



## Bellotti pleased with his recruiting class

Oregon fills its holes with a defensive-dominated 2001 recruiting group

By Jeff Smith  
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The recruiting process can be long, tedious and nerve-wracking, to say the least.

There's the constant phone calls, plane trips and ever so important waiting games that college football coaches must endure before landing prized recruits.

That's not even to mention the numerous Web sites dedicated solely to the fates of innocent teenagers.

So it was understandable to hear Oregon head coach Mike Bellotti say that he felt a "tremendous sense of relief" in announcing the signing of 23 football players Wednesday, the first day that high school and junior college recruits could sign letters of intent to colleges.

"I am as pleased as I have been with a recruiting class in terms of our needs," Bellotti said at a press conference at the Casanova Cen-

ter. "I really feel that our class will stand up with any in the Pac-10. These young men wanted to be here."



Of the 23 players signed, 12 are defensive players, five play offense and five have the ability to play on both sides of the ball. There is also one

punter in Jose Arroyo, who transferred from Pasadena City College.

This 2001 class, which includes five junior college players, was

ranked 30th in the nation by the Rivals.com football recruiting rankings.

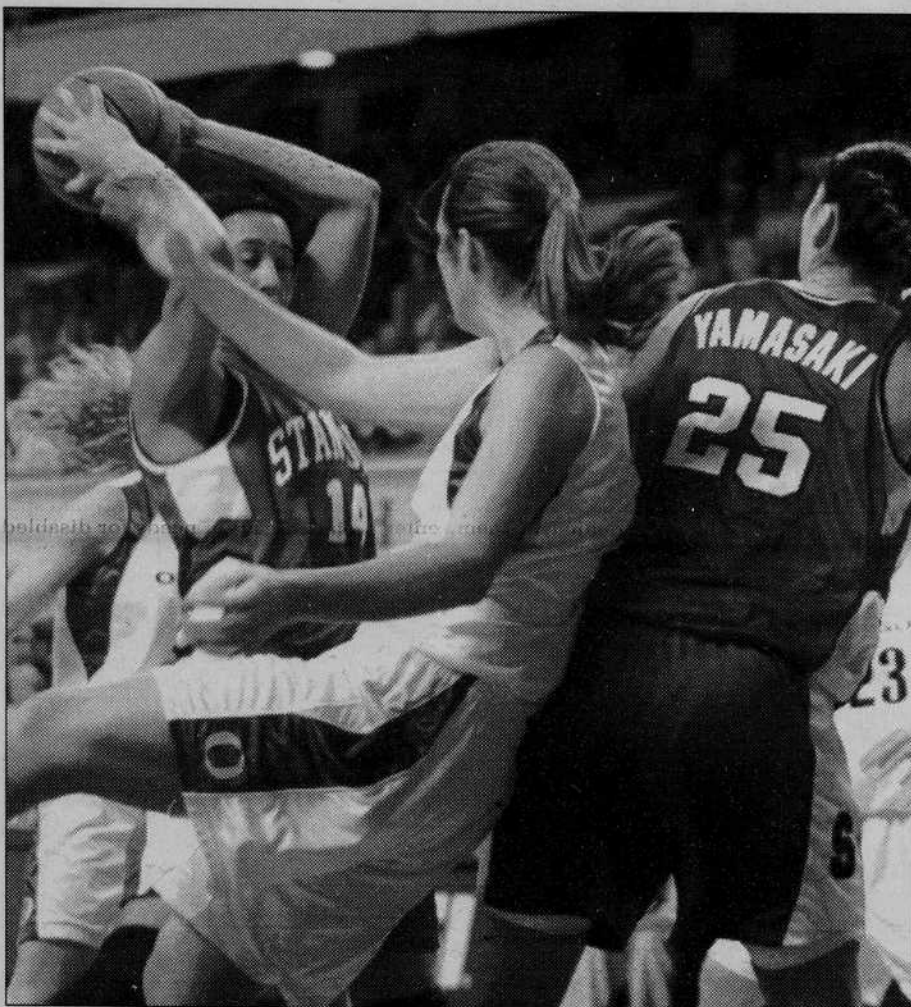
"It is one that has a great emphasis on defense," Bellotti said. "I really feel like we targeted the defensive line and did a great job of finding men in that area that can come in and help us immediately and in the years to come."

The main catch on defense was junior college transfer Junior Siavii, who attended Butte College



