

## SPORTS

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# Driving in Reverse

Perhaps Oregon's most talented recruit ever, Gresham native Frederick Jones has had a turbulent freshman season, full of twists, turns — and reverses

By Rob Moseley  
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The prettiest move seen from an Oregon men's basketball player this season usually begins on the other end of the floor.

Most likely the opposition has just missed a shot, and the Ducks are beginning to disperse throughout the court.

The two post players are positioning themselves for the rebound, wrestling underneath the hoop for the opportunity to push the ball to the point guard.

Darius Wright, that point guard, is drifting back to the three-point line and beyond to midcourt, waiting for the opportunity to receive a pass and kick it up-court to one of the two wings streaking down the sidelines.

Down the left wing runs Alex Scales, Terik Brown or maybe Yasir Rosemond. On the right sideline is a true freshman, the kid with quite possibly more potential than any other Oregon recruit. Ever.

The freshman is looking back to half court in anticipation of a pass and at the same time sizing up the hoop, which is growing closer with each long stride. All the while, he watches a defender or two run back to man the post, and the freshman begins to consider his options.

The Oregon crowd notices all of this beginning to unfold and a quiet rumble ensues as a few of the fans rise to their feet.

That crowd is thinking only one thing:  
Freddie Jones is coming.

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Freddie, a 6-foot-3, 205-pound native of Gresham, Ore., was one of those Kenny Anderson or Stephon Marbury types — people had been talking about his game since before he entered Barlow High School.

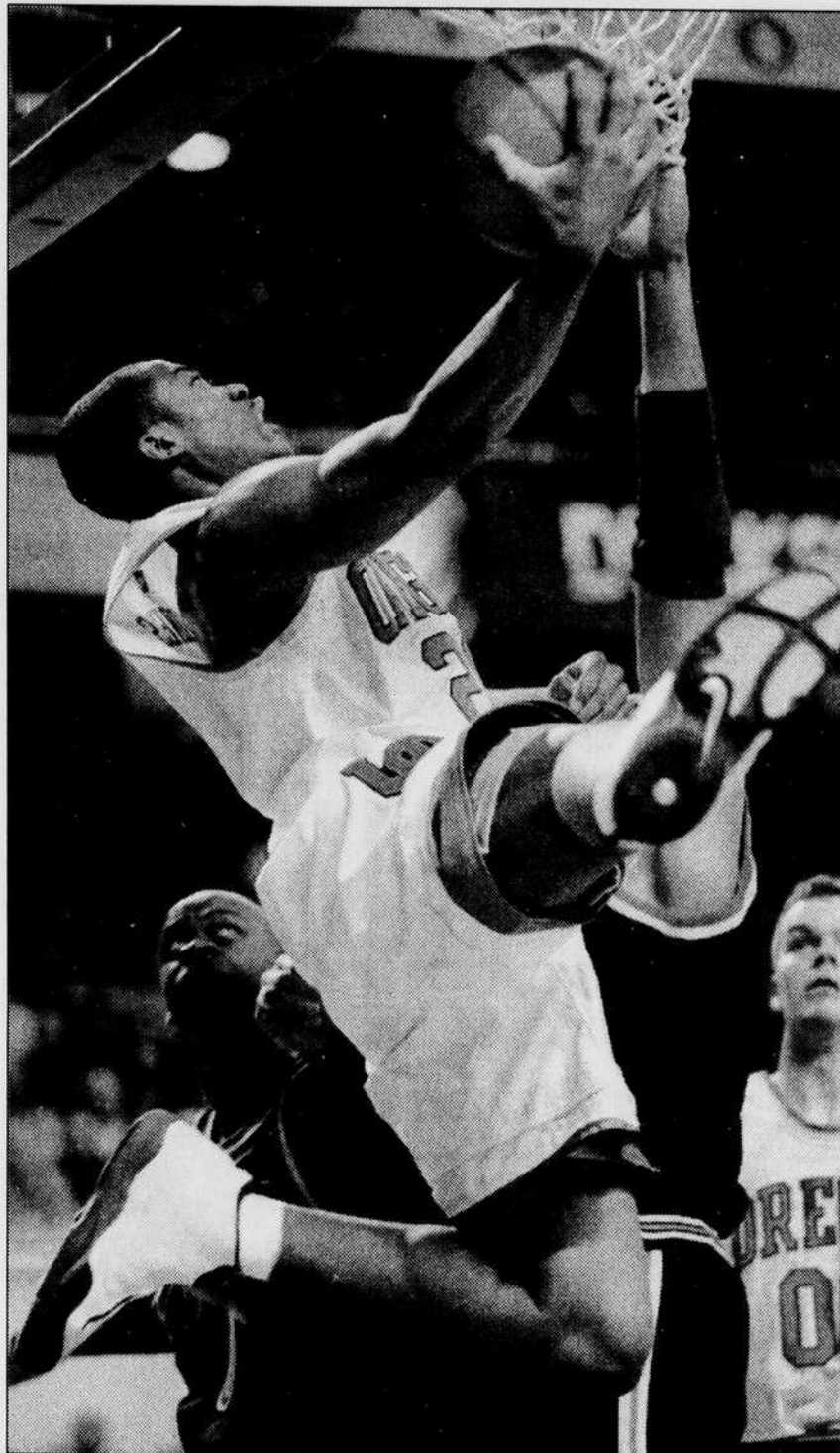
Although Freddie's game was polished around Portland against people his own age, it was initially honed in ragged pick-up games that often included people much older than he.

