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Those three seniors — Philip Ricci, Brian Jackson and Jimmy Haywood — have played in seven Civil Wars without winning one. The Ducks have won 18 of the past 19 matchups between the squads dating back to the 1993-94 season.

But those three seniors have a good chance to win their last one, especially if all three play well. Sort of like Cal's "Big Three," Oregon State's big threesome accounts for most of the team's scoring. All together, they score 42.1 of the Beavers' 69.6 points per game, a 60-percent clip.

When the teams first played, Oregon State's big threesome scored 45 points, mostly because of Ricci's 24.

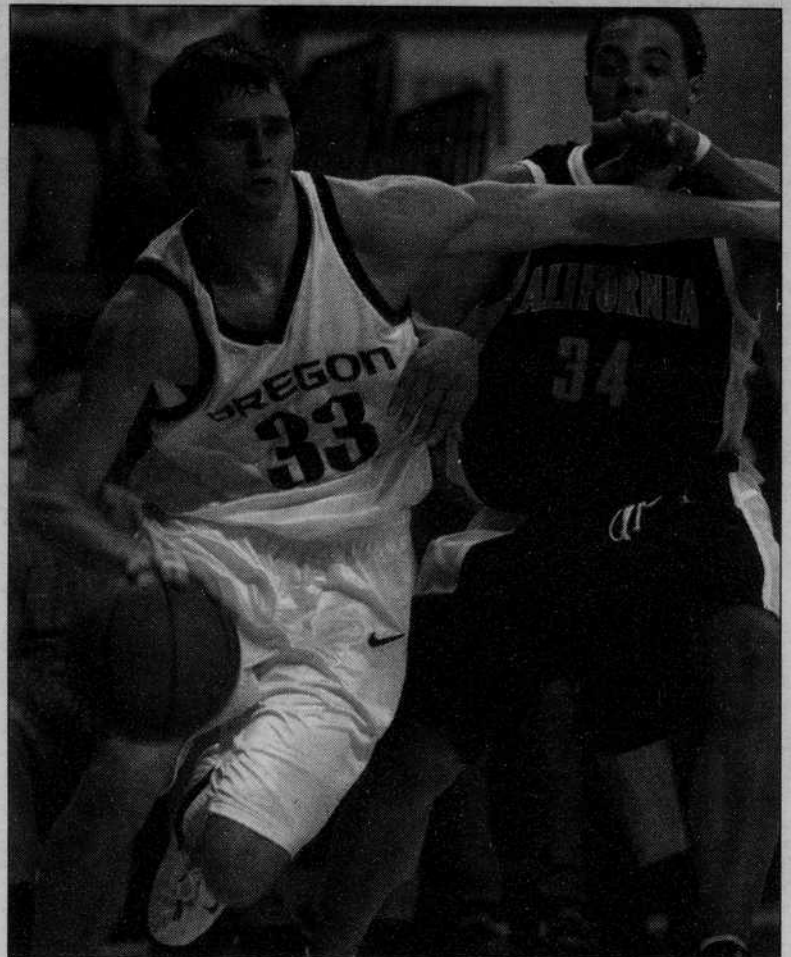
"We want to win," Haywood told reporters Wednesday. "This is the last chance we've got."

As for Oregon, the Ducks will welcome a finally healthy Luke Jackson back into the lineup. Jackson had the stitches removed from his right ring finger after Saturday's loss to Cal, and should be fully healthy for Saturday's game in Corvallis.

Jackson scored 27 points in a gutsy performance against UCLA one week after suffering the injury, but since then has scored 40 points in three games. He had only nine in Oregon's loss to Cal on Saturday.

On the opposite end of the spectrum, redshirt freshman center Matt Short is only having more impact as the season wears on. Short has started the last two games in place of the struggling Brian Helquist, and is expected to start again against Oregon State. He had a career-high 11 points against Cal and is a presence for Oregon inside.

Short will have his hands full against Ricci on Saturday.



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Luke Jackson (33) had his stitches taken out, and he'll play without them against OSU.

"(Ricci) is one of our main go-to guys, and (Oregon's) big guys are not go-to guys," John said. "But they are big bodies, which makes it hard to score down low."

