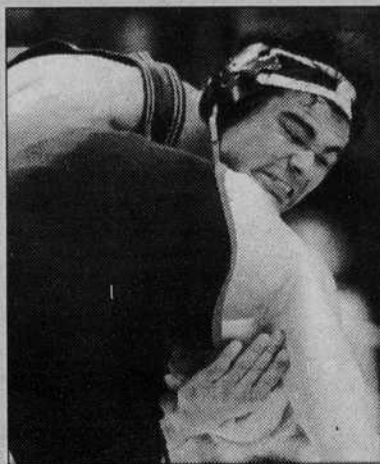


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tangle twice

Oregon's Portland State Saturday and hosts Simon Fraser Sunday. PAGE 8A

## Scoreboard

## Men's Basketball AP Poll

Team	Record	Previous
1. Stanford	11-0	1
2. Connecticut	9-1	2
3. Cincinnati	12-1	3
4. Auburn	12-1	4
5. Arizona	11-2	5
6. Florida	11-1	6
7. Syracuse	9-0	7
8. Duke	9-2	9
9. Kansas	10-2	10
10. Indiana	10-1	12
11. Michigan State	9-4	8
12. Maryland	11-2	14
13. Ohio State	8-2	15
14. North Carolina	9-4	13
15. Tennessee	12-1	16
16. Oklahoma State	10-1	11
17. Texas	8-3	18
18. Utah	11-2	21
19. Illinois	8-3	20
20. Oklahoma	11-1	22
21. LSU	12-0	NR
22. Tulsa	13-1	25
23. DePaul	10-3	24
24. UCLA	8-2	23
25. Kentucky	8-4	NR

## Women's Basketball AP Poll

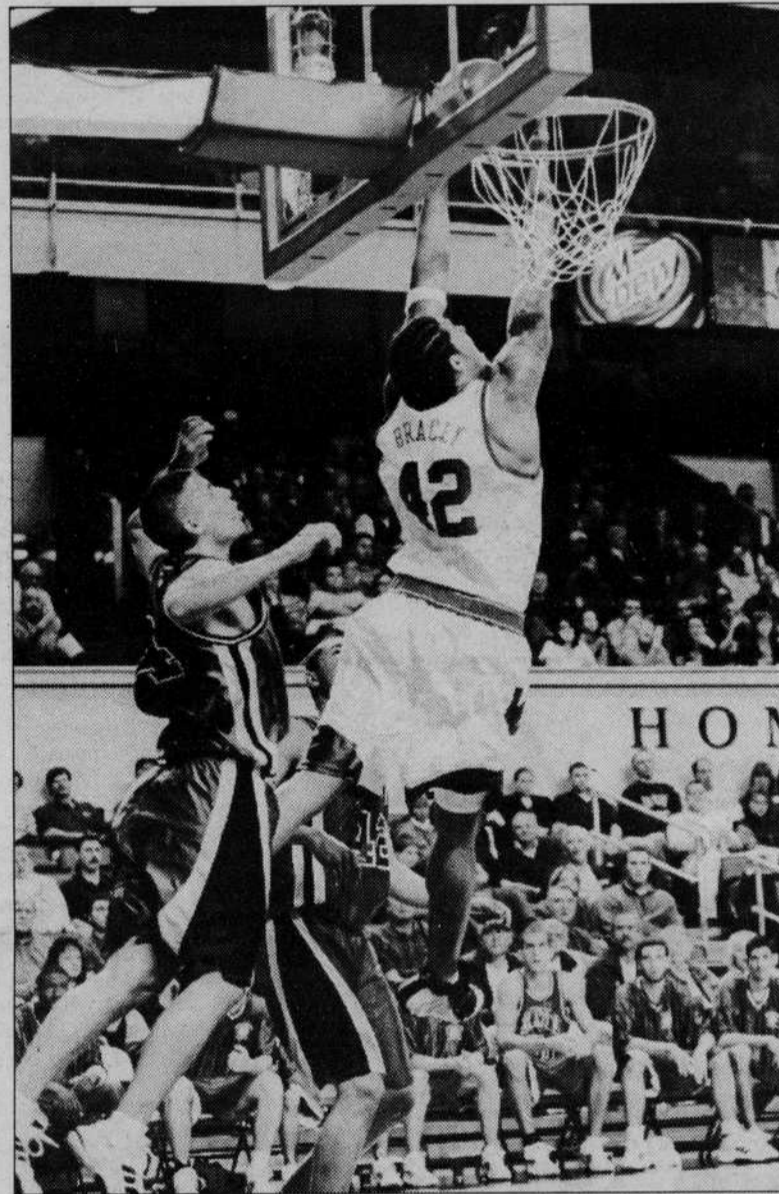
Team	Record	Previous
1. Connecticut	10-0	1
2. Tennessee	9-1	2
3. North Carolina St.	11-0	4
4. Louisiana Tech	10-2	3
5. Auburn	11-1	7
6. Penn State	10-2	8
7. Georgia	14-2	5
8. Notre Dame	9-2	10
9. North Carolina	9-2	9
10. Iowa State	9-2	14
11. Rutgers	8-2	12
12. Purdue	9-2	13
13. Texas Tech	10-1	6
14. Duke	12-1	15
15. Illinois	11-4	17
16. LSU	10-2	11
17. UCLA	6-4	16
18. Arizona	11-1	19
19. Tulane	11-0	24
20. Mississippi State	10-0	21
21. Old Dominion	7-2	18
22. Santa Barbara	9-3	23
23. Kansas	9-3	20
24. OREGON	9-3	22
25. Arkansas State	9-1	NR
25. Boston College	11-3	NR

## Best Bet

NBA Hoops  
San Antonio vs.  
Phoenix  
7:30 p.m., TNT



## Oregon set for battle with Beavs



Junior forward Bryan Bracey aims to continue providing the Ducks with inside scoring punch in Pac-10 play.