Driving on men older and bigger than he was, Freddie began to perfect the athleticism that makes him the player he is today.

"It's just instinct," Freddie says of those games. "If you don't create, if you can't come up with something and get your shot off, they're going to block your shot."

By no means is Freddie just a street-ball player. He wasn't voted one of the Best in the West by the Long Beach Press-Telegram for dunking on adults. He wasn't named two-time 4A player of the year in Oregon by being a great H-O-R-S-E player.

No, Freddie was the Gatorade state player of the year his senior season because he averaged 29.9 points, 8.1 rebounds, four assists, 3.4



Nick Medley/Emerald

"To me, he's not a freshman. He doesn't do many things like freshmen do. He doesn't go out there and throw the ball away, he doesn't take bad shots and he's really improved defensively ...."

A.D. Smith  
UO forward

Jones shows off his signature move, gliding past a UCLA defender in the Ducks' 65-63 loss to the Bruins earlier this season

blocked shots and even a couple of steals per game.

It was those numbers that helped Freddie's legend grow as word spread south to Eugene. It was those numbers that had Oregon fans not just expecting the teenager to drive down I-5, but perhaps to fly, for he was to be the angel that shepherded the Ducks into the national spotlight.

As long as he actually signed with Oregon.

The prettiest move seen from an Oregon men's basketball player this season has actually happened five or six times.

Wright gets the ball and decides which wing has a better chance of scoring, then he flings it over the

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## UO golfers back on green after enduring rough start

Oregon finished strong, advancing to fifth place in the final round

By Scott Pesznecker  
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The Oregon women's golf team needed a shot of confidence.

And on Wednesday afternoon, the Ducks got just what the doctor ordered.

After moving from seventh to sixth place in the second round of the three-day Bruin Invitational in Menifee, Calif., Oregon shot 306 in Wednesday's final round to finish in fifth place overall with a three-round score of 924.

Oklahoma State won the invitational with a team score of 894, and Pepperdine finished in second with a score of 912. UCLA finished third with 919, followed closely by Texas Christian's score of 920.

Maria Bowden of Oklahoma State won the individual title, shooting 217 for the tournament. USC's Jennifer Rosales finished in second with 233.

Head coach Renee Baumgartner was pleased by the Ducks' effort.



"It was a tournament that helped us build our confidence a little bit more," she said in a released statement. "We beat USC, who is ranked in the top five in the country, so that will definitely help our ranking and our confidence."

"We're headed in the right direction. It was a difficult course, and we played pretty well over all."

Oregon's Jerilyn White led the Ducks for the second consecutive day, shooting an even-par 72 in each of the final two rounds. White finished in

sixth place individually with a score of 225.

Also matching her second-round performance was Karen Bristow, who shot a 76 in the final round to finish 15th with a score of 229. Dawn Berry also finished in the top 20, shooting a three-round score of 232 to finish in 20th place.

Pam Sowden and Claire Hunter struggled in the final round. Sowden shot an 81 to finish with a total of 240 for 42nd place, and Hunter tied for 55th after shooting an 86 in the third to finish with 249.

Kimi Cunningham, who shot a lowly 94-89 in the first two rounds, came back in the third, shooting 76. Cunningham finished tied for 62nd.

Playing as an individual during the tournament was Oregon's Angie Rizzo. Rizzo shot 81-77-72 to finish tied for 17th with a score of 230.

The Ducks will take a month off before competing in the Colby Invitational in Carmel, Calif., on March 22-33.

### Bruin Invitational Leaderboard

1. Oklahoma State: 894
2. Pepperdine: 912
3. UCLA: 919
4. Texas Christian: 920
5. Oregon: 924
6. San Diego State: 927
7. Texas Tech: 928
8. Southern Cal: 932
9. Brigham Young: 944
10. Nevada: 947