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but we haven't accomplished anything yet," Smith said. "We certainly have a long ways to go. Just moving forward and not being satisfied with a simple win."

Smith said the squad has learned some lessons this week that she hopes they keep with them.

What Smith doesn't want is for the team to take two steps backward like they did against Washington five days after a victory against Oregon State.

"(The WSU win) was a real big bounce back for our team," Davis said. "I think it says a lot about our team as far as being able to bounce back from difficult situations. We're just going to look forward to taking those mistakes (against Washington) and make those a strength in other games."

Redshirts take reins

Although her first start was an ominous game, sophomore transfer Chelsea Wagner is now in the starting five.

Wagner and point guard Corrie Mizusawa spent the 2002-2003 season as redshirts to meet transfer requirements. Now, one year removed from playing with the three guys who make up Oregon's practice team, Wagner and Mizusawa are two of the five that lead Oregon at tipoff.

"Last year it was obviously a huge goal for both of us to start," Wagner said. "It's just awesome that we get this opportunity to play together. I'm excited."

Mizusawa has started all 17 games this season, while Wagner started at Washington for the first time as a Duck.

"It's pretty awesome," Wagner said. "I was getting playing time, so it didn't really matter, but it was definitely fun. It felt really good."

Wagner started 14 games in her freshman season at Hawaii. Mizusawa started 41 games in her time at Saint Mary's.

On the mend

Wagner has missed three practices since she twisted her left knee in the Washington game Thursday. She did-



Adam Amato Senior Photographer

Chelsea Wagner began her first few games as a Duck on the Washington road trip.

n't practice Friday in Pullman or Monday and Tuesday after the team returned to Eugene. She played 25 minutes in Saturday's victory.

"It's just continued to stay swollen, so I'm getting an MRI just to make sure," Wagner said.

Her MRI was scheduled for Tuesday evening.

Sophomore Carolyn Ganes is still nursing an ankle injury she sustained during practice the week before the Oregon State game. Ganes said she is

sitting out practice to give her ankle a chance to heal. She played 18 minutes against Oregon State, 20 minutes at Washington and seven minutes at Washington State.

"Mostly just a little bit of sickness and flu floating around," Smith said. "Ashley (Allen) got an ankle sprain (in Tuesday's practice). It's not serious but enough to possibly miss a practice."

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pan out as they are supposed to.

"Freddie Jones and Jamison Brewer can't shoot," Walton wrote. "Who needs to guard them?"

Ouch.

If it happened today

Predicting the NBA Draft is an inexact science, but NBADraft.net gives its best attempt at doing so.

The site has Jackson going 23rd over-

all in the first round to New Orleans.

The Web Site lists the forward as the 13th-best senior in the nation.

No other Ducks made the draft list.

Contact the sports editor at hankhager@dailyemerald.com.

SPORTS BRIEF

Dallas assistant expected to be new head coach in Oakland

The Oakland Raiders will name Dallas Cowboys assistant head coach/quarterbacks coach Sean Payton head coach after a three-week search to find a successor to Bill Callahan, Cowboys offensive coordinator Maurice Carthon said Tuesday afternoon.

"I'm out of the running," Carthon said when reached at his office at the Cowboys' complex in Irving, Texas. "They're going to go in a different direction. Sean's going to get that job. He's out there now working out the details, and it could be announced (any day). Sean's their guy."

Payton was unavailable for comment. Raiders team spokesman Artie Gigantino said he didn't have any confirmation on Payton's imminent hiring.

A source close to Raiders managing general partner Al Davis said Davis told him Monday night that he was set to name a coach by the end of the week but didn't mention a name.

Payton's deal is reportedly for four years at an average of \$1.3 million per season.

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