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The rankings

The Ratings Percentage Index has been used by the NCAA since 1981 to supplement the selection of at-large teams and the seeding of all teams for the NCAA tournament. This list is an independent duplication of the RPI without input from the NCAA, which does not release the RPI to the public. It is derived from three component factors: Division I-A winning percentage (25 percent), schedule strength (50 percent); and opponent's schedule strength (25 percent).

RPI (Men)	
1. Cincinnati	22-1
2. Kentucky	16-5
3. Arizona	19-4
4. Duke	18-2
5. Stanford	18-1
6. Tennessee	17-3
7. Indiana	17-3
8. Syracuse	19-0
9. Texas	15-6
10. Auburn	18-3
11. Oklahoma	18-3
12. Kansas	16-5
13. Maryland	15-6
14. Connecticut	16-5
15. Vanderbilt	14-4
16. Iowa St.	16-3
17. Temple	16-4
18. Tulsa	22-2
19. Oregon	15-4
20. Florida	17-4
34. UCLA	12-8
49. California	13-8
51. Southern Cal	13-8
65. Arizona St.	12-9
116. Oregon St.	10-10
142. Washington	8-13
197. Washington St.	5-13

RPI (Women)	
1. Tennessee	19-3
2. Connecticut	20-1
3. Georgia	23-2
4. Penn St.	19-3
5. Louisiana St.	18-3
6. Texas Tech	18-2
7. Notre Dame	19-2
8. Boston College	18-5
9. Oklahoma	19-3
10. Old Dominion	16-4
11. N.C. State	18-4
12. Rutgers	15-4
13. Mississippi St.	17-4
14. Duke	18-4
15. Arizona	18-3
16. Louisiana Tech	17-2
17. Santa Barbara	19-3
18. Virginia	17-5
19. Marquette	18-4
20. Purdue	16-5
26. Stanford	14-5
32. UCLA	13-6
48. Oregon	15-6
111. Arizona St.	10-8
117. Southern Cal	8-11
121. Oregon St.	9-12
139. Washington	7-14
158. California	7-12
218. Washington St.	4-15

SOURCE: Collegiate Basketball News Co. 2000

Halfway in, Ducks sitting pretty

Pac-10 standings

Stanford	8-1
Arizona	8-1
Oregon	7-2
USC	6-3
California	4-5
Arizona St.	4-5
UCLA	3-6
Washington	3-6
Oregon St.	2-7
Wash. State	0-9

■ Oregon finds itself in position to make a run at the Pac-10 title, sitting in third place

MEN'S NOTES

By Brett Williams
Oregon Daily Emerald

It's turning out to be a banner season for the No. 24 Oregon men's basketball team.

With half of the conference schedule behind them, the Ducks (16-4 overall, 7-2 Pacific-10 Conference) are in prime position to return to the NCAA Tournament. Oregon hasn't been to the "Big Dance" since Kenya Wilkins and Orlando Williams led the Ducks to the tournament in 1995 where they lost to Texas.

Head coach Ernie Kent said a main reason the Ducks are having so much success is the team's aspirations not only for a Pac-10 title, but for a national title.

