

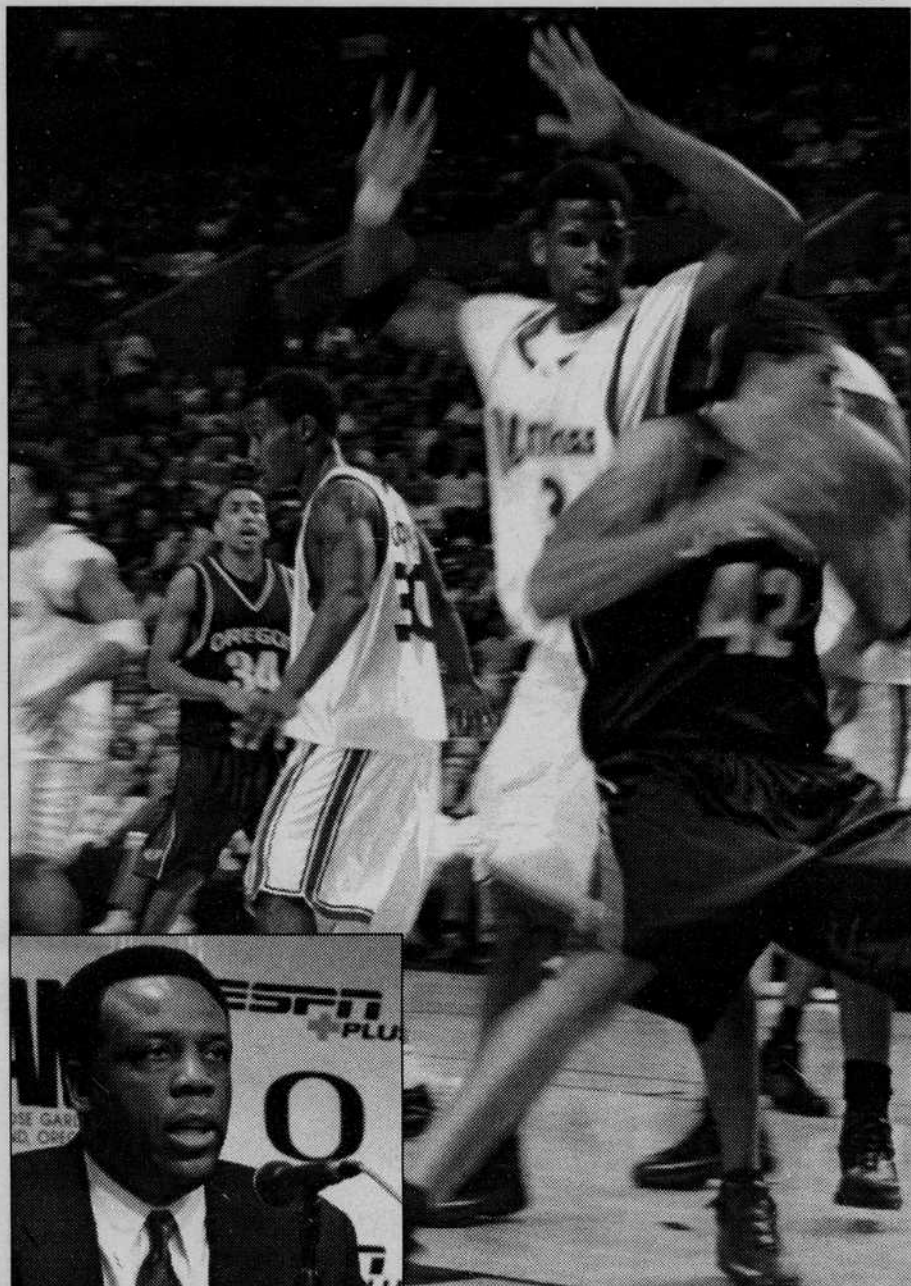
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# A win-win evening for Duck basketball



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Oregon forward Bryan Bracey (42) blows by Ronell Blizzard (3) of Massachusetts for two of his career-high 24 points. Ducks coach Ernie Kent (left) has his team at 5-0.

