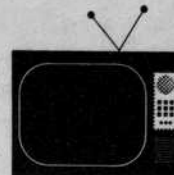


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## 'Cats may get their revenge

**H**old up, dude. Take a deep breath. Relax.

You thought last Saturday's game against lowly Utah State was crazy? You left the game early in Oregon's signature come-from-behind win against Southern California because you couldn't handle the stress?

Man, don't even turn the TV on this weekend with that attitude. Stay in bed. Go hiking. Watch Barry Bonds hit No. 71 or walk No. 180. Watch the Mariners set the record of all records. What ever you do, just forget about football, forget the Ducks and their fourth quarter heart attacks.

You have too much on your mind already. Don't risk your health over some meaningless football game.

You may end up disappointed. Because the 'Cats are scratching with all their might.

Like all of Oregon's opponents this season, Arizona is fired up. Perhaps more than any of us thought, and perhaps more than any team the Ducks have seen.

In the words of one student writer/fan at Arizona, "If Jason Johnson can avoid throwing picks to Wesly (great name!) Mallard and Rashad Bauman, the Cats'll cruise and I'll be tearing down the goal posts."

No respect from the fans. And no respect from the Wildcat football team, either. Especially Michael Jolivette, the recipient of the most mind-blowing hit in this reporter's short memory.

"I remember it like it was yesterday," Jolivette told the Arizona Daily Star of Mallard's hit in Oregon's 14-10 victory at Autzen Stadium last season. "I remember running down the field, and I was breaking stride, and the play was nearly dead, and I just looked to my left and I saw nothing but green in my face. The next thing you know, I saw my helmet in the air and it was all over."

By no means, though, it is over. It hasn't even started.

Jolivette has a constant reminder of Mallard's hit in the form of a four-inch scar across his chin, which he has coated with a goatee.

Mallard will be constantly reminded of the hit, which Jolivette called "a cheap shot," during the game, and without trying to sound pessimistic, the Ducks may end up with a constant reminder of their trip to Tucson if they don't bring their "A" game.

Let's hope, for all our Rose Bowl dreams, that I'm wrong.

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## Jordan Kent decides to stay home

■ Ernie Kent's son has a little fun with reporters during his press conference before announcing where he will attend college

By Jeff Smith  
Oregon Daily Emerald

With his family seated by his side on a circular table and with a throng of backpack-sporting students all around, Churchill High senior Jordan Kent — son of Ernie — announced his much anticipated plans for the future.

"I just felt after the summer I had that I was ready to make a decision like this, so, as of next fall, I'm going to bypass my college career and declare myself eligible for the NBA Draft," Jordan said.

Laughter erupted throughout the room while his dad playfully nudged his head with his hand and

asked, "What?"

"Just kidding," Jordan Kent said.

Kent then turned serious when announcing his real plans.

"But honestly, it's my great honor to declare that I'm going to the University of Oregon next fall," Kent said.

With those words, two Oregon sports teams added a promising new

future player as Jordan plans to participate for his dad's men's basketball team as well as Martin Smith's storied track and field team.

Jordan turned down scholarship offers from Kansas, Stanford, Michigan and Illinois. He may redshirt his freshman 2002-2003 hoops season to concentrate solely on track with the intent of resuming both the following year.

As a junior last year, Jordan had the type of athletic success that competitors dream of. The 6-foot-4 forward, who averaged just under 13 points and five rebounds a game, played a key role in the Lancers' state title run in basketball that culminated with a thorough 78-46 victory over Benson in the championship game.

A few months later, he dominated the 4A Track and Field Championships at Hayward Field when he won the individual state titles in the 200- and 400-meters as well as the long jump. His success propelled the Lancers to the overall state title.

Now, he's eager to continue the Kent legacy at Oregon. Along with his dad, he'll be joined by his older brother, Marcus, who graduated from Churchill in June and is preparing to be a freshman walk-on on this year's Oregon basketball team.

"I get to play at Oregon where my dad played and where my mom went to col-

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Thomas Patterson Emerald

Men's basketball coach Ernie Kent and the Ducks can now celebrate that Jordan Kent, Ernie's son, has chosen to attend Oregon.

## No. 4 Stanford drops Ducks in straight sets

■ After a disappointing 3-0 loss to the Stanford Cardinal, the Ducks cross the Bay to take on winless California

By Hank Hager  
Oregon Daily Emerald

Stephanie Martin played large for the Ducks against the No. 4 Cardinal last night, but it wasn't enough as Stanford (10-1 overall, 4-0 Pacific-10 Conference) swept Oregon in three straight games (30-23, 30-22, 30-20).

Martin, a junior, led the Ducks (8-6, 0-5) with 11 kills and a .643 hitting percentage. Stanford's Logan Tom overmatched the Oregon women, recording a match-high 14 kills.

"We came out and played with tremendous energy at the beginning, which was encouraging," Oregon head coach Carl Ferreira said. "Our serve-and-passing game was three execution plays away, and that was the difference in the match."

