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But it can't overlook a beatable-but-dangerous Santa Clara squad (2-1 overall). Last season, the Ducks squeezed out a 66-60 victory in the Bay area to take a 6-1 series advantage against the Broncos. Santa Clara's only victory against the Ducks came in 1985. "I get the impression that they are the same kind of team they were last year," senior guard/forward Lindsey Dion said. "They have some girls that can shoot the three from pretty far out."

To complement its shooting, Santa Clara showcases 6-foot-3 center Annie Garrison, the school's all-time leading shot blocker. Additionally, the Bronco's have a solid play caller controlling the ball.

"Their point guard is very talented," said Craighead, who will carry the task of defending Becki Asbaugh, the Broncos' junior play maker who paced her team with

18 points and six assists against the Ducks last year. "It's going to be tough to stop her, but I just have to force her to the baseline and try to make it difficult for her to run the offense."

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Jenny Mowe
Oregon center

The Ducks say they must play better defensively to stay undefeated after Saturday's matchup.

"We didn't exactly do a very good job on the defensive end against Portland," Dion said. "We have to put things together this

weekend to make things a little more balanced on the defensive end for a team like Santa Clara."

Senior center Jenny Mowe, who led the Ducks with 14 points and 12 rebounds in last season's win against Santa Clara, said the team must remain focused throughout the preseason.

"We have to execute our offense and play a little better defense," Mowe said. "We also have to keep up our intensity and not let our play go down to our opponents."

Oregon defeated Portland 80-56 in the home opener Nov. 24. The bench, which has played a pivotal role in the Ducks' success thus far, scored 38 points, including 12 from junior Ndidi Unaka, who also had four rebounds, three assists and five steals.

Coach Jody Runge's squad began the season with a bang by winning the GlaxoWellcome Invitational at North Carolina State. Led by senior Angelina Wolverter's MVP performance, the Ducks beat the host school, ranked 22nd nationally, and No. 18 Wisconsin.

Sports brief

Women's Soccer

While the Oregon women's soccer team fought an uphill battle on the field last season, three of the Ducks excelled on a different playing field: the classroom.

Three players from the team were awarded All-Academic honors by the Pacific-10 Conference Thursday.

Junior defender Starr Johnson and senior midfielder Allyssa White topped Oregon's list by making the first team. Johnson, an ethnic studies major, has accumulated a team-high 3.74 grade point average. White, a Spanish major, follows closely with a 3.62 average.

The remaining three Ducks — junior midfielder Chalise Baysa, junior midfielder Annie Murphy and junior defender Molly Stemp — made the honorable mention

team. A student athlete must have a minimum 3.0 overall grade point average and be either a starter or significant contributor to his or her team in order to qualify for the All-Academic teams.

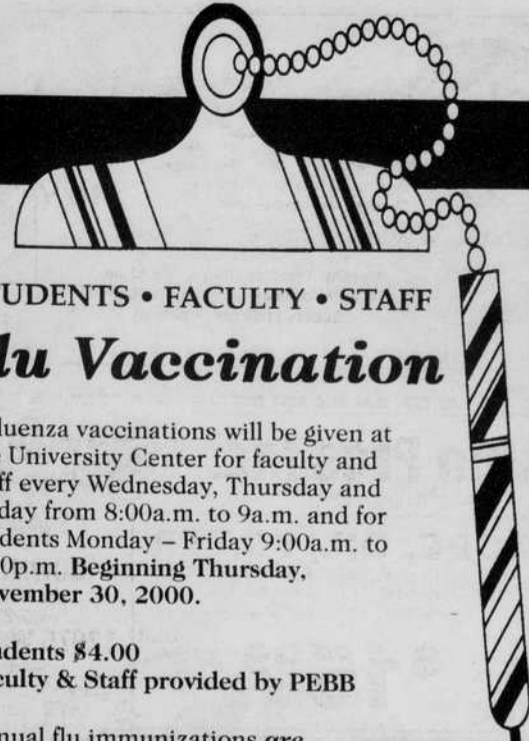
Washington State's Nicole Ironside, a sophomore, and Lindsey Jorgensen, a junior, tied for the best grade point averages in Pac-10 women's soccer. Each Cougar has a 4.0.

The Associated Press' men's basketball poll

How the top 15 teams in the Associated Press' men's basketball poll fared Thursday:

1. **Duke** (6-0) did not play. Next: at No. 17 Temple, Saturday.
2. **Kansas** (7-0) beat Illinois State 80-61. Next: at No. 12 Wake Forest, Thursday.
3. **Michigan State** (4-0) did not play. Next: vs. Illinois-Chicago, Saturday.
4. **Stanford** (5-0) did not play. Next: at Long Beach State, Saturday.
5. **Arizona** (4-1) did not play. Next: vs. St. Mary's, Calif., Saturday.
6. **North Carolina** (3-1) did not play. Next: vs. Kentucky, Saturday.
7. **Tennessee** (5-0) beat North Carolina-Asheville 85-59. Next: at West Virginia, Saturday.
8. **Seton Hall** (3-0) did not play. Next: vs. La Salle, Saturday.
9. **Illinois** (4-2) did not play. Next: at Kansas State, Saturday.
10. **Florida** (2-0) did not play. Next: vs. DePaul, Saturday.
11. **Notre Dame** (3-0) did not play. Next: at Vanderbilt, Saturday.
12. **Wake Forest** (5-0) did not play. Next: vs. South Carolina State, Saturday.
13. **Maryland** (1-3) did not play. Next: vs. Michigan, Saturday.
14. **Oklahoma** (5-0) did not play. Next: at Mississippi, Saturday.
15. **Southern California** (3-0) did not play. Next: vs. No. 18 Utah, Saturday.

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