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Senior linebacker Kevin Mitchell, who will play his final home game Saturday, has more than 350 tackles in his Oregon career.

An AUTZEN farewell

Saturday's game against Oregon State marks the final game at Autzen for Oregon's senior players

By Hank Hager
Sports Editor

One-by-one, they'll come through the Autzen Stadium tunnel, roaring through as their names are announced by Don Essig, the public address announcer.

They'll have the 56,000-plus in attendance cheer at the top of their lungs, mostly for what they've helped accomplish in the last four or five years, but also for the memories they've afforded Oregon's faithful.

Such is the life of a graduating senior on Civil War Saturday.

"It's going to be exciting, but at the same time, a little bit sad," fullback Matt Floberg said. "I'll miss it, but it's the Civil War, so my mind will be on other things."

Floberg is one of a number of seniors who will step through the tunnel

for the last time. That list includes quarterback Jason Fife, a catalyst in the Oregon offense for the past two seasons; linebacker Kevin Mitchell, by all accounts the heart and soul of the Ducks' defense seemingly since he stepped on the field for the first time in 2000; and center Dan Weaver, a former walk-on who battled the odds to earn a scholarship.

There are players leaving like wide receiver Samie Parker, who has been one of the fastest players in the nation.

Keith Lewis, almost a once-in-a-lifetime find at Oregon, will leave as one of the most consistent members of the secondary in recent memory.

Then there are players like defensive linemen Junior Siavii and Quinn Dorsey, whose careers in Eugene have taken different twists and turns. Siavii's career came to Oregon after one season at Butte Junior College, while Dorsey sat out the entire 2002 season because of personal reasons. He came back after five-game suspension this season stemming from an

NCAA violation and has given depth to a depleted line.

"I think they've done a very good job," Oregon head coach Mike Bellotti said of his team's seniors. "Obviously it's hasn't been a huge group, but I think they've hung together and helped turn this season around, and I'm very proud of them. I'm going to miss every one of them. They're a great group of kids who have left their mark on the field and some of them have been great leaders, in terms of keeping the laugh quotient available for the team, and others have done it on the field."

The group is leaving after seeing some of the best years of Oregon football.

For the members of the group who have been with the Ducks for five seasons — such as Mitchell, Fife and Parker — they've helped accumulate a 44-16 record through that span. The four-year players, like Lewis and Floberg, will enter the game against Oregon State with a 35-13 record.

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UO players teach each other about Civil War's importance

Athletes from outside Oregon quickly learn about the importance of the Civil War upon arrival

By Jon Roetman
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The emotion of the Civil War is something that Duck and Beaver fans experience every year.

The concept seems natural from a spectator's point of view: The guys in

the green and yellow hate the guys in the black and orange.

Right?

It's not that simple.

Unlike those who grew up in Oregon and were taught at a young age which university to despise, most of the athletes who grace the Ducks roster are from another state.

Jerry Matson, Kevin Mitchell and Demetrius Williams are three such players who weren't born into disliking Oregon State, instead acquiring a hatred of the Beavers upon their ar-

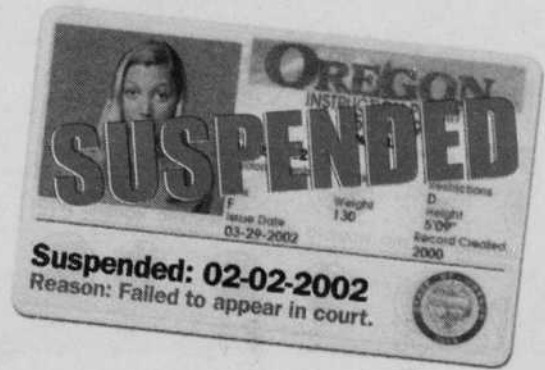
rival to Eugene.

Matson, a native of Edmonds, Wash., said once an athlete comes to Oregon, he is immediately accepted by his peers and the fans. They quickly drill the importance of the rivalry into the player's mind.

"Between 60,000 fans and the hundreds of people you know, they don't let you feel like an outsider," the junior linebacker said. "The first year you're here, you kind of get a feel for how important it is. Then, once you

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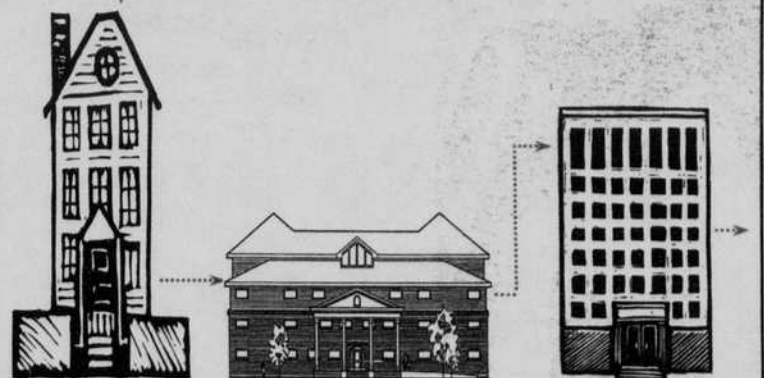
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