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Scales, who had 13 points on four of 15 shooting but helped out with eight rebounds, four steals and four assists.

"Alex is just like Terik [Brown]," Kent said. "They understand good shot/bad shot, but at the same time, when you give a team the green light and particularly your scorers the green light, I've got to live with some bad shots.

"They need to understand that the reason A.D.'s shooting percentage is so good is that A.D. just takes good shots. If they take good shots, they're going to have a good shooting percentage, and we're going to have a good shooting percentage as a team." Oregon shot 52 percent from

Oregon shot 52 percent from the floor, more than 13 percent better than the Cougars, and out-

rebounded BYU 47-25.

The Cougars, who were without their starting point guard and center due to injuries, were led by Mark Bigelow's 15 points and Mark Michaelis' 14.

About the only thing that didn't go well for Oregon was an injury to forward Skouson Harker, who left with a sprained right ankle after playing three minutes.

Kent said Harker might play against Portland State on Saturday, which will also mark the return of forward Flo Hartenstein.

Hartenstein, who averaged four points and four rebounds in 18 minutes per game last season, missed the Ducks first five games while on academic suspension. The junior from Mainz, Germany, will join Smith, Harker and Mike Carson in the post.

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Smith

In physical distance, Smith has made a short journey from Eugene's Churchill High School to the University. But in development, Smith has taken a giant leap since he led the Lancers to the state title and earned state player of the year honors as a senior in 1995.

After walking on to the team as a freshman, Smith's hard work and fundamentals have helped him become the Ducks' leading scorer this season at 17 points per game. "The fact that he is playing at

"The fact that he is playing at this level and is as successful as he's been here is a credit to him," Kent said. "It's a credit to him and how hard he worked in the weight room this summer to get stronger. If there was one weakness we saw last year, it was that he needed to get stronger."

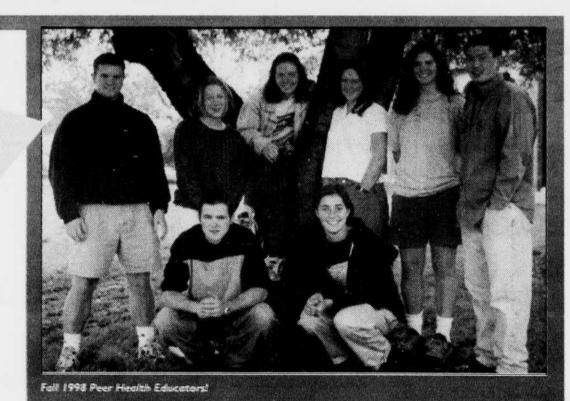
Smith displayed his newfound strength repeatedly against the Cougars as he muscled his way to four offensive rebounds and numerous easy layups. In fact, all seven of Smith's made field goals were within the key.

And his performance proved to be key for the Ducks again as they cruised to their second blowout victory in two home games.

At least BYU got a free clinic from Smith for its travel troubles.

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