

Sports



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By Mirjam Swanson and Scott Pesznecker Photos by Kevin Calame

It's Feb. 11, the day after the Oregon women's basketball team beat Stanford at McArthur Court for the second year in a row, but nothing has changed in Jenny Mowe's hometown of Powers.

Elmo Frye and Jack Bushnell, who, in Mowe's words, "can't be a day over 65," stroll into Jack's Place, warmly greeting the waitress and exchanging "hellos" with the regulars.

Bushnell and Frye — better known as Jack and Elmo — are decked out, respectively, in a dark blue windbreaker with "Hey Jack" embroidered on the chest and a Power's hoops sweatshirt.

Today, the Eugene Register-Guard's delivery person is late getting to Powers, so the two former loggers haven't had a chance to see the previous night's box score.

Naturally, they pour over the stats as soon as they get their hands on them:

"Jenny got 10 points? Great! ... She played 27 minutes ... She's been averaging 17 minutes a game, you know ... Damn, I wish I'd known it was going to be that good of a game, I'da been there ... I don't think they play her enough, really ... Old Runge should know, but ... this oughtta be a good indication, dammit!"

Jack and Elmo both have spent most of their lives in Powers. And as elder statesmen of the community, they've seen a lot.

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“This place, this school and this area have such a good work ethic there's no way you cannot excel if that's what you want to do.”

Jerry Mowe
father



“When she wants to, she can dunk. But she's got the frame of mind that she can't. If I worked with her, she would.”

Jeremy Mowe
brother

“She plays for the fans. You see her out there when she shoots a basket; she really gets into it. She likes to make them happy.”

Patty Mowe
mother



Women, men set sights on important sweeps against UCLA

The UCLA women will try to repay Oregon for the 27-point blowout the Ducks laid on them last year at Mac Court

By Mirjam Swanson
Oregon Daily Emerald

It's a re-match between last season's co-Pacific-10 Conference champs.

More than 7,000 crazy fans are expected to fill McArthur Court for tonight's 7 p.m. showdown between the No. 22 UCLA women's basketball team (15-7 overall, 9-2 Pac-10) and unranked, conference-leading Oregon (19-6, 10-3).

But with five games remaining in the regular season, the Ducks are sticking to their mantra: Every game is a big game.

And that does include this one. "It's the next game on the schedule," said Oregon point guard Shaquala Williams,

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On tap:

What: Women's basketball

Who: No. 22 UCLA vs. Oregon

When: 7 p.m.

Where: Mac Court

■ The Oregon men hope to turn the tables on a 16-season game losing streak at Pauley Pavilion tonight

By Brett Williams
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Will the Duck hunting ever end at Pauley Pavilion?

The last two seasons, Oregon has put together solid efforts at UCLA, only to lose by two points in the waning moments of each contest.

But that is only half the story.

The term "close, but no cigar" definitely applies to the Ducks (18-6 overall, 8-4 Pacific-10 Conference), who may have given the Bruins a run for their money recently but haven't tasted success at Pauley in 16 years.

According to Oregon forward A.D. Smith, the intimidation factor that UCLA (13-11, 4-8) once prided itself on at home is only a memory.

"We'll have to step up because it is a difficult place to play, but

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Men's leading scorers

- A.D. Smith 15.6
- Alex Scales 15.5
- Darius Wright 9.9
- Freddie Jones 8.8