■ Bryan Bracey and Freddie Jones score a combined 47 points to help keep the Ducks undefeated

By Jeff Smith  
Oregon Daily Emerald

PORTLAND — In head coach Ernie Kent's eyes, all is right in the world.

His Oregon basketball team is 5-0 after beating Massachusetts 91-76 Saturday in the third annual Papé Jam.

His two "go-to guys" led the charge as Bryan Bracey had a career-high 24 points and Freddie Jones contributed a season-high 23 points in front of 9,231 fans at Portland's

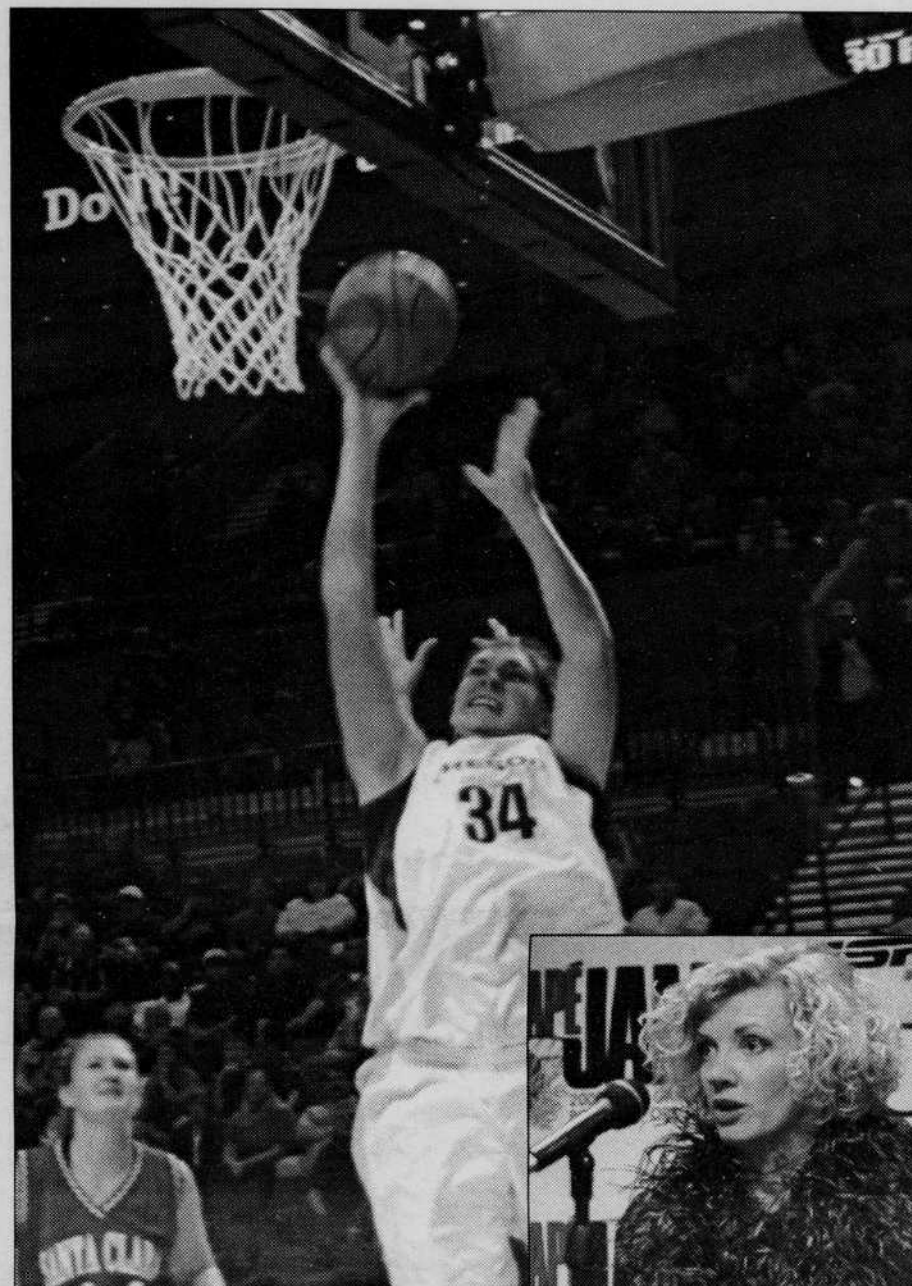
Rose Garden.