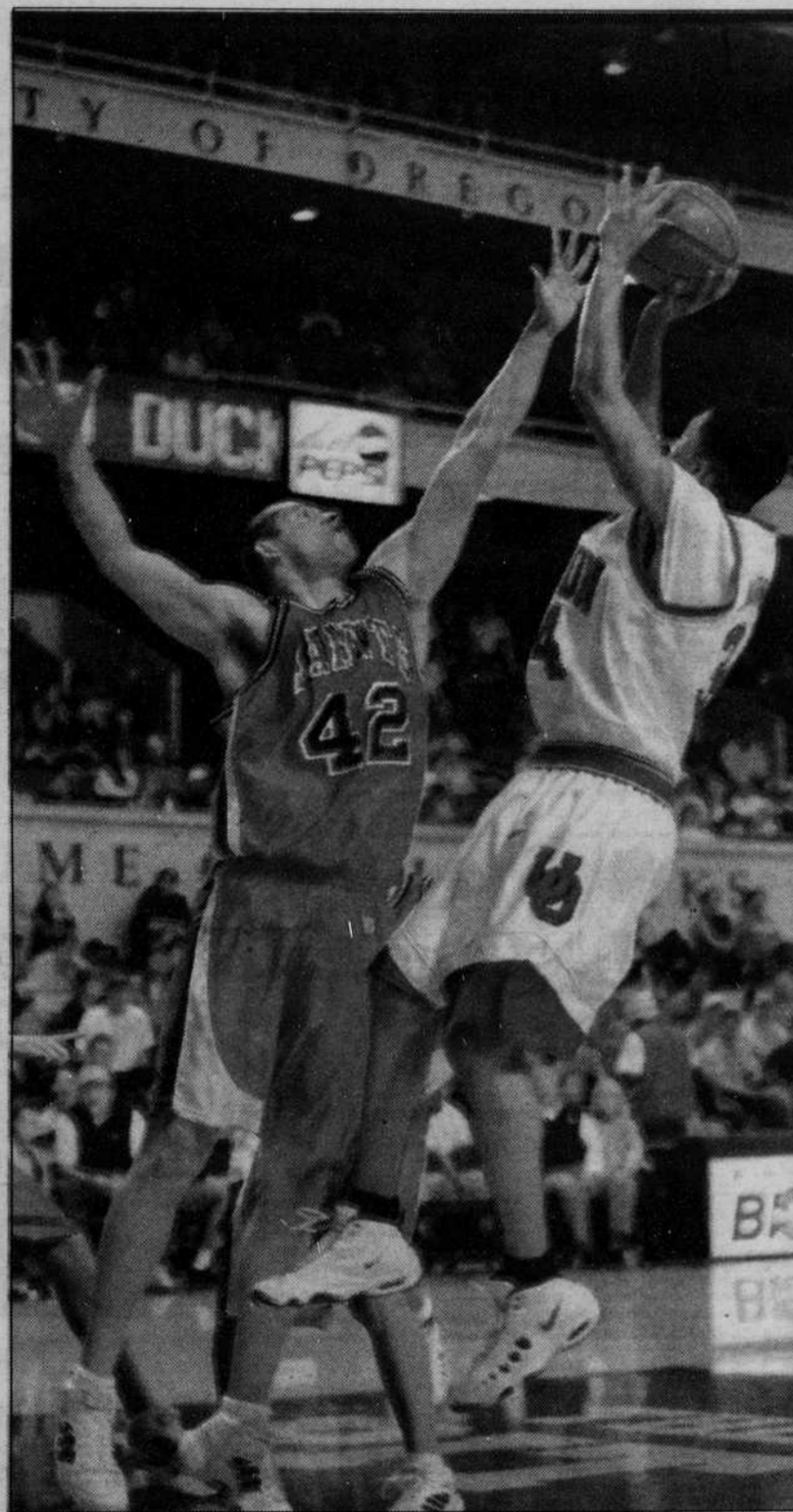
"Every year we start off coaching for the national title," Kent said. "The first year, it gave us thirteen wins; last year it gave us fourteen wins and a trip to the final four of the [National Invitation Tournament]. We're coaching this year for a Pac-10 championship. When you set your goals that high, the NCAA Tournament will take care of itself."

Critics are quick to point out Oregon's losses to Arizona and Stanford as evidence that there are only two elite teams in the Pac-10. Kent refutes that notion.

"I've heard comments that Arizona and Stanford are head-and-shoulders above everyone else in the Pac-10," Kent said. "That's not true."

"The last two weekends have really shown our team's growth. This is a team that is really coming together."

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Anthony Norwood put together his best two games as a Duck last week in Arizona.

Craighead is contributing considerably

Sophomore Jamie Craighead isn't grabbing the headlines, but she's making a notable impact on the court for the second-place Ducks

WOMEN'S NOTES

By Mirjam Swanson
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So it was newcomer Kourtney Shreve who stole the show last weekend.

And, yes, sophomore transfer Alyssa Fredrick seized the limelight the weekend before.

No surprise there. "Historically we've had players who have come off the bench and do that for us," said junior forward/guard Lindsey Dion, who played the role of microwave more than once early in her own career.

But of all the Ducks' relative newcomers, sophomore Jamie Craighead has stepped into the lineup and

played most consistently, and as a starter, no less.

The 5-10 guard/forward with the sweet stroke might not be exploding offensively every game, but after admittedly arriving as a less-than-tenacious defender, she's steadily become a real presence on "D."

Her size and speed certainly help, as does her strength — Craighead is among the Ducks' all-time leaders in the power clean and squats, lifting 170 and 245 pounds, respectively.

Her naturally aggressive on-court demeanor doesn't hurt, either.

Several times this season, Craighead has chased a fast-breaking opponent from behind, caught her and

stripped the ball away at the last second.

She's also shown increased court awareness, regularly popping into passing lanes for steals.

Even when her shot isn't falling, Craighead is contributing.

"Jamie Craighead is doing a tremendous job," head coach Jody Runge said. "She has gone from not doing a good job when she doesn't shoot the ball well, to if she's not shooting the ball well, still doing a great job in other areas of the game."

Of the 115 shots that Craighead's taken this season, 69 of them — or 60 percent — have come from behind the arc, where she's hitting at a 34 percent clip.



CRAIGHEAD

Best Bet
NBA
Seattle vs. San Antonio
5 p.m., TNT

