

**CLUB SPORTS BRIEF**

The Oregon Club Sports hockey team is going on the road this weekend to face off with Bay Area schools Palmer State and San Jose State.

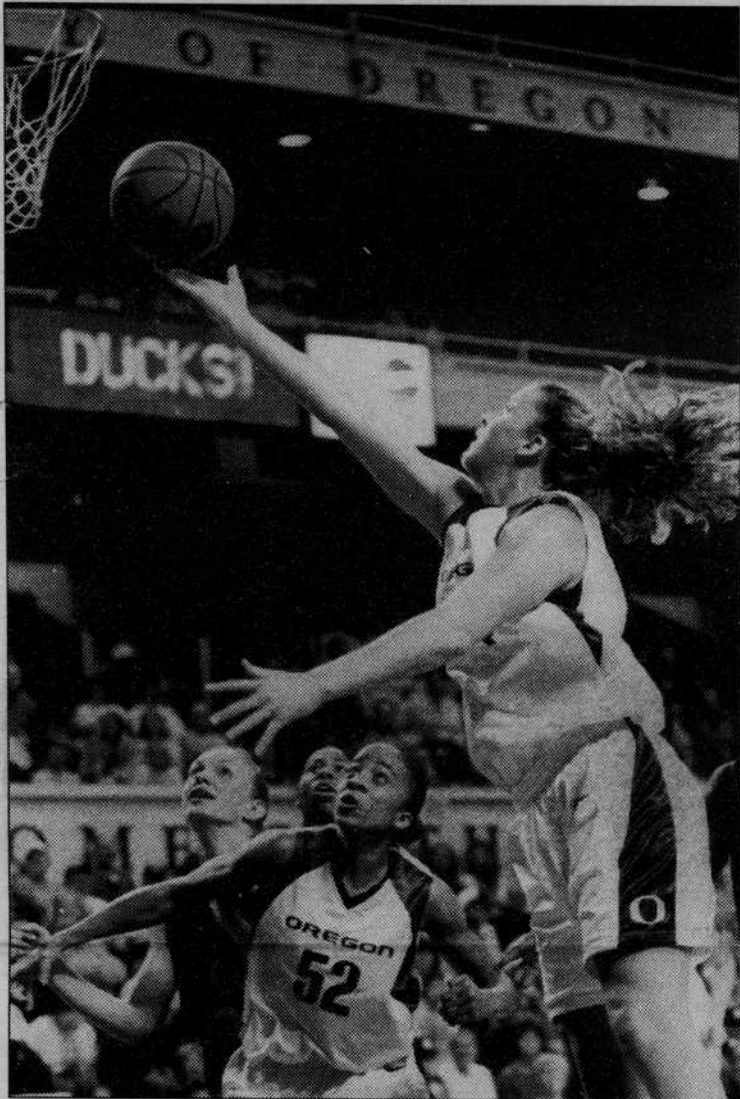
"They're ranked 5th and 6th in the league. That's just above USC, so they'll be pretty tough games," said defenseman Rob Starkey, drawing on last weekend's tough losses to the Trojans.

The road games mark Oregon's final

chance to hone its systems before the Ducks host rival Washington at home on Feb. 2 and 3.

**In other action**

The men's club rugby team's season kicks into high gear with a trip down to Stanford for games on Jan. 26-28, while the women's volleyball team travels up north to Beaverton for a match on Sunday



Adam Amato Emerald

Senior forward Brianne Meharry will start in place of Angelina Wolvert today.

**Women's**

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penetration at the same time, which is a very difficult challenge with how athletic they are."

The up-and-down Trojans beat Arizona 81-67 last Thursday, then lost to Arizona State, 66-59, two days later.

Guard Aisha Hollans leads USC in scoring with 12.6 points per game, followed closely by Ebony Hoffman, who scores 11.5 points per game.

On the season, some of the Trojans' team statistics have been impressive. They have committed 31 fewer turnovers than opponents, blocked 39 more shots and dished out 63 more assists.

But USC shoots just 39.4 percent from the field and 22.8 percent from behind the arc. And, of course, the Trojans more often than not come up short on the one stat that matters most — the final score.

Oregon found itself on the wrong side of the scoreboard after losing to unranked Washington State with Wolvert and Dion out of the lineup.

Center Jenny Mowe said that what happened in Pullman, Wash., is in the past.

"I could tell against Washington

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Jenny Mowe  
Oregon  
center

State that something just wasn't clicking," Mowe said. "Anytime you lose one player, it's always a challenge to get over that. When you lose two, it's even more difficult. So getting one of our starters back is definitely a plus for us."

**Men's**

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where they run the baseline and throw all the lob dunks to him," Kent said. "We can't just focus on Clancy because they are a team that tries to expose mismatches. They pester you to death and the key thing for us is not to lose our composure.

"It's going to be an absolute war."

