



## Williams chosen as first Duck for U.S. hoops team

■ Shaquala Williams makes the cut for the women's World University Games, which will be played in China this summer

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For the first time in Oregon history, a member of the Ducks' women's basketball program has been chosen to represent the United States of America.

Shaquala Williams, the 2000 Pacific-10 Conference women's basketball Player of the Year, has been selected to the U.S.A. Basketball World University Games Team.

Williams missed all of last season with a torn anterior cruciate ligament in her left knee that she suffered in September, but she is fully recovered and impressed the U.S.A. team coaches enough for them to pick her after four days of trials, which ended Monday.

"I think for next season, because I missed this last season, it's going to give me some of those games back and some of those practices back," Williams said. "[It also will] give me the opportunity to practice against people every day who are as good or better than me."

"That's definitely going to push me a lot."

Williams will not be the first former Duck to play in the World University Games, though, as ex-Oregon athletes Alison Lang and Bev Smith (a candidate for the vacant head coaching position) played on the Canadian basketball teams of the prestigious games in the late 1970s and early '80s.

This team is nothing new to Williams, who was selected as an alternate for the games following her superb freshman and sophomore campaigns as a Duck. She earned her aforementioned Pac-10 honor after her second year in the program when she averaged 17.7 points and 4.4 assists per game as a sophomore.

"I just kind of took all the things that I learned from those two cuts and being out this year," Williams said. "I tried to apply them to playing this year, so I'm just really happy and relieved."

The World University Games will take place in Beijing, China, from Aug. 22 to Sept. 1 and will feature some of the top women's basketball players in the world. Joining Williams on the U.S. team will be Chantelle Anderson of Vanderbilt, Cori Enghusen of Stanford, Chrissy Floyd of Clemson, Caton Hill of Oklahoma, Kara Lawson of Tennessee, Ashley McElhiney

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Interim head coach Dan Muscatell (far left) and the women's basketball team celebrate a victory over Oregon State last season at McArthur Court.

## Deadline passes for UO vacancy

■ Dan Muscatell, the women's basketball interim head coach, submits an application Monday as Utah's coach arrives on campus

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Utah head coach Elaine Elliott, considered by many to be one of the top women's basketball coaches in the country, arrived in Eugene Monday night and is expected to meet with Athletic Director Bill Moos today about Oregon's coaching vacancy.

Also on Monday, the deadline to submit an application for the position made vacant April 30 when Jody Runge resigned, Oregon assistant

coach Dan Muscatell opted to apply for a position to remain with the program.

"I submitted a formal application to one of the coaching positions available," said Muscatell, the primary recruiter who was named the interim head coach after Runge's resignation. "It is my desire to stay involved with the program, and I will let Moos and/or whoever is the new head coach decide what capacity that will be."

Arriving from the high school ranks, where he coached for 16 seasons in Washington, Muscatell joined the women's basketball team in 1999 and

quickly bonded with the Ducks.

"We trust him," said guard Shaquala Williams, who will be a junior next year. "He and Kirsten [McKnight, an assistant coach] have been here for a few years and we trust them, and that's one of the most important things when you're rebuilding a program."

While he is popular amongst the team members, Muscatell is a hard sell as a top head coaching candidate because his resume boasts just two years at the college level. And of the four candidates on Moos' short list, all are head coaches at the college or national level.

"It's tough because he doesn't have the coaching experience at the college level," Williams said. "I think he could

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## USC drops baton, UCLA grabs win

■ The USC women's track team contests UCLA's Pac-10 championship, alleging that the Bruins knocked the baton from Kinshasa Davis' hand in the last race

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In the battle of this season's women's track titans, Southern California and UCLA collided figuratively — and perhaps literally — at the Pacific-10 Conference Championships this weekend.

The meet was decided in the final event, the 4x400 relay race. UCLA won the event, while USC finished fifth, and the Bruins edged the Trojans in the team competition by two points.

But the drama didn't end in the points column. After that final race, USC cried foul because team members thought a UCLA runner might have knocked the baton out of a USC runner's hand. As the Bruins' Adia McKinnon and the Trojans' Kinshasa Davis battled around the final turn of the third leg, the baton flew out of Davis' hand and onto the infield. USC team members thought McKinnon might have elbowed the baton from Davis' grasp.

"They should be disqualified," Trojan anchor runner Brigita Langerholc told The Associated Press. "[McKinnon] elbowed it right out of Kinshasa's hand."

The points made the difference in the meet. If USC had finished first or second, it would have taken the team title. Instead, UCLA will likely hold the top spot in the nation heading into the NCAA Championships May 30-June 2 at Hayward Field.

The Bruins won by dominating Sunday's competition. On the track, UCLA runners won the 400, 100 hurdles and 400 hurdles. Bruin athletes also took titles in the pole vault, shot put, discus and hammer. UCLA ended Saturday's competition with only 12 points and won the title Sunday with 143.

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Long jumper Zee Ogarro and the Huskies finished last in the Pac-10.

## Bracey, two other UO athletes arrested after fight

Two University of Oregon athletes were arrested and another cited after police were called to break up a fight in a parking lot this weekend.

Bryan Bracey, 22, a senior forward and all-conference basketball player, was charged with disorderly conduct after a party just after midnight Saturday. Christopher Lombardo, 19, a third-string quarterback, also was charged with disorderly conduct.

Both players were released on their own recognizance, police said.

A third athlete, 19-year-old defensive end Kevin Mack, was cited for disorderly conduct and minor possession of alcohol.

About 50 people witnessed the fight, which apparently began when Mack slapped Bracey, who then punched Mack and kicked him in the head when he was on the ground.

Mack was treated for a possible broken nose, a facial cut and possible concussion, police said.

Lombardo was arrested because he tried to intervene and was uncooperative with officers, police said.

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