



OREGON BASKETBALL

Men, women in key early-season matchups

Duck men ready to face BYU

After a loss to the Golden Gophers, the Ducks are preparing for Brigham Young

By Tim Pyle
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Optimism is brimming on the Oregon men's basketball team.

Although the Ducks squandered a 14-point halftime lead to lose their first game of the season at Minnesota on Monday, they are still happy with the way the young season has unfolded heading into a nonconference game against Brigham Young at McArthur Court on Saturday.

On Tap**WHO:**

Oregon men's basketball vs. Brigham Young

WHERE:

Mac Court

WHEN:

7:05 pm Saturday

"Obviously, you want to win the game," said head coach Ernie Kent of Oregon's 72-61 loss to the Golden Gophers, "but [the Ducks] played so well on the road trip in general, and we grew so much.

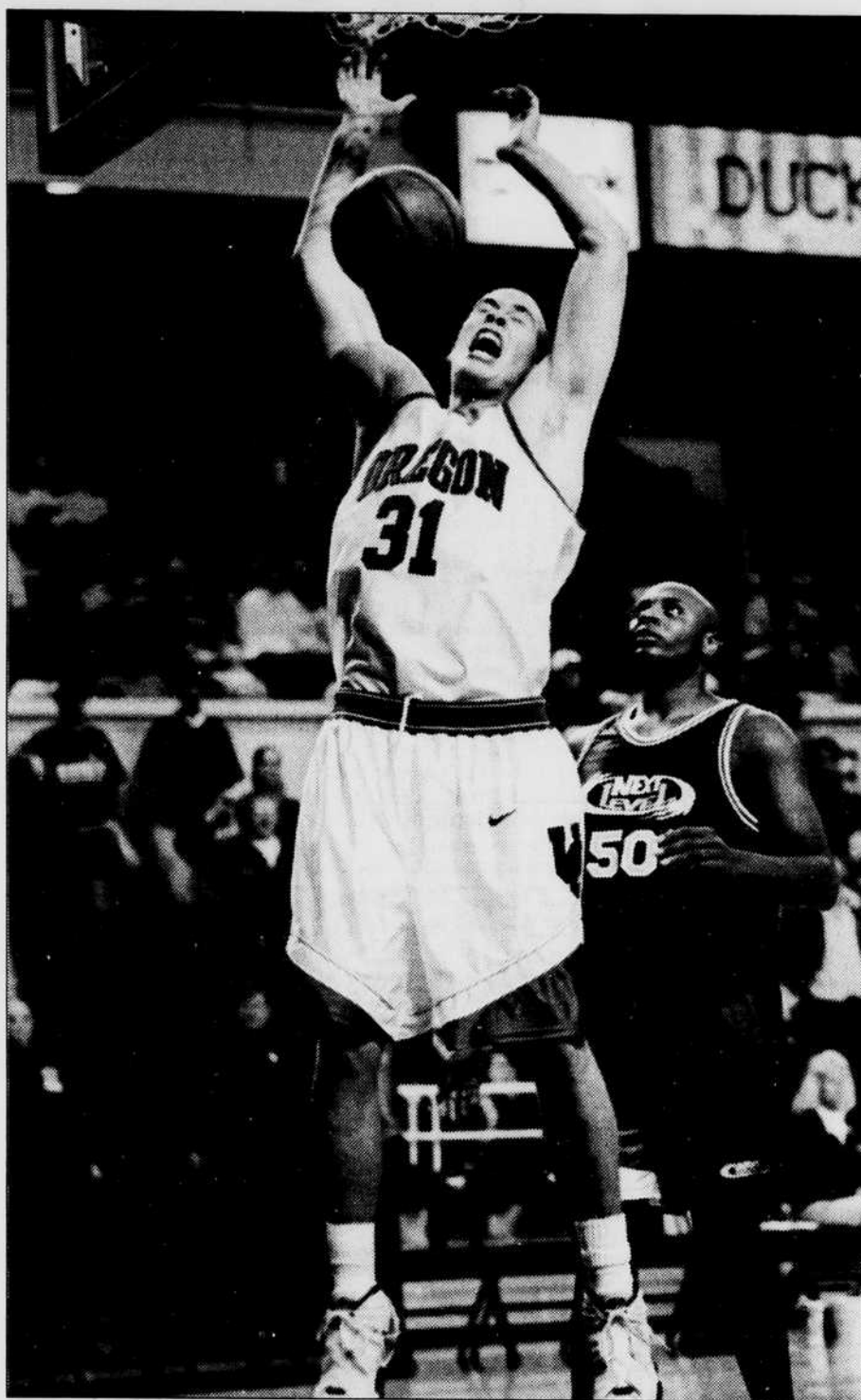
Now, we just need to take what we learned from that road trip and move on forward from there."