Ferreira alluded to the Ducks' strong play in game three. After digging a hole for themselves by falling behind the Cardinal 15-7, Ferreira's squad fought back, winning six of the next seven points to put themselves within striking distance at 16-13. It wasn't enough, though, as the Cardinal came back to win by 10.

"(Oregon) is full of resilience, and that's what I like about them," Ferreira added. "We knew we had to play with a lot of energy, and we did that."

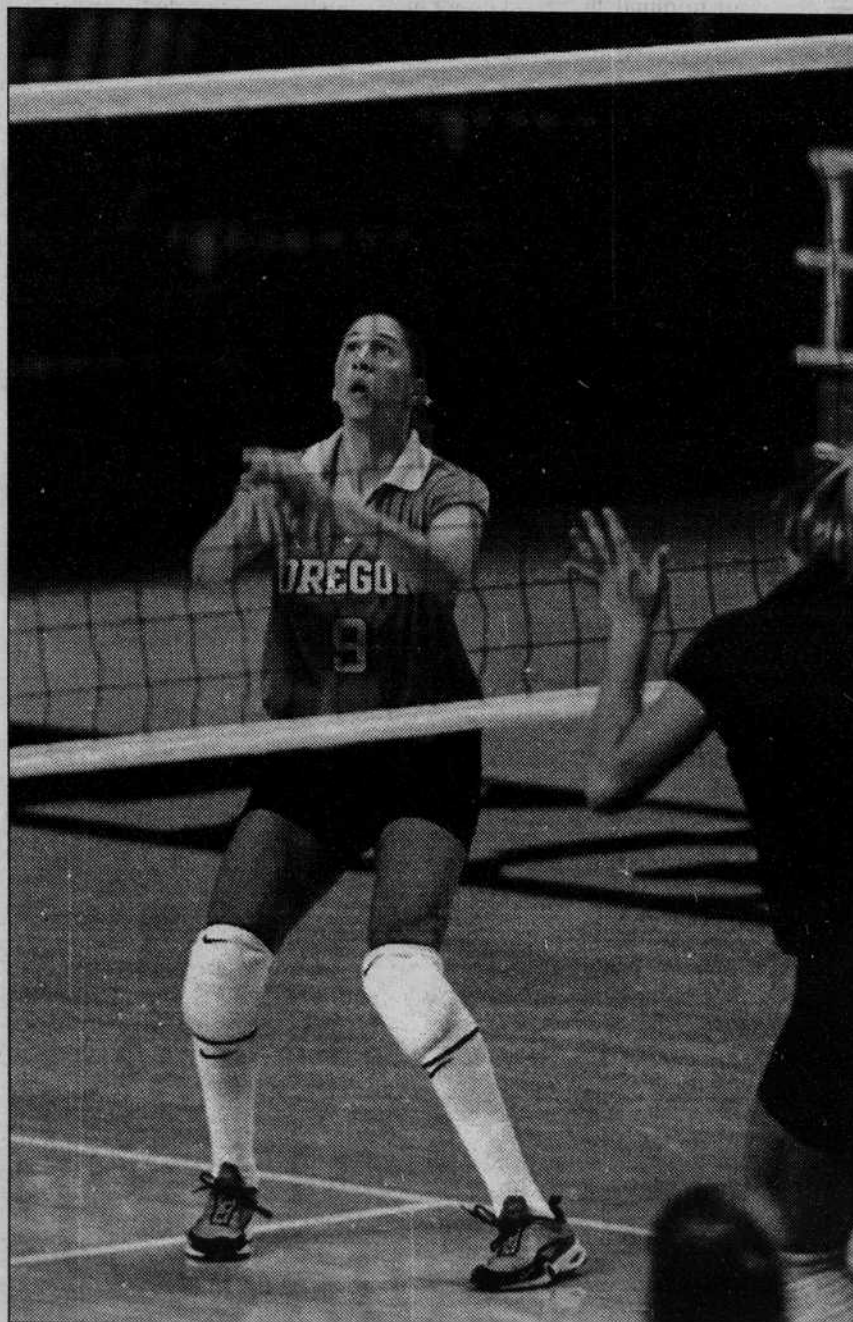
Sophomore outside hitter Lindsay Murphy also played strong for the Ducks. She led the team with eight digs and added two blocks in the match.

"We played a lot better as a team tonight, even though it wasn't a win," Murphy said.

### Golden Bears come calling

California looms as the second match of the weekend for the Ducks, with Ferreira's squad traveling to Berkeley, Calif. tonight. The Golden Bears (4-5, 0-3) defeated St. Mary's on Tuesday, but has not looked strong in conference play. In addition, the Bay Area squad is the only Pac-10 team other than the Ducks that has yet to record a win in conference play.

The Golden Bears are led by senior setter Candace Mc-



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Senior Monique Tobbagi, a San Jose, Calif., native who will play her final match in the Bay Area tonight against California, is shown here at a 1999 match against the Cardinal.

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