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Kraayeveld tears ACL, is out for the season

The senior forward will likely have surgery in several weeks to repair the ACL in her right knee injured on Tuesday

By Jon Roetman
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Oregon senior Cathrine Kraayeveld tore the anterior cruciate ligament in her right knee during Tuesday's practice at Morse Event Center, located at Northwest Christian College.

The 6-foot-4 forward is expected to miss the remainder of the season as a medical redshirt, head coach Bev Smith said Wednesday. Kraayeveld

injured her knee while making a cut during drills. The All-American candidate was leading the team in points per game (17.2), rebounds per game (8.6), blocked shots (16) and three-pointers made (11).

"We were doing a post drill, and I just went to cut and (my knee) locked on me and it kind of gave way," Kraayeveld said. "I don't know how to explain it. I was going, and all of the sudden I was on the ground."

Kraayeveld said she considered trying to play, but didn't want to risk further injury. She will likely have surgery in a couple weeks after the swelling subsides. Rehabilitation for this type of injury generally takes 4-

to-6 months.

She also missed 13 games last season with a staph infection in the same knee.

Despite being sidelined, Smith said Kraayeveld will still play a major role in the team's success in maintaining her role as a senior leader.

"We're certainly going to miss her, but she's going to be fine — she's alive, she's well, she's healthy and she's going to be a part of our team," Smith said. "She's not going to be able to contribute like she has on the floor, but I think it opens up a great opportunity to step up and certainly our younger players to develop."

"She's a great leader. That is why I think we're a great team; because we

have great leadership from Cathrine."

Kraayeveld said being forced to sit out 13 games last season is helping her deal with Tuesday's ACL injury. She added that she wants to stay upbeat and help the team keep a positive attitude.

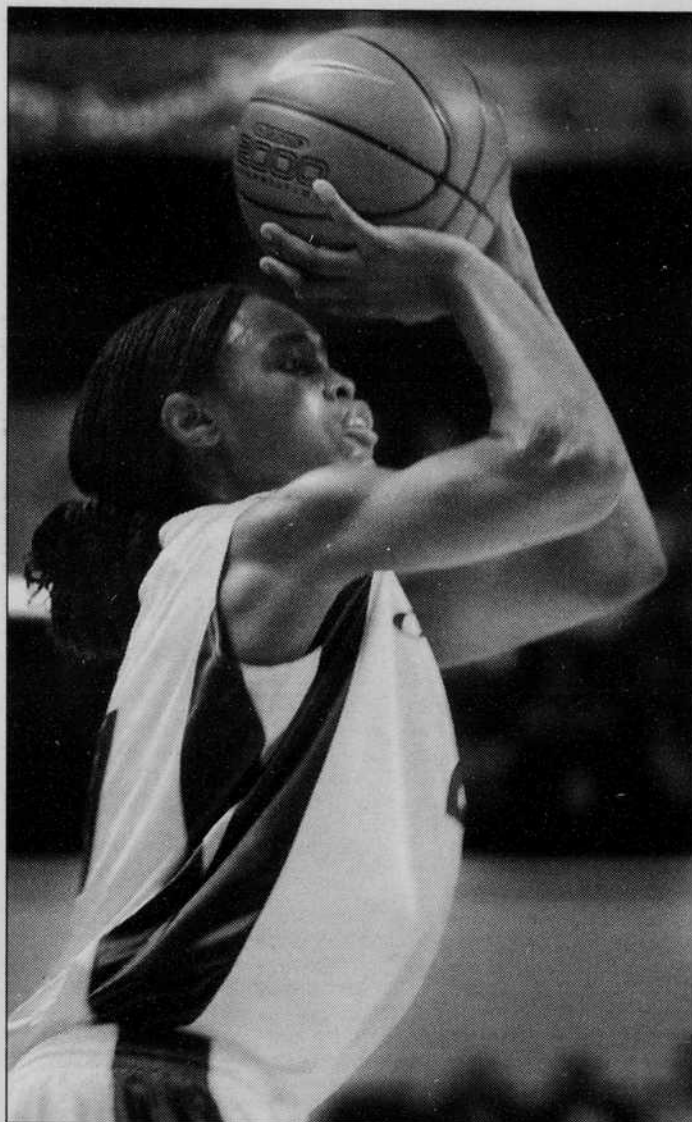
"I'm doing pretty good," Kraayeveld said. "It's kind of like the situation last year when I was out. I try not to get too down about it because that would affect my teammates. I just try to keep my head up about it and take it how it is."

With arguably their best player out for the season, the rest of the Ducks will need take their games to a higher level. Carolyn Ganes will

take Kraayeveld's spot in tonight's starting lineup against Portland. The sophomore was thrust into action last year during Kraayeveld's 13-game absence. She responded last season by averaging 10.9 points per game en route to Pac-10 All-Freshman team honors.

"Obviously I'm not going to be able to completely replace Cat; I don't think anyone really could," Ganes said. "I'm just going to try to help make it a little bit easier for everyone out on the court. I think everyone's ready to pick up the pace."

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Guard Brandi Davis posted her only career double-double last season.

Oregon travels north to Portland for test against intra-state rival

The Ducks face a 1-2 Pilots team tonight in Oregon's second road game of the season

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With one starter injured but having a deep bench to help compensate, Oregon takes to the road for a 5:15 game tonight at University of Portland's Chiles Center.

Although their leading scorer, Cathrine Kraayeveld, is out with an injury, the No. 20 Ducks (5-0) are in the midst of their best start with head coach Bev Smith at the helm.