And his bench play is putting in decent numbers from a different set of players each night.

But while Saturday's win did mark Oregon's best start since the 1996-97 team that opened at 10-0 and its second-best opening in 23 years, it did little to make a convincing statement as to what kind of team this is.

The Ducks again outlasted their opponent in a sluggish, foul-plagued game that stretched late into Saturday night. The two teams combined shot 83 free throws, commit-

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Center Jenny Mowe scored 16 points on 7-for-7 shooting in the second half of Oregon's 62-54 win over Santa Clara. Coach Jody Runge (right) has the Ducks ranked No. 12.

■ Center Jenny Mowe wins Player of the Game honors with 16 second-half points

By Scott Pesznecker  
Oregon Daily Emerald

PORTLAND — Oregon head coach Jody Runge dressed to the occasion of playing in an NBA arena.

She stood in front of the Oregon bench sporting an uncharacteristic black pant suit bordered around the collar and wrists with a feathery red-and-black trim.

On the Rose Garden floor, however, Runge's team appeared shabby at best.

The No. 12 Ducks (4-0) overcame an ugly 21-point, 14-turnover first-half performance to beat Santa Clara (3-2), 62-54, in front of thousands of fans at the Trailblazers' home arena in Portland Saturday night at the third annual Papé Jam. "We've got problems," sophomore point guard Kourtney Shreve said. "We turned the ball over way too much."

One problem was the three-point line, junior guard Jamie Craighead said. Oregon's guards were disoriented at times when they confused the pro-distance black line with the

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## Ducks show improvement at Cliff Keen Invitational

Sophomore Brian Watson leads the Oregon wrestling team with runners-up honors at the Las Vegas Invitational Tournament

By Robbie McCallum  
Oregon Daily Emerald

With 53 of the top teams in the nation bringing 36 top-10 ranked wrestlers, the 19th annual Cliff Keen Invitational Tournament had a definite NCAA feel to it.

Nearly 640 wrestlers tangled for two days in Las Vegas in one of the most competitive tournaments all season.

Such an intense competition was a major contrast to the Oregon wrestling team's first three

outings. But the Ducks responded well to the challenge and placed seventh out of the 53 teams, beating four other top-25 teams.

"We wrestled well, but we have a lot of things to keep working at to get better," Oregon head coach Chuck Kearney said. "We didn't put together the whole tournament that we're capable of. We can compete at this level of competition, and there's a lot of little things we need to keep working on — but all stuff that's fixable."

Three Ducks placed in the top three to lead the Oregon effort. Sophomore Brian Watson recorded five straight decisions en route to the 133-pound final match, where he narrowly fell to second-ranked Todd Beckerman of Nebraska. Watson's season record now stands at 11-1.

Senior Doug Lee lost for the first time this season in the semifinals to Illinois' eighth-ranked Nate Patrick at 184 pounds. The second-ranked... All-American...

came back to defeat Boise State's Cash Edwards and Lehigh's Rob Rohn for the third-place title. All of Lee's victories on Friday came by pin, technical fall or major decision.

After falling to the top-ranked wrestler in the nation Friday, Shaun Williams stormed back with four victories on Saturday at 125 pounds. The junior transfer decisioned No. 8 Nathan Navarro.

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