

## SPORTS

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The University and KVAL-TV in Eugene, in conjunction with ESPN Regional, have finalized arrangements to televise Thursday night's women's basketball game against Stanford in Palo Alto, Calif., Director of Athletics Bill Moos announced Tuesday.



# Last Line of Defense

Senior guard Lisa Bowyer has become an intimidating defensive presence for the Ducks

By Joel Hood  
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This is where it starts.

It's late Tuesday afternoon at McArthur Court. Wearing the same green, perforated-mesh top that she's worn for four seasons, Lisa Bowyer is diving across the hardwood floor to save an errant pass from going out of bounds.

Lunging forward, she saves the ball and fires a bullet pass across her body to a teammate who quickly feeds the ball down low to another teammate who lays the ball in.

Ho hum. Just another weekday practice.

On defense now, Bowyer shadows guard Nicole Strange across the top of the key, then instinctively turns to her left and strips the ball from her opponent in the post. The loose ball is kicked around for a moment, then corralled by Bowyer as she lands to the floor with a thud.

This is where it starts. What fans see on Thursday and Saturday nights during the season — Bowyer sending her body parallel to the floor after a loose ball, Bowyer ripping the ball from an opponent's grasp then leading an Oregon fast break in the other direction — is the end result of a thousand or so Tuesday afternoon practices.

"I'm an aggressive, scrappy kind of player," the 5-foot-8 senior says. "It's not always pretty."

Some might call Bowyer a throw-back to the "good old days" of college basketball when the best players weren't always the most athletic and the shortest players could sometimes stand taller than the rest.

She has certainly filled that role this season. Bowyer has averaged 24 minutes a game for the Ducks after breaking a bone in her finger in the Portland Jam tournament during winter break.

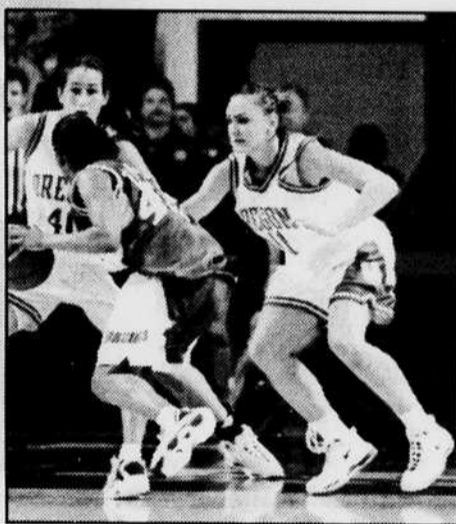
The injury sidelined Bowyer for six weeks and kept her out of Oregon's Pacific-10 Conference opener against California and Stanford. It was an emotional time for the senior, who had never had a serious injury during her career. For a born leader not to be able to direct her troops into battle,

Bowyer found it difficult to adjust to life on the sideline.

But as it has turned out, the break provided Oregon and Bowyer with a much needed break from each other. In Bowyer's absence, the Ducks opened conference play 5-1, which included wins over Pac-10 heavyweights Stanford and Washington.