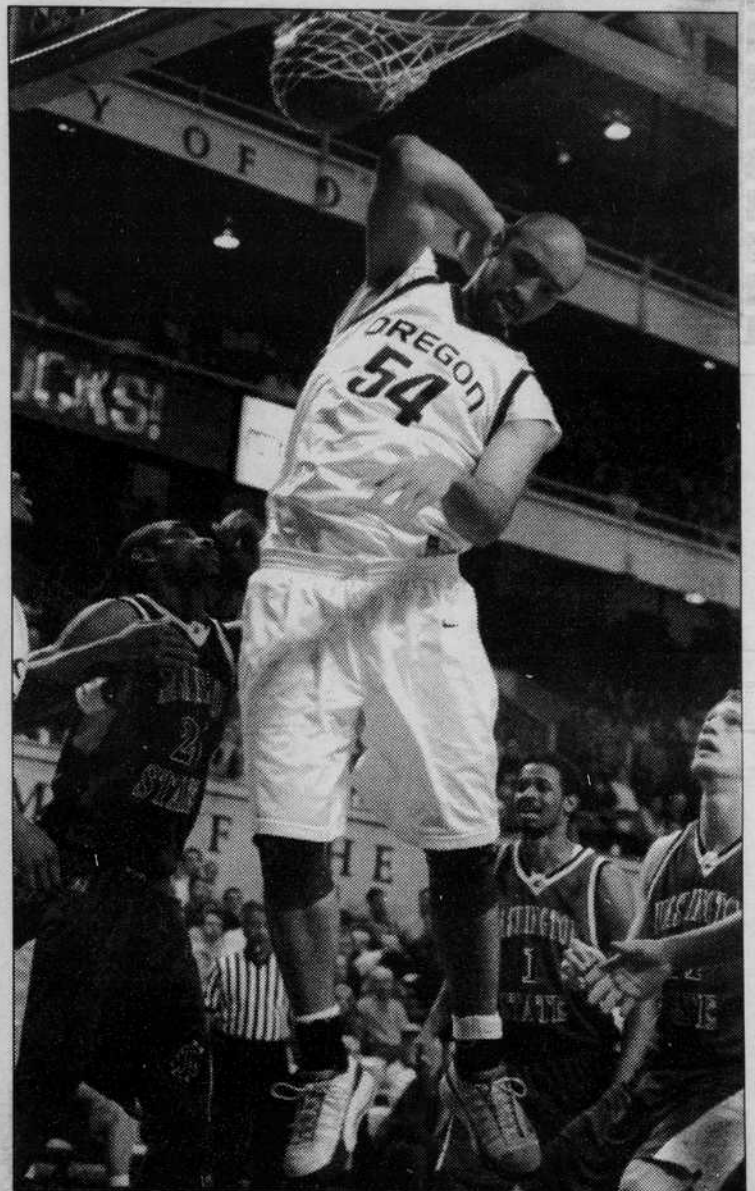
Kent didn't start Jones and Bracey in Oregon's win against Washington State last Saturday, and he didn't rule out making other changes on this trip.

"I just felt like I needed to energize my team a little bit," Kent said. "I don't have any problem bringing those two off the bench, or even someone else."

A big part of Oregon's preparations this week have centered around going back on the road after dropping both games in its first Pac-10 road trip. If the Ducks want to keep alive any hope of a return trip to the NCAA Tournament, they must start winning games away from the friendly confines of McArthur Court.

"If we can steal two games on the road, that'd be awesome for us, for our conference record, for everything," Oregon freshman point guard Luke Ridnour said. "We've just got to go down there and take care of business."

**Note:** Tonight's game is not televised, but Saturday's matchup with UCLA will be broadcast nationwide at 5 p.m. on Fox Sports Net.



Laura Smit Emerald

Oregon senior Flo Hartenstein will play an important role against USC's big men tonight.

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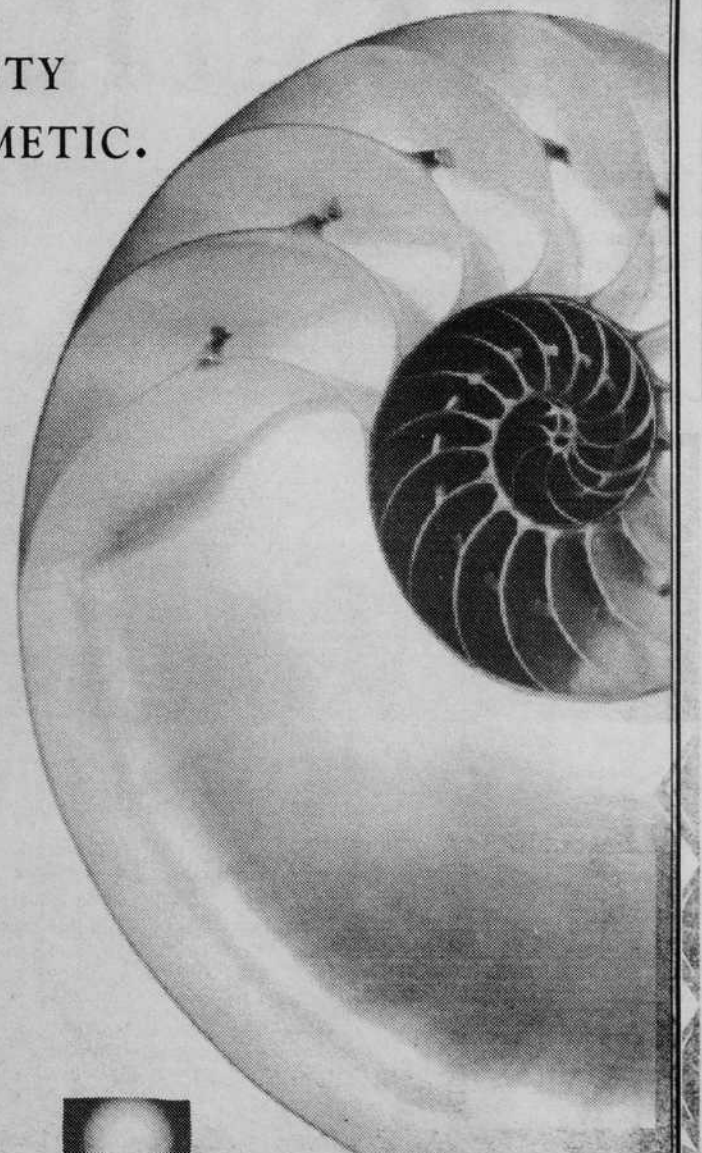
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