

DINNER SPECIAL

Dinner Specials

Sizzling Shrimp Fajita...\$11⁹⁵
Coconut Shrimp...\$12⁵⁰
 All shrimp entrees include a glass of chardonnay or white zinfandel.

Saturday STEAKS ARE KING
 All steak dinners include a glass of merlot or white zinfandel...\$12⁹⁵



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a slight edge," Parker said.

The numbers back that up. According to the Oregon media guide, Amundson's best 40-yard sprint is 4.53 seconds. Parker's best is 4.56.

Both, by the way, serve double-duty for the Oregon track team. Parker anchored the Ducks' 4x100 relay team last spring and finished fourth at the 2002 NCAA Indoor Championships 60-meter race with a time of 6.63 seconds.

"I do it for fun," Parker said of his track participation, which he began as a high school freshman. "I have speed, so I want to show everybody I'm more than just a football player."

As a football player, though, Parker can't lose. He wears No. 1 for a reason.

A star receiver for Long Beach Poly High, perennially ranked as one of the top high school teams in the country, Parker set a school record with 1,214 receiving yards and a record-tying 16 touchdowns. The Jackrabbits' only loss during Parker's final season came at the hands of Kevin Mitchell's Mater Dei team.

When he made the transition to Oregon, Parker had high expectations of himself. Despite being the team's leading receiver, he says he has yet to reach those goals.

"I don't think I've lived up to my expectations," he said. "I still have things I need to do."

The NFL is one of them.

Parker says he just wants a shot at playing professional football. Considering his speed, that opportunity should come his way after next season.

He just needs to keep marinating.

Contact the senior sports reporter at adamjude@dailymerald.com.



Jeremy Forrest Emerald

Parker made an impact on national television last year with an impressive performance in the Fiesta Bowl against Colorado. He had a 79-yard touchdown catch.

Samie Parker file

Born: Samie Jabar Parker on March 25, 1981 in Long Beach, Calif.

High School: Set Long Beach Poly record for receiving yards with 1,214 and tied record with 16 touchdowns.

Oregon: Notched nine catches for 162 yards and a touchdown in 2002 Fiesta Bowl. Caught touchdowns in each of first four games this season, including a 161-yard performance against Fresno State.




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