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Campbell couldn't name any single running back that reminds him of Vincent and couldn't quite say if he would develop into the likes of Smith and Droughns.

But Campbell does know he has talent now, and if he does continue his physical and mental ascent, he will be a productive part of the Oregon offense for the next four years.

"I think he's going to be very good," Campbell said. "I think he'll be mentioned amongst the best if he continues to improve."

To be the best, you've got to work as hard as the best. While Vincent undoubtedly has learned what it takes to improve, he's got another source of inspiration to keep him going.

His cousin is NFL cornerback Troy Vincent, a veteran of 11 seasons with Miami and Philadelphia. He was named, after this season, the Walter Payton NFL Man of the Year.

"Every time when we hang with each other, I see the success he has, him being in the NFL and what he can do for his family," Chris Vincent said. "It just motivates me that he came from a neighborhood in Trenton, N.J., pretty much the ghetto, and now you see what he has. I hope I can do the same for my family."

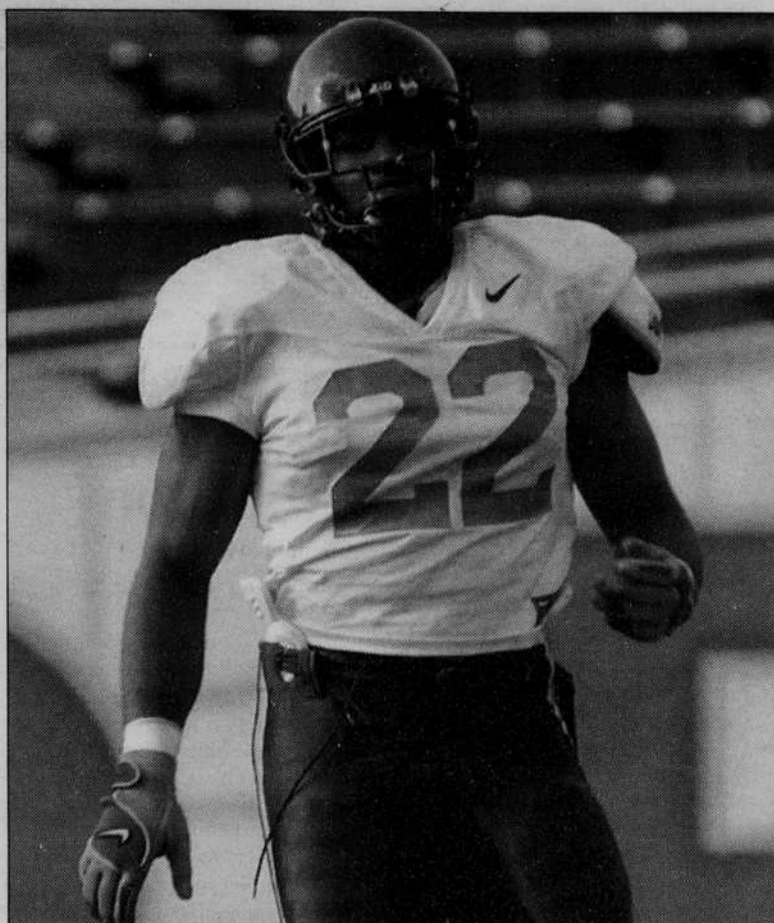
When Troy Vincent, 31, plays three-straight hours of basketball as a training tool, Chris Vincent is right there. When the elder Vincent does his offseason sprints, the younger version is right behind him.

"It's pretty crazy to see all of the things he does," Chris Vincent said. "He still goes out there and performs every Sunday."

If Chris Vincent could choose one word to describe his own play on the field, he would suggest he's a "slasher."

"But I'm able to put a move on somebody," Vincent said.

Off the field, he is just a humble running back looking to get a piece



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Chris Vincent trains in the offseason with his cousin, NFL cornerback Troy Vincent.

## Vincent file

**Born:** Chris Vincent in Philadelphia.

**Before Oregon:** Rushed for 1,245 yards at Neshaminy High School in 1999. Ran for 458 yards and two touchdowns at Valley Forge Military Academy in 2000 as a fifth-year senior. Attended LSU in 2001.

**Oregon:** Redshirted 2002 season after transferring to team in September. Will compete for starting spot in 2003.



Vincent

of the playing pie come fall.

"I just want to go out there and perform, give it all I've got, and basically this summer work hard, and it's really the thing where you work

out hard over the summer and see it pay off during the fall," he said.

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Clemens could win the starting spot from Fife. He isn't afraid to throw through traffic that would make Seattle commuters blush. Fife only threw 10 picks in 13 games last season; Clemens threw one on his very first pass in the Washington game.

Who knew that could be a good thing?

So as the Spring Game unfolds Saturday, think about Clemens. Think about Fife. Think about the fact that it's only spring football. And hope that fall brings a Six Million Dollar Quarterback.

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season. Long passes, short ones, whatever. Parker caught nine more passes for three more touchdowns than any other receiver last season.

Other receivers needed go-go-Gadget arms to catch Fife's passes. Maybe that's why Kellen

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