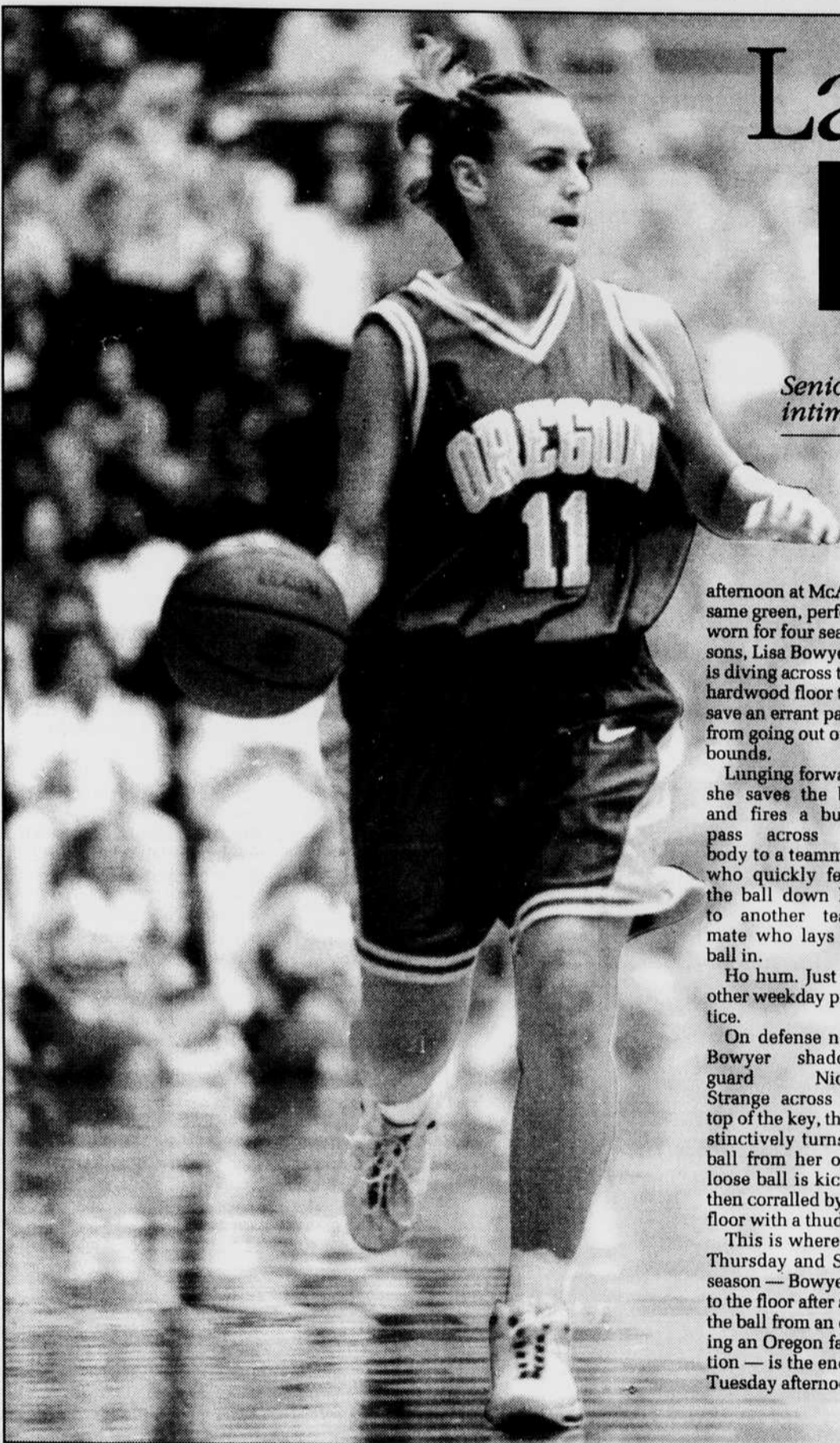
As result, Oregon learned it could play well and win without its leader in the lineup, and Bowyer had a renewed passion for

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Bowyer shadows UCLA guard LaCresha Flannigan in the Ducks' 106-79 victory on Feb. 4 in Los Angeles.



## Oregon men unable to better standing in Cleveland

The Ducks finish in 11th place, with one of their players finishing tied for 18th place

By Mirjam Swanson  
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After the third and final round of play at the Cleveland Golf Southwestern Intercollegiate Invitational, the Oregon men's golf team wasn't able to improve on its 11th-place standing.

But the Ducks didn't lose any ground, either.

On Tuesday, the team recorded a final score of 891 at the tournament at the North Ranch Country Club in West Lake Village, Calif.

Oregon was led by the efforts of Andrew Tredway, who finished the tournament tied for 18th place. He recorded a final score of 219.

Texas, No. 4 in the nation, won the tournament with a score of 219.

New Mexico finished second with 866, nine strokes behind Texas.



Joel Hendry, from New Mexico, never relinquished his grasp of first place throughout the tournament as he claimed the individual crown. He ended up with a final score of 208, narrowly defeating Washington's Troy Kelly in a one-hole playoff.

Texas' David Gossett finished third with a score of 209, while Joel Kribel of Stanford grabbed fourth, scoring 210. Two players tied for fifth.

Oregon's Ryan Lavoie cooled off a bit after a fast start on the tournament's first day but still contributed a solid performance for the Ducks. He finished with a score of 220, good for 23rd place.

Ben Crane wound up with the third-highest score for Oregon. He finished in a tie for 45th with a score of 227.

Also in action for the Ducks was Derek Croskrey, who claimed a tie for 62nd place with a score of 234.

Meanwhile, Brandon Harnden recorded a final score of 235 and finished tied for 66th.

Oregon's next action will be as hosts of the Oregon Duck Invitational in Eugene on March 22-23.

### Leaderboard

1. Texas	857
2. N. Mexico	866
3. Houston	867
4. Peppard	875
5. Ariz. St.	877
6. Wash.	879
7. BYU	881