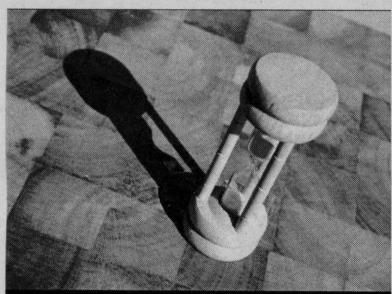


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### Jude

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- when the Ducks' record was 2-3. The chuckle may have even turned into a belly-aching howl for Runge when her impressive NCAA streak was snapped in her first year away from the program.

Bev took what was given to her in her first season as the Oregon coach. She said she never wanted to sacrifice now for the future, but with six freshman on the opening day roster and just one returning starter from last year's squad, it was hard not to look forward.

Despite not making the Big Dance, Bev remained focus, kept her Ducks in check, and went into the Women's National Invitation Tournament with a 17-13 overall record.

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And to think it's just the begin-

The beginning of another NCAA Tournament run, where the Ducks are just 4-11.

At the rate she's moving, it wouldn't be surprising if Bev improved on that record. Who knows, she just might end up with the last laugh.

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# Basketball

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Alvssa Fredrick, a valuable reserve for the Ducks this season, and Ndidi Unaka, a starter for part of the season, leave the already bare Oregon frontcourt.

Of the four, Craighead may be missed the most. The Elma, Wash., native is second all-time in threepointers made at Oregon with 182, only seven behind program leader Missy Croshaw.

However, as a unit, the four provided a veteran presence that helped initiate four Oregon freshman into collegiate basketball.

"It was a transition year that was probably toughest on them," Smith said. "They really left a pretty good legacy. They are part of a foundation that will be continuing."

But looking at the Oregon roster for next season gives an impression that the seniors will be missed, but won't necessarily be a debilitating loss.

For one, Williams, the 2000 Pac-10 Player of the Year, will be back. That's about the only thing Duck fans need to know, as the 5-foot-6 guard was at her best this season.

When asked about her play this season, Smith immediately said "it was just solid.

"She didn't shoot the ball well sometimes, but she always came up big when we needed her to. It's very exciting to have her next season."

Then there is the diminutive sophomore forward Cathrine Kraayeveld. Diminutive only in the sense that her 6-foot-3 stature was much smaller than the way she played. Her 10 points and nine rebounds per game in Pac-10 play suggests her final two seasons in an Oregon uniform are going to be better than the first two.

That's a pretty hard thing to do, especially considering her contributions in the postseason.

Two game-winning shots, one against Oregon State and the other against Houston in the championship game, etch Kraayeveld's name into Oregon history.

"She is becoming a force to bereckoned with," Smith said. "Her rebounding ability was as impressive as anything.

You can't do much worse for an inaugural season than what Smith did for the Ducks. One season coached, and one championship won.

But now, it's time to look forward to next year.

"I think the things we are doing are the right things," she said. "We just have to do them better and with more consistency."

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4-on-4 Grass Volleyball	April 25	*SRC Ulrich Room	4:00P.M.
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Soccer	May 14	*SRC Ulrich Room	4:00P.M.
Ultimate Frisbee	conducted via e-mail		
4-on-4 Grass Volleyball	conducted via e-mail		

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Soccer Scramble	April 16	April 17 4-7:00P.M.	Southbank Field Hayward Field Tokatee Golf Course	
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