For the Ducks, the Civil War falls into the "must win" column, and they will need their big guys to perform if they want to do it. Oregon is 4-4 away from McArthur Court on the season, and only 1-3 on the Pac-10 road. With five road games remaining, the Ducks have precious little time to sway the NCAA Tourna-

ment selection committee, which frowns upon poor road records. The game Saturday is the first of three on the road for Oregon.

"We have to win all three, but we have to take it game-by-game," Duck guard Andre Joseph said.

The Civil War will tip off at 6 p.m. Saturday at Gill Coliseum. The game is set to be broadcast on the Beaver Sports Network, whose local affiliate is KVAL.

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while Oregon is 9-for-9 in stolen bases.

Winning

With as well as they are playing, the Ducks look to possibly be a force in the Pac-10 once the season starts.

In the first tournament of the preseason, Oregon went 4-1 to win the tournament. The Ducks only loss came in a 3-1 game to Arkansas, when Oregon committed two errors that gave Arkansas the winning runs.

In the most recent tournament, Oregon defeated Southeast Louisiana, then beat No. 9 Florida State, 3-1. The next day, the Ducks beat No. 17 Georgia, 3-2, before taking the tournament with a win over Florida A&M. The back-to-

back wins over Florida State and Georgia marked the first time since 2000 that Oregon has beat ranked teams in back-to-back games.

The Ducks face four teams in the Campbell/Cartier Classic, which was affected Thursday by heavy Southern California rains. The schedule of the tournament was altered.

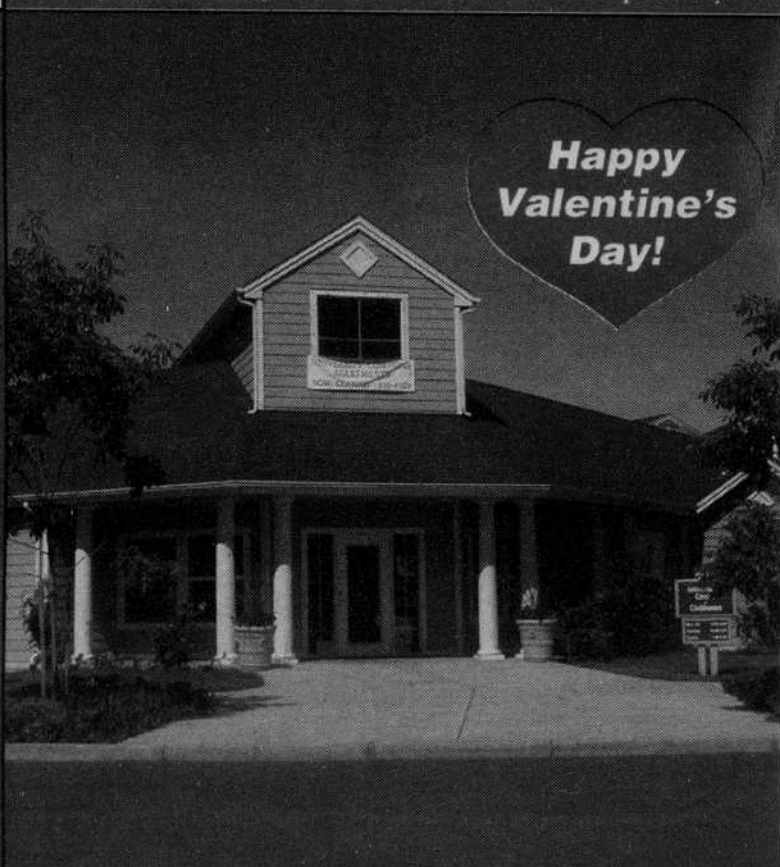
Oregon starts against California-Santa Barbara (9-1) at 5:30 p.m. today. Saturday, the Ducks take on California-State Northridge (3-3) at 10 a.m., and No. 4 Michigan (0-0) at 8 p.m. before closing the tournament against host San Diego State (2-3) at 11:30 a.m. Sunday.

The Campbell/Cartier Classic is Oregon's third preseason tournament of the six in which the Ducks will participate.

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