

Julius Hicks (with ball) is expected to provide the Ducks with low-post scoring.

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And I am very, very pleased with what's coming in the door at this

The biggest of the newcomers is junior Julius Hicks, a transfer from West Valley Junior College in California, where he played with Wright two seasons ago.

Last season, Hicks was named a junior-college All-America selection by Street & Smith after averaging 14 points and seven rebounds per game while shooting 73 percent from the field.

"I certainly feel he's gonna be someone that teams in this league are gonna have to reckon with because he can really finish and score the ball down in the low block," Kent said.

Junior forward Bryan Bracey would usually figure to play mostly with his back to the basket as a post for Oregon. But Kent plans to use his athletic transfer from Malcolm X Junior College in Chicago on the perimeter as well.

"From a talent, athletic standpoint, he gives us something we don't have," Kent said. "[Bracey]

New to the Flock

Bryan Bracey

6-7, 210-pound junior forward from Malcolm X Junior College (Chicago)

6-8, 235-pound junior forward/center from West Valley Junior College (Calif.)

Anthony Norwood

6-3, 185-pound sophomore guard from Collin County Community College

Ben Lindquist

6-4, 180-pound sophomore guard from Utah Valley State College (Utah)

can play inside or outside, he can shoot the three, he can post up, he can dunk the ball, he can maybe be at the point of attack on fullcourt pressure being that big.

Bracey averaged 22 points and 10 rebounds last season and was an all-conference selection.

Sophomore guard Anthony Norwood, a transfer from Collin County Community College in Texas, has the raw talent needed to earn playing time on a crowded Duck perimeter, according to Kent.

"I had people stopping me in the airport, coaches, and saying, 'Boy, [Norwood] can really play,' Kent said. "And we know that."

Norwood average almost 20

points and seven assists to be named the North Texas junior college freshman of the year last season, and he will get an opportunity to flash his scoring skills at shooting guard while also backing up Wright at point guard.

The last junior-college transfer, sophomore guard Ben Lindquist, impressed Kent with his attitude.

'He [said], 'I wanna be part of your program and help you win,' Kent said. "I cannot put a price tag on how valuable it is to have a mentality like that in your program."

Lindquist averaged eight points, three rebounds and almost three assists last season for Utah Valley

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