebounds ... It was Lazor's 10th double-double of the season, one behind the league-leading totals of Washington's Todd MacCulloch and Washington State's Carlos Daniel ... Arizona State needs four wins in its last six games to get 20 wins, usually the cut-off point for serious NCAA Tournament consideration

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