The trip also included a 70-64 win at Southern Illinois last Saturday for Oregon (2-1).

The Cougars (1-3) are coming off an overtime home loss to No. 13 Arizona last Saturday. The game was close throughout, as BYU held a two-point halftime lead before the Wildcats knotted the score at 67 by the end of regulation. Arizona then out-dueled the Cougars 11-7 in overtime to escape with a 78-74 win.

BYU was led by its four young wing players, who all scored in double digits. Freshman forward Mark Bigelow led the

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Nick Medley/Emerald

Oregon center Mike Carson scores two of his 13 points against Global Sports on Nov. 23 at McArthur Court.

Oregon will meet Butler in Classic

By Joel Hood
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The Ducks have found their defense. Now they will take it on the road.

The Oregon women's basketball team matches up against Butler tonight at 6 p.m. in the first round of the JayHawk Commerce Bank Classic at the Allen Fieldhouse in Lawrence, Kan. An Oregon victory would pit the Ducks against either No. 17 Kansas or Maryland-Eastern Shore in the championship game at noon on Saturday.

If Oregon loses tonight, the Ducks will play in the consolation game at 2 p.m. on Saturday. If Oregon and Kansas meet in the championship game on Saturday, the Oregon Sports Network will televise the game in Eugene on KVAL (channel 8) at 3:30 p.m.

The Ducks (5-1), who have won four straight after the humiliating 72-70 loss to Colorado State at McArthur Court on Nov. 16, seem to have gotten on track defensively in the last three weeks. Oregon has held its opponent to less than 60 points in four of its five victories this season, including a 63-33 drubbing of Wyoming in the Pepsi Shoot-out championship game Saturday.

The secret, forward Angelina Wolvert said, was simply being patient with the defensive scheme and having confidence in it.

"We're playing awesome defensively right now," Wolvert said. "It looks like we match-up pretty evenly with Butler. The key will be containing their post players inside."

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Oregon women's basketball

WHAT:

JayHawk Commerce Bank Classic

WHERE:

Lawrence, Kan.

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Tonight

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Dellinger to be inducted into track coach Hall of Fame



DELLINGER

Bill Dellinger leaves a lasting legacy at the University after 32 years coaching track and field

The U.S. Track Coaches Association announced Wednesday that Oregon's most recent track and field head coach Bill Dellinger will be elected into its Hall of Fame this weekend.

Dellinger, a Grants Pass native, wrapped up his 32-year career as Oregon's cross country head coach on Nov. 23 by leading the Ducks to a fifth-place NCAA finish in Lawrence, Kan. The Ducks earned a total of 20 top-10 NCAA finishes under Dellinger's leadership, as well as NCAA titles in 1971, 1973, 1974 and 1977.

Last spring, Dellinger completed his 26th and final season as head coach of the Oregon men's track and field program. His teams finished among the top 10 at the

NCAA Outdoor Championships on 14 occasions, including winning the NCAA title in 1984.



Dellinger's athletes have produced 146 All-American performances and 22 NCAA titles in both track and cross country.

The induction ceremony will take place on Dec. 5 in Orlando, Fla. Also inducted will be Jim Kehoe of Maryland, Joe Newton of New York High School, Tom Tellez of Houston and Stan Wright of Texas Southern.

"To be recognized by your peers in such a manner is one of the highest honors one can achieve," Dellinger said in a released statement. "It's a humbling experience — there are some great names in the Hall of Fame, and it's a distinction that I'm proud to receive."

Prior to his years as a head coach, Dellinger was a distinguished distance runner for the Ducks under the guidance of Bill Bowerman. Dellinger was the NCAA champion in 1954, second in the mile the next year and won the 5,000 meter title in 1956.

Dellinger continued his running career after his collegiate days, earning places on three successive U.S. Olympic teams — 1956, 1960 and 1964. He won the bronze medal in the 5,000 in 1964, then rekindled his Olympic experience in 1984 as the assistant coach for men's distance runners at the Los Angeles Games.

Dellinger will become the second Oregon coach inducted into the U.S. Track Coaches Association Hall of Fame. His mentor and coach Bill Bowerman was part of the inaugural class in 1995.

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