"(We're) very excited, but we've just got to keep it going, keep playing as hard as we can and not get too cocky about the 5-0," center Andrea Bills said.

To continue their streak, the Ducks will have to account for lost production — offensively and defensively — with the injury to the senior forward.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Kraayeveld leads the team with 8.6 rebounds per game, but the Ducks are at a loss for her rebounds and 17.2 points per game this week. She injured her right anterior cruciate ligament in Tuesday's practice, and an MRI that afternoon showed it was torn. She will likely be out for the season, but a re-evaluation will be made on her injured knee early next week.

"I don't know if you replace Cathrine, that's very difficult," Smith said. "I think we have very good depth. We have very good chemistry and we have very confident young women who are looking at this as an opportunity."

Sophomore Carolyn Ganes is expected to start in place of Kraayeveld. Ganes is averaging six points per game and 3.4 rebounds per game. She scored four points and added three rebounds in the Ducks' most recent game.

Oregon is coming off its second-consecutive tournament championship after the Ducks grabbed an 83-78 victory

against North Carolina State on Saturday in the Oregon Classic.

While a surge led by guard Kayla Steen put them ahead in the second half, the Ducks were out-rebounded, 39-25, by a taller Wolfpack team.

Oregon has been out-rebounded in one other game this season, in a 76-67 win against then-No. 9 Louisiana State.

"We've worked on rebounding still," Smith said. "We have to become much better on finishing plays and we've got a lot of emphasis again on that area and we just have to make sure we're showing up with our guards rebounding because that's been a problem."

Oregon's two starting guards, Corrie Mizusawa and Brandi Davis, have a 4.4 rebounds per game average this season.

Regardless of who is on the court for Oregon, the Ducks know they have their work cut out for them against a Pilot team that beat the Ducks, 77-73, two years ago, the last time the teams faced off at Chiles Center.

"It's going to be about us and making sure we play how we know we need to play," forward Kedzie Gunderson said. "(We have to) make sure that we play at our level and not down to the level of our competitor."

The Pilots (1-2) got their first win of the season Tuesday when they beat Western Oregon, 58-41. Senior forward Khalila O'Reilly-Williams led Portland with 17 points and added five steals, four rebounds and two blocked shots.

Portland out-rebounded the Wolves, 41-38, on Tuesday with guard Whitney Grant leading the way with six rebounds.

"We've really been focusing on rebounding the last couple days in practice," Gunderson said. "(Portland's) going to be our opportunity to come back and prove to ourselves that we can be a strong rebounding team."

In practice, the Ducks have been addressing their need for rebounds. Offensively, they're hitting 46.6 percent of their field goal attempts and 66 percent on free throws, making for a 69.2 points per game average. The team has held opponents to 60

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THG appears not to affect collegiate sports community

THG, a new 'designer steroid' in the professional sports world, is not being tested for by the NCAA

By Jesse Thomas
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A newly discovered steroid, known as THG or tetrahydrogestrinone, has been a headlining controversy in the professional track and field sports world, but so far has no concrete ties to collegiate sports.

That's according to athletes and experts who are associated with collegiate sports.

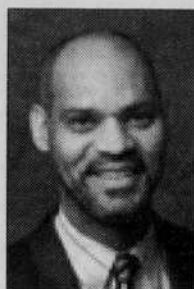
Several professional athletes have been subpoenaed recently to appear before a federal grand jury in San Francisco after being identified as customers of the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative (BALCO). BALCO has been a main focus of the jury for selling THG.

Professional athletes that have tested positive for THG include shot putter Kevin Toth, middle-distance runner Regina Jacobs, European 100-meter champion Dwain Chambers and hammer thrower John McEwen, according to the San Jose Mercury News.

"I don't agree with what they've done," Oregon javelin thrower Adam Jenkins said. "Even like creatine or any performance-enhancing drug — anything like that is somewhat of cheating yourself."

The NCAA conducts year-round testing in football and track and field. Testing is also conducted at postseason championship events for all sports. The tests include looking for steroids, diuretics and urine manipulators, although the NCAA does not test for THG.

"We currently are not testing for THG, but we are in the process of working out



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the procedures to include that in our drug testing," said Mary Wilfert, NCAA program coordinator for health and safety in a Nov. 18 teleconference.

THG was described as a "new chemical entity" by Dr. Don Catlin of the Olympic Analytical Laboratory at UCLA in an article on <http://www.ESPN.com>.

Catlin was unavailable for comment.

THG has been classified as a "designer steroid." According to Catlin, it has the characteristics of an anabolic steroid. The NCAA lists anabolic steroids as one of many banned drugs in collegiate sports.

"The NCAA tests for steroids in both its year-round and championship testing program," Wilfert said. "In our list of NCAA-banned substances we identify some specific steroids, and we also identify related compounds so that any others that aren't specifically detailed on the list are also

considered banned."

Anabolic steroids are synthetic versions of testosterone. Such steroids are used in medicine to treat certain illnesses, but athletes use them illegally to build muscle mass.

Peter Roby, director for the Northeastern University Center for the Study of Sport in Society, said there is "probably already an issue" in collegiate athletics with THG.

Yet Roby believes there are probably fewer reasons for college athletes to engage in such activity because they don't deal with the money issues involved in professional sports.

At one time, THG was undetectable. Originally, when tested, THG disintegrated in dried urine samples, but Catlin was able to find a new process that keeps THG from disintegrating, ESPN.com reported.

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