

Scoreboard

AP Top 25 Women

- 1. Connecticut (45) 12-0
- 2. Tennessee 11-2
- 3. No. Carolina State 14-0
- 4. Louisiana Tech 10-2
- 5. Penn State 12-2
- 6. Notre Dame 11-2
- 7. Georgia 15-2
- 8. Iowa State 11-2
- 9. Rutgers 10-2
- 10. Auburn 12-2
- 11. Duke 14-1
- 12. Illinois 14-4
- 13. Tulane 14-0
- 14. UCLA 8-4
- 15. North Carolina 9-4
- 16. Texas Tech 11-2
- 17. LSU 11-3
- 18. Purdue 9-4
- 19. Santa Barbara 11-3
- 20. Arizona 12-2
- 21. Kansas 10-3
- 22. Old Dominion 9-3
- 23. Oregon 10-3
- 24. Mississippi St. 11-2
- 25. Boston College 13-3

AP Top 25 Men

- 1. Cincinnati (62) 14-1
- 2. Arizona (5) 13-2
- 3. Stanford 12-1
- 4. Auburn (2) 13-1
- 5. Connecticut 11-2
- 6. Duke 11-2
- 7. Syracuse (1) 11-0
- 8. Kansas 12-2
- 9. Indiana 12-1
- 10. Florida 12-2
- 11. Michigan State 11-4
- 12. Tennessee 14-1
- 13. North Carolina 11-4
- 14. Oklahoma State 12-1
- 15. Texas 9-3
- 16. Oklahoma 13-1
- 17. Ohio State 9-3
- 18. Maryland 11-4
- 19. Tulsa 14-1
- 20. Kentucky 10-4
- 21. DePaul 11-3
- 22. Illinois 9-4
- 23. Temple 8-3
- 24. LSU 13-1
- 25. Louisville 10-3
- 31. Oregon (24)

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Ernie Kent realizes how crucial the first homestand of the Pac-10 season is for the Ducks. Jeffrey Stockton Emerald

## Play at Pit important early on

■ Oregon men must reestablish Mac Court dominance to contend for Pac-10 title and NCAA Tournament berth

By Tim Pyle  
Oregon Daily Emerald

By crushing Oregon State 67-49 in Corvallis on Saturday night, the Oregon men's basketball team affirmed that it is a team to be reckoned with in the Pacific-10 Conference race this season.

The Beavers, who went 7-2 at home in Pac-10 games last season, are expected to be tough again at home and even to challenge for a berth in the National Invitation Tournament, at the very least.

But the Ducks (10-2 overall, 1-0 Pac-10) showed that they are head-and-shoulders better than their northern neighbors, even in Oregon State's house.

Now, Oregon is set up perfectly to make itself a major factor in the Pac-10 title chase and earn its first berth in the NCAA Tournament since 1994-95.

After three consecutive 8-10 Pac-10 seasons, the Ducks are ready to get over the hump with what fifth-year Beavers head coach Eddie Payne acknowledged as the best Oregon team he

Oregon stats

- A.D. Smith 16.3 pts, 5.7 rbds
- Alex Scales 13.6, 4
- Darius Wright 11.7, 2.8
- Freddie Jones 8.3, 3.8
- David Jackson 7, 4
- Julius Hicks 6.5, 4.4
- Bryan Bracey 6.1, 3.2
- Ben Lundquist 5.4, 2
- Chris Christopherson 4.8, 1.8
- Anthony Norwood 3.7, 1.8
- Flo Hartenstein 3.4, 3.7

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## Women seek foothold in shaky Pac-10

■ Considering the nature of the Pac-10, Oregon won't lower its guard for Stanford's no-show in the top 25 rankings

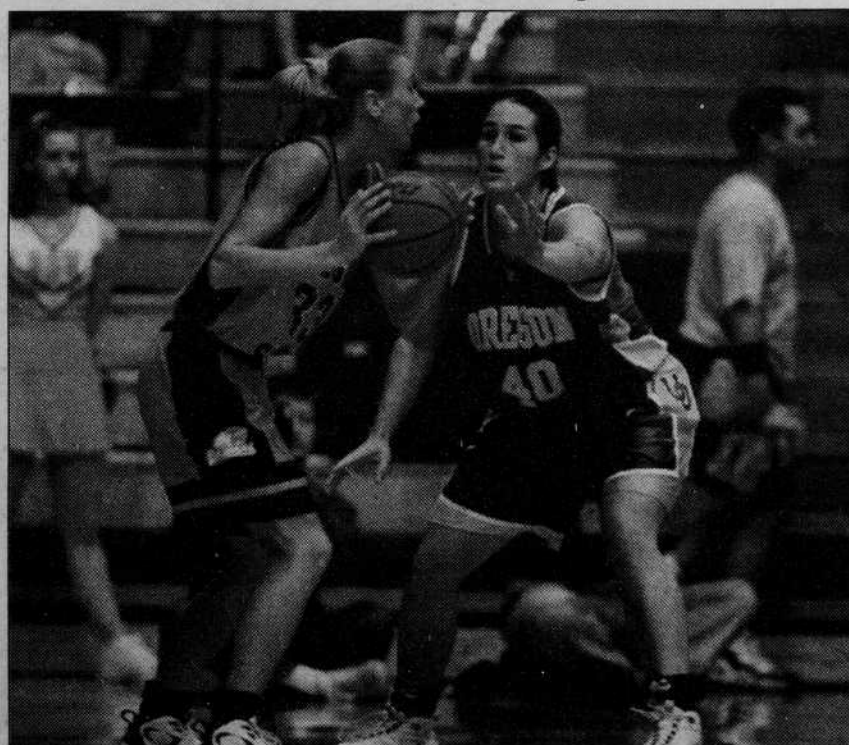
By Scott Pesznecker  
Oregon Daily Emerald



Maintaining its confusing stride from during the fall sports season, the Pacific-10 Conference women's basketball season is off and running.

Oregon is typical of Pac-10 teams. Ranked No. 9 early in December, the Ducks moved up one spot this week in to No. 23.

"We're playing like the No. 50 team in the country so I think we're still lucky to be where we're at," guard Shaquala Williams said. "If we want to be among the elite teams we have to play like that every game. We can't show up every now and then — we have to show up every game. I think our ranking pretty much reflects where



Angelina Wolvert and the Ducks want to establish themselves early in the Pac-10. Jeffrey Stockton Emerald

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Best Bet

College basketball  
No. 20 Kentucky  
vs. No. 4 Auburn  
6 p.m., ESPN