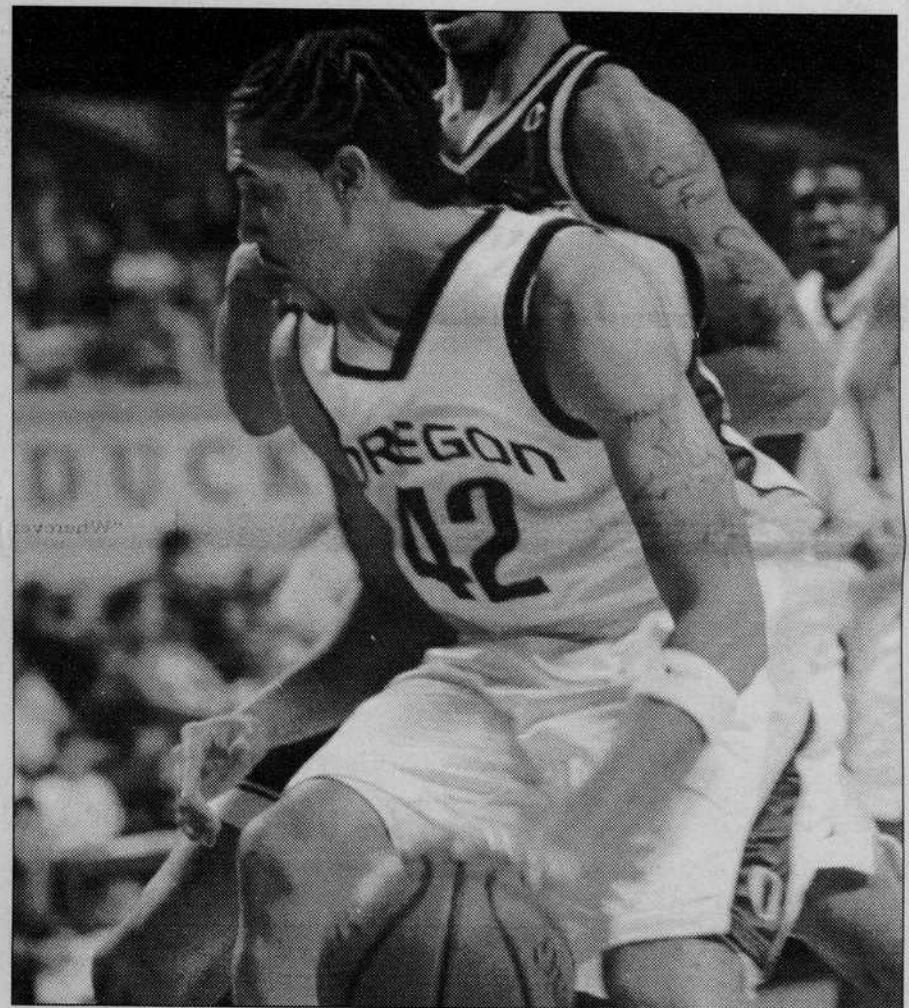
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Oregon senior forward Angelina Wolvert battles for a rebound in Oregon's 72-54 victory over Stanford at McArthur Court. Wolvert scored nine points and grabbed three boards against the Cardinal Jan. 13.



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Oregon senior Bryan Bracey told head coach Ernie Kent that he didn't want to end his career without beating Stanford. The Ducks have already lost to the Cardinal earlier this season, so there's one more chance.

## Women aim for first road win at Stanford since '87

In a must-win game, Oregon's confidence runs high despite losing four of five

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It's a 14-year streak that is at the forefront of the rivalry between long-time powerhouse Stanford and the recent success story of the Oregon women's basketball team.

In their last two seasons as Pacific-10 Conference champions, the Ducks have not won at Maples Pavilion. Head coach Jody Runge, who has an impressive 95-41 career conference record, is a mere 2-12 against Stanford and has never beaten Cardinal coach Tara VanDerveer on her home court. In fact, the Ducks have only mustered one victory at Maples in the history of Pac-10 women's hoops — and that was in the inaugural year of the league, 1987.

Now is the time the Ducks (12-7 overall, 5-4 Pac-10) — losers of four of their last five — say they must win at dreaded Maples Pavilion tonight to have a shot at a Stanford-like three-peat.

And they're confident that it will happen.

"What's important this year is that we know that we're a better team [than Stanford]," junior guard Jamie Craighead said. "It's intimidating to play at Maples — it's really loud, the court is different. But I think we know we can go down there and beat them."

"I feel pretty optimistic," senior forward Angelina Wolvert said. "This year has been a lot of firsts for us; we'd never lost to WSU, never lost to ASU. Maybe this will be the first year that we

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## UO eager to make up for its loss with strong week

■ The Oregon men host No. 2 Stanford and California in crucial home games to start the second half of conference play

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Is it possible to lose by 27 points to one of the worst teams in the Pacific-10 Conference, and then turn around and beat the No. 2 team in the nation?

The Oregon men's basketball team will find out at 7:30 p.m. tonight when it faces second-ranked Stanford at McArthur Court.

The Ducks will try to erase the memory of a 99-72 defeat to Arizona State last Sunday, and perhaps regain some of the magic

they showed against then-No. 7 Arizona in a 12 point Oregon win last Thursday.

"If we can duplicate our effort against Arizona, I think we can play with any team in the country," Oregon head coach Ernie Kent said. "We can't worry about the Arizona State loss, because we've got a tough, tough basketball team coming in here." "We can't sit and pout about that loss for days," junior center Chris Christoffersen. "We lost the game, there's nothing we can do about it now except play with more energy."

Stanford may be on the prowl after a disappointing loss to UCLA last Saturday. The 79-73 setback was the Cardinal's first loss this season.

Kent said the Ducks will try to Turn to **Men's**, page 12A

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