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## Oregon's signees anchored by Colvin

The Ducks' recruiting class features four players from the state of Oregon and 30 overall

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Oregon football head coach Mike Bellotti announced a recruiting class of 30 players Wednesday, but it was the final recruit who garnered the most attention.

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More than half an hour after Bellotti announced the initial 29, De La

Salle High School's Cameron Colvin told a national audience during ESPN's "Sports-Center" that he had chosen the Ducks over Southern California and Michigan.

"I think that he's a great young man that we're very proud and pleased to choose Oregon," Bellotti said. "I know the people recruiting him — (defensive coordinator) Nick Aliotti and (wide receivers coach) Dan Ferrigno — felt we were in it.

"I think it puts an exclamation point on that recruiting class."

Colvin, a 6-foot-2 wide receiver, was ranked as the fifth-best player at the position. This season, he racked up 29 receptions for 470 yards and nine touchdowns for the Spartans. He was academically ineligible the first five games of the season, but was still in the top five of most recruiting lists. Bellotti did say that he is on track to graduate and will be eligible to attend Oregon.

Colvin became the fourth player from the Concord, Calif., school to commit to the Ducks this season. Cornerbacks Jackie Bates and Willie Gasper and safety Terrance Kelly were announced with the initial 29 players.

Next season, the Ducks will have six players on their roster from De La Salle. Cornerback Charles Favroth will return for his senior season in 2004, and wide receiver Demetrius Williams will be a junior.

"These young men know how to win," Bellotti said, alluding to the Spartans' 151-game winning streak.

Bellotti proved quality is worth just as much as quantity with his recruiting class.

Of Oregon's signees, 17 come from the defensive side of the ball. Seven of the 13 offensive players are linemen, including Aaron Klovas, a 6-foot-6 Graham, Wash., native.

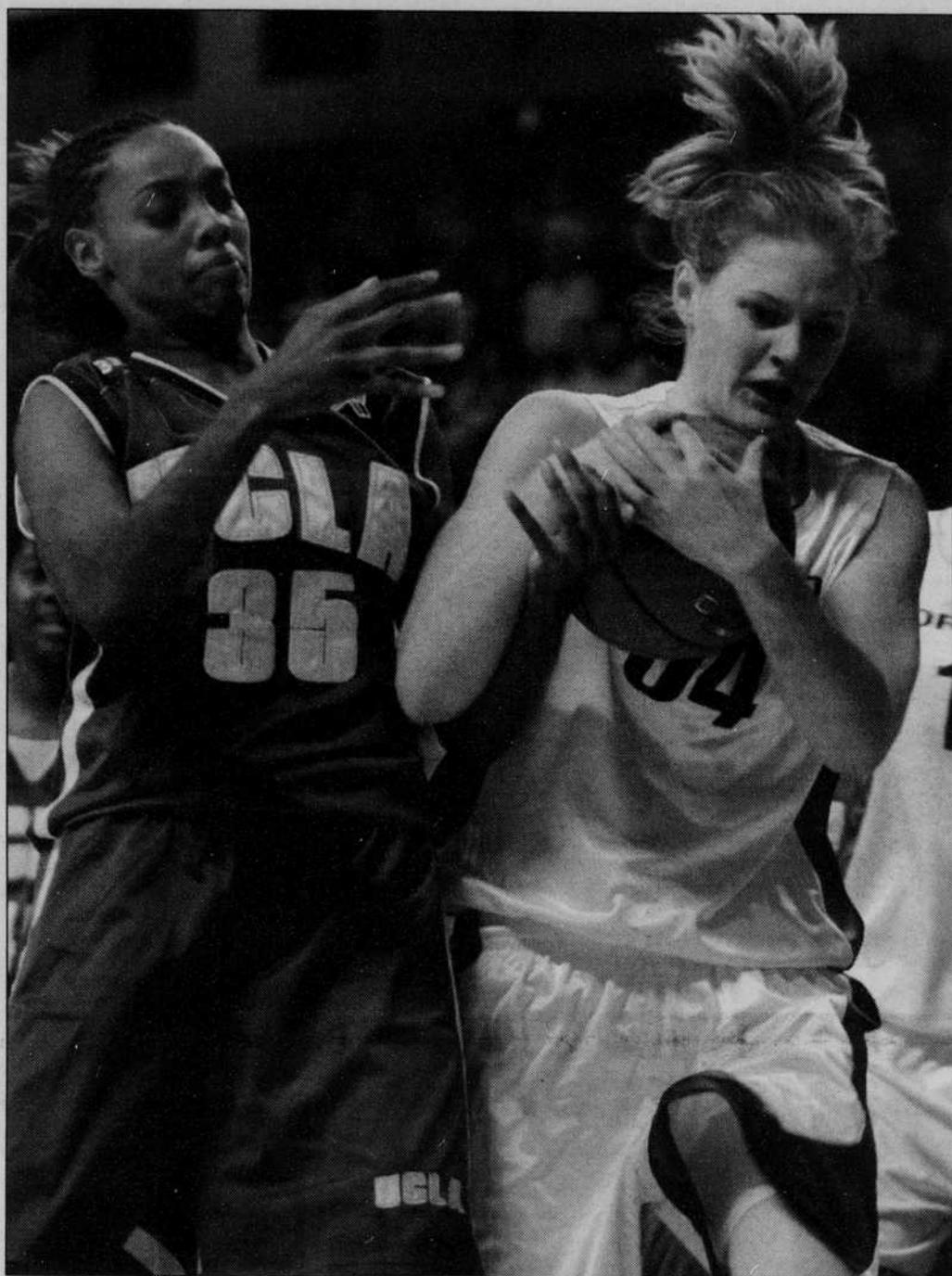
Klovas is "probably one of the most decorated and highly-ranked players we've recruited," Bellotti said. "He is a physically talented young man."

