

"Work, Welfare and Politics: Confronting Poverty in the Wake of Welfare Reform"

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Joan Acker, Margaret Hallock and Sandra Morgen will join their publisher and host, the University of Oregon Press to speak about their book as well as current local election issues facing our community, state and nation. A booksigning will follow the discussion. More information available online at uobookstore.com

lan Crosswhite File

Born: Ian Clyde Steel Crosswhite Nov. 23, 1982, in Melbourne, Australia.

High School: Represented state of New South Wales on Under 16, U-18 and U-20 clubs, as well as playing for Australian Institute of Sport, an Under-20 developmental program.

Oregon: Redshirted 2001 after suffering an ankle injury early in the season. One of only two players listed at forward in the Oregon media guide.



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Madness loss.

"Coach Kent is really focusing on (rebounding) this season," Crosswhite said. "Stuff like boxing out. Using our size and our speed to our advantage."

Crosswhite's role in the Oregon big man picture will be clarified as the season goes on. For now, the redshirt freshman says he just wants to contribute wherever possible.

"He's really good, and he's ready to show everybody else just how good he is," forward Robert Johnson said. "He's a great addition to the team."

Johnson and center Brian Helquist
— both roommates with Crosswhite
— will share most of the duties down
low, with junior center Jay Anderson
the most experienced of the big men
on the bench. Crosswhite and Short
are Kent's main options from there.

The two redshirts agree that last season's experience of sitting on the end of the bench was hard.

"When we were down, and you think you can help, it's real frustrating, you just want to sit there and pull your hair out," Crosswhite said.

But Crosswhite said it was invaluable experience, teaching him the intricacies of how a Division I basketball team works. Short agreed.

"Compared to where I was at this point last year, it's a huge improvement," Short said.

Twenty-seven years ago, Percy Crosswhite and the Australian National Team came to America and played in McArthur Court against the famed "Kamikaze Kids" and a junior named Ernie Kent.

In 1982, Percy Crosswhite birthed a future Kent pupil.

"I didn't even know my dad played here, originally," that pupil, Ian Crosswhite, said. "He never mentioned it to me, and I was talk-

'I'm pretty sure I played against your dad when I was playing here.'' Now a Crosswhite is playing in a game with an Australian team, only his name is Ian, and he'll be wearing

ing to Coach Kent one day during

the recruiting process, and he said,

the green and white of Oregon.

Does that mean he'll have reservations about beating a team from his home country, a team with a uniform that he once wore?

This Crosswhite doesn't hesitate. "I want to beat them," he said.

"By a lot."

Such harsh words about people who are, after all, friends instead of mere names on a preseason roster.

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