Jeffrey Stockton Emerald

■ Pac-10 play begins for the 9-2 Ducks with a trip to Corvallis to meet 8-3 Oregon State

By Tim Pyle  
Oregon Daily Emerald

A.D. Smith remembers Jan. 30, 1999, well.

But the Oregon men's basketball team's leading scorer doesn't recall it fondly.

That night, the Ducks lost their fourth straight Pacific-10 Conference game on their way to a 2-7 mark in the first half of the conference season.

Worse, the 48-45 defeat came at Gill Coliseum in Corvallis, at the hands of Oregon State and a rowdy, predominately orange-and-black-laden crowd of 10,400.

As Oregon (9-2 overall) prepares to face the Beavers (8-3) in the Pac-10 opener for both teams at 7:05 p.m. Saturday night in Gill Coliseum, Smith and the Ducks have one thing in mind.

Payback.  
"They're tough at home," said Smith, a senior forward who is a team co-captain along with fellow seniors Darius Wright and Alex Scales. "And it was the first year in a while they beat us there, so we feel like we have a little payback to give to them."

"And we feel like we have one of the better teams in the Pac-10 and should finish high up there and should

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Who: Oregon (9-2) vs. Oregon State (8-3)

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Oregon forward

## Ducks ready to start Pac-10 play with a bang

## On tap

What: Women's basketball

Who: Oregon (9-3 overall) vs. Oregon State (4-8)

When: Saturday, 1 p.m.

Where: Gill Coliseum in Corvallis

TV: FoxSports Northwest

■ Oregon intends to take advantage of its fan support against Oregon State Saturday

By Mirjam Swanson  
Oregon Daily Emerald

The people at Gill Coliseum have developed a special, one-time deal for Oregon State fans in honor of Saturday's Civil War double header, which is the Pacific-10 Conference opener for all four teams involved.

Purchasing a reserved ticket to the men's game at 7:05 p.m. secures a spot in a reserved seat for the women's contest earlier at 1 p.m. — for free.

In other words, the Beavers (4-8 overall) don't want what happened last season to happen Saturday. Last February, at least 4,000 of the 5,034 who attended the last Civil War of the season where decked out in green and yellow, whooping and hollering for their Ducks and thus drowning out any Beaver support in helping Oregon to a 60-52

win.

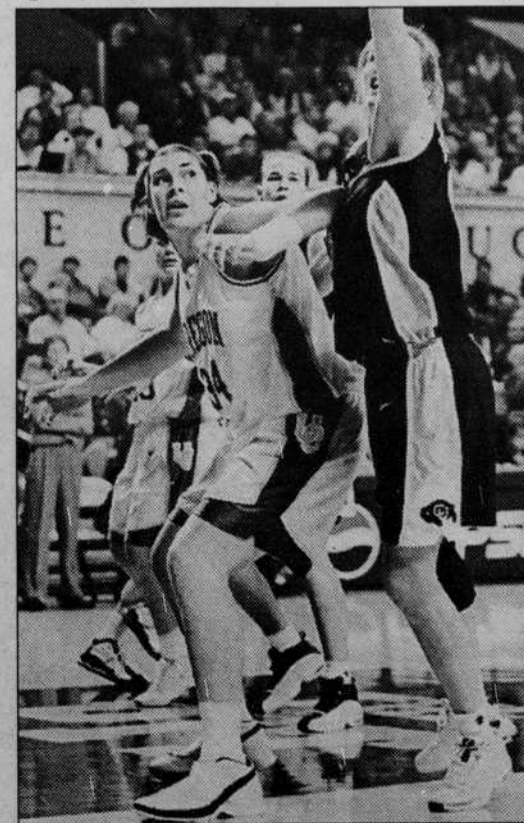
It was, more or less, McArthur Court on the road.

"We're excited to be home even though we're playing at Beaverland," Oregon head coach Jody Runge said. "We're excited to get back in front of our crowd."

Because the road weary Ducks — heading into their eighth of ten straight away games — can't be at home, Corvallis is the next best place. And because Oregon (9-3) is searching for a way to add some attitude to their game, then there is no spot better than Gill to find the necessary inspiration to be a little thuggish.

"This is a definite statement game," point guard Shaquala Williams said. "One, it's our first Pac-10 game. Two, we've been struggling so we need a big game. Three, it's a rival game. We don't just want to win, we want to destroy them. We want to crush them. And they're in the

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Junior center Jenny Mowe and the Ducks look to get physical in their Pac-10 opener Saturday.