

Sports briefs

Women's hoops announces signings

Oregon women's basketball head coach Bev Smith announced on Thursday the signing of two high school players for the upcoming season.

Cicely Oaks, from Grant High School in Portland, and Eleanor Haring from Mullaloo, West Australia, will join the team next season. The duo completes a five-member recruiting class expected to pull the Ducks out

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dedicated to Pre. A medal from a high school track meet - silver. I wasn't quite sure what that meant.

And as I was running back down the hill ... oh goodness, this is cheesier than a slice of pizza ... but as I was running back down the hill, I swear Pre ran in front of me. His hair flowing, loping along the street with with his trademark gait, mak-

of their two-year postseason drought. Oaks, a 5-foot-7 guard, averaged 23 points for Grant last season.

"As an Oregon product, we feel that she will be an important contributing member to our women's basketball team," Smith said.

Haring, a forward, played on the Australian national junior team last season.

The Ducks also signed center Jessica Shetters and guards Ash-ley Allen and Kaela Chapdelaine during the initial signing period in November.

-Hank Hager

We must be content with what he gave us.

Pre gave us something we can't put a finger on. Exuberance. Vitality. Life, even in death. Most important, Pre gave us Pre. For that, even those of us who never lived with him

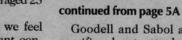
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are forever thankful.

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Softball

Goodell and Sabol also led the sacrifice bunt attack the Ducks worked on throughout the season. Goodell was second in the Pac-10 with nine sacrifice bunts while Sabol and third baseman Lynsey Haij tied for third with eight each.

Haij led the Ducks with a .452 onbase percentage in her senior season. During her career as a Duck, she started every game but four, all at either third or shortstop.

At the opposite corner, senior Alyssa Laux started every game but five. Laux was recently named to the NFCA All-Pacific region second team. Vidlund was also named to the team.

The Ducks' season ended with a 6-4 loss to Louisiana-Lafavette on Sunday in the Region 6 Championship game.

For now, the Arendsen-dubbed "team of destiny" can only sit and watch as four teams it has beaten this season - Washington, California, UCLA and Louisiana-Lafayette — play in the Women's College World Series.

Oregon loses five seniors from the squad after this season. Vidlund, Hutchison, Haij, Laux and Janell Bergstrom will all graduate, leaving the squad in the hands of four soonto-be seniors.

"Our seniors gave us a tremendous experience, and I couldn't be more proud of this ballclub," Arendsen said. 'We had a really great year.'

The offseason will be of a different flavor for the Ducks. Not since the 2000 offseason have the Ducks ended a season with the same head coach who will return in the fall.

Arendsen and her Ducks will now wait for next year and another shot at the WCWS, which they missed by one win this season.

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