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Former Duck point guard Luke Ridnour will find out where he's going during tonight's NBA Draft

> By Jesse Thomas Sports Editor

The first three picks of this year's NBA Draft have lost the element of surprise as the high school star, the 17-year-old European and the Syracuse rookie are already written in stone to go one-two-three.

LeBron James, Darko Milicic and Carmelo Anthony have their names imprinted respectively in the locker rooms of Cleveland, Detroit and Denver.

They are verified. Where former Oregon star Luke Ridnour goes in the draft is not.

But with tonight's live NBA Draft broadcast on ESPN, Ridnour will wait with his family in Blaine, Wash., to see where he plays next season.

Rumors have circulated in recent days that Ridnour could go anywhere from the No. 10 to the No. 20 pick in the first round.

In a recent article on ESPN Insider, Chad Ford predicted, "He'll go as high as the Warriors at No. 11 or he could slip all the way to No. 20 to the Celtics.

But where does Ridnour think he'll go?

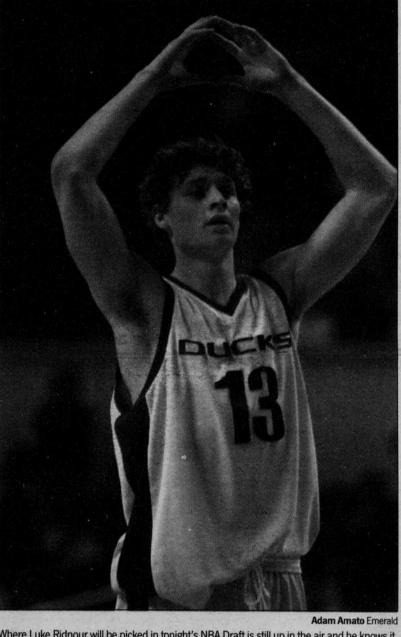
"It's so hard to tell," Ridnour said. "I could be anywhere from

late lottery to 17; anywhere from the first round."

Ridnour is among good company, including players T.J. Ford from Texas, Kirk Hinrich of Kansas, Reece Gaines from Louisville and a handful of players from overseas.

The thing that separates Luke Ridnour from T.J. Ford or Kirk Hinrich, besides his basketball skills, is

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Where Luke Ridnour will be picked in tonight's NBA Draft is still up in the air and he knows it. Rumors and predictions suggest he could go anywhere between 10th and 20th.

UO unaffected by high court race decision

The Supreme Court upheld the University of Michigan's law school admission system but struck down its undergraduate policy; University student reactions were generally positive

> By Jan Tobias Montry Managing Editor

Student leaders on campus and around the state are celebrating the U.S. Supreme Court's affirmative action decision this week, and in the aftermath, the University - which does not use a point-based system - will have to make no adjustments to its admissions policies.

The Supreme Court ruled in a majority opinion written by Justice Sandra Day O'-Connor that universities and colleges can use race as a factor in the admissions process in order to promote diversity in education, but held that quotas were unconstitutional.

The Supreme Court also ruled in a separate opinion that Michigan's undergraduate admissions policy, which gave admissions points to minority groups, was unconstitutional.

University President Dave Frohnmayer expressed optimism about the Supreme Court's decisions.

"I'm happy about it," he said. "First of all it gives clearer direction so we don't have a lot of legalistic debate about affirma-

Frohnmayer said the decision also shows diversity is a "worthy goal," and that educational institutions have a sense of autonomy to meet that goal.

He added that the decision will not affect University policies, given that neither undergraduate programs nor the graduate schools use the same point-based systems that were at issue.

"All of our procedures have been proper under any action of court," he said. "There is nothing, I think, we need to reexamine under the legality of our procedures.

According to the University's affirmative action policy statement, the University recruits and hires "without regard to race, color, sex, national origin, age, religion, marital status, disability, veteran status, sexual orientation, or other extraneous consideration not directly and substantively related to merit or performance.

Like administration officials, many student leaders at the University and state level are also expressing enthusiasm about the Supreme Court's decision.

Oregon Student Association spokeswoman Amelie Welden said it was reassuring for the Supreme Court to maintain that

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Bush, European allies demand Iran nuclear cooperation

The U.S. and Europe are pressuring Iran for compliance in a move that improved recently shaky relations

By Ron Hutcheson

WASHINGTON - President Bush and European leaders demanded Wednesday that Iran end its alleged efforts to develop nuclear weapons, and Bush warned: "If they don't, we'll deal with that."

Echoing the tough talk that was once directed at Iraq, Bush insisted that Iran cooperate with international nuclear inspectors. Inspectors from the International Atomic Energy Agency are seeking more access to Iranian nuclear facilities that could furnish materials for nuclear weapons.

U.S. intelligence officials say Iran appears to have accelerated its weapons program in recent months. Iran denies it is trying to develop nuclear weapons.

Bush declined to say how he would respond if Iran fails to cooperate with the international inspectors.

"Iran must comply. The free world hard feelings from the war with Iraq, agreements over Iraq, global warming expects Iran to comply. Just leave it at that," he said.

Senior U.S. officials, however, acknowledge that with substantial American ground forces tied down in Iraq, Afghanistan and South Korea, an attack similar to the one on Iraq isn't possible. But they said the United States had more than enough air power to destroy Iran's nuclear facilities.

The president delivered the warning after meeting with leaders from the European Union in an effort to put aside which many of them opposed. The European visitors endorsed Bush's call for more stringent weapons inspections in Iran, but steered clear of any talk of what to do if Iran fails to cooperate.

So far, Europe and the United States are cooperating on Iran policy. The EU, for example, has refused to sign a trade deal with Iran until Iran opens the door to full U.N. nuclear

Bush and his guests seemed eager to move beyond any previous disand other issues. The leaders agreed to work together to fight terrorism, promote global trade, seek peace in the Middle East and stop the spread of nuclear weapons.

They also agreed to negotiate an Open Skies agreement that would increase competition in international airline service.

"When Europe and the United States are united, no problem and no enemy can stand against us," said

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