

# Magic of Mac Court

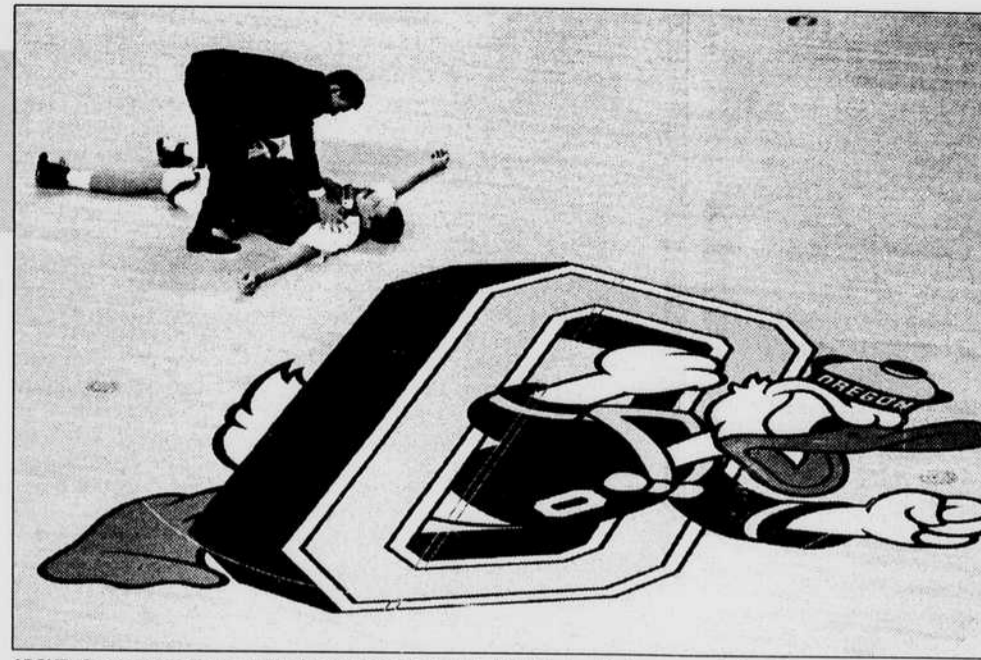
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With the Oregon women pulling away from No. 7 UCLA in the final minutes of a 27-point win, the sixth person (the Oregon crowd) was so raucous that the upper levels of Mac Court were shaking.

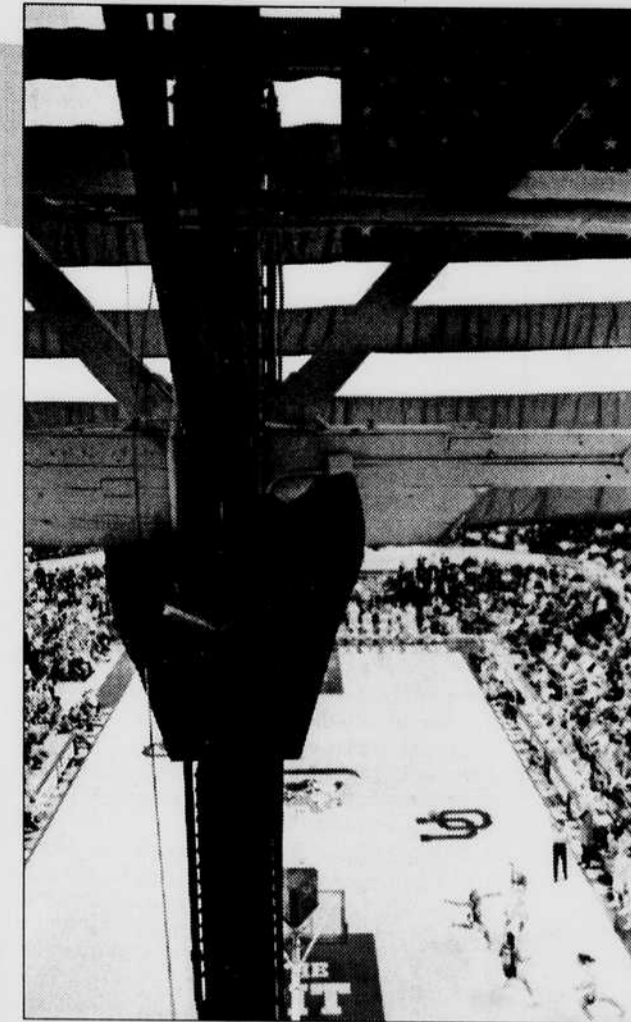
For the men's and women's games, Mac Court provided the typical atmosphere this year that helped it earn Sports Illustrated's attention in 1995 as one of the 12 toughest places to play in college basketball.

Fans turned out in record numbers for women's games. Oregon led the conference with an average of 5,042 fans a game, with a high of 8,290 for the Civil War. The men sold out five games and averaged 8,158 fans a game.

**RIGHT:** Assistant coaches Stephanie Osburn Norman and Kirsten McKnight rejoice after Oregon's win over Stanford on Jan. 4. It was the Ducks' first defeat of the two-time national champion in 11 years.  
**MIDDLE:** Fan Jim Lydon celebrates an Oregon three-pointer during the women's 106-79 defeat of UCLA on Feb. 4.



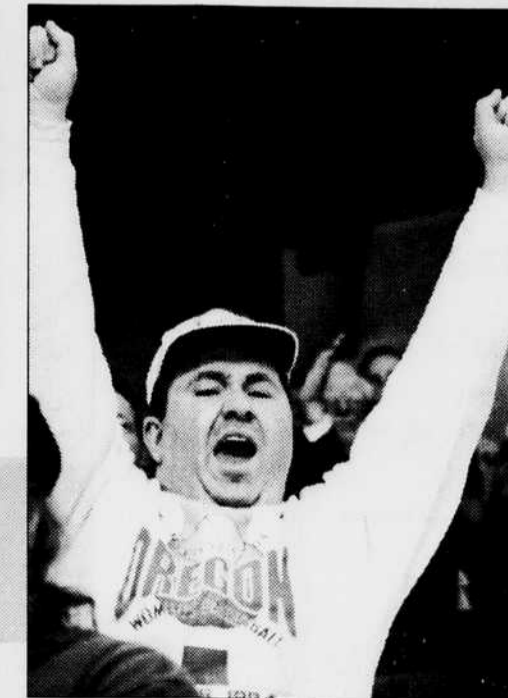
ABOVE: Senior Mike Carson gets help stretching before the Washington State game on Feb. 11.  
BELOW: Jamie Craighead (from left to right), Ndidi Unaka, Karen Piers and Camber Ellingson agonize as the final minutes tick off the clock in the Ducks' win over Stanford.



ABOVE: Head coach Ernie Kent protests an official's call during the game against Washington State.  
LEFT: The women's basketball team takes on the UCLA Bruins, as seen from the top of Mac Court.



LEFT: Oregon cheerleaders entertain the crowd during a timeout of the women's game against UCLA.



LEFT: A group of young fans show their Oregon spirit from the third level before the women's UCLA game.