The Ducks' haul earned Oregon a No. 12 ranking by Rivals.com. TheInsiders.com ranked the Ducks 20th early Wednesday, but Colvin's signing is expected to bring the Ducks down to the top 15, or lower, by Thursday.

Also, this current haul includes exclusively high school players — the first time, Bellotti said, he has not signed a junior college player during a recruiting period. That's a surprise, especially considering the list of junior college players the Ducks have signed in the past, including Maurice Morris, Saladin McCullough and, most recently, Rodney Woods.

"Ideally, most coaches would say you want to go with high school players,"

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Adam Amato Senior Photographer

Eleanor Haring moved from her home in Perth, Australia, two years before coming to Oregon.

## Success from down under

Eleanor Haring's love for basketball has helped her at Oregon

By Jon Roetman  
Sports Reporter

Moving to Eugene from Portland can be too much for some to handle.

Moving to Eugene from Australia? Unthinkable for most.

For Eleanor Haring, however, the move across the world was just part of playing the game she loves: basketball.

As a freshman on the Oregon women's basketball team, Haring has been able to contribute immediately as one of the most experienced newcomers the Ducks have ever had.

Unlike many freshmen, Haring was well prepared for the college-bound venture.

Haring's family moved from Rochester, Australia, to Perth when she was 8 years old, and she started playing competitive basketball at age 11.

At 16, Haring moved away from home to attend the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra, located roughly 2,200 miles east of Perth.

She spent her first year at AIS finishing the 12th grade and playing basketball. Her second year was spent working in the institute's department of nutrition while she and the rest of the basketball team competed as the only amateur squad in the eight-team Women's National Basketball League.

Haring said moving away from her family at a young age helped make the transition to college in

the United States a lot easier.

"It probably would have been a bit different if I hadn't gone away for those two years," Haring said. "I don't think the transition would have been that smooth. But since I'd been through that, it was really easy for me to come over here and get into the swing of things."

Several U.S. colleges showed interest in Haring while she was at AIS because of her tremendous — yet raw — athletic ability.

Oregon head coach Bev Smith was one of those interested in the 6-foot-1 forward. Smith knew the AIS women's basketball senior coach, Phil Brown, enabling her to start a relationship with Haring over the phone. After several calls, Haring decided Oregon was where she wanted to go, making her the fifth Australian native to play for the Ducks since 1997.

It didn't take long for Haring to adjust to life in Eugene once she arrived in 2003. The noted hamburger lover said the city has many similarities to her homeland, with the only differences being the weather and countless high-calorie food options.

"Eugene is actually very similar to Perth," Haring said. "People are very friendly ... (but) there's so much fast food here. I'm not used to having Wendy's and every fast food place imaginable."

Regardless of her surroundings, Haring has always been focused on improving herself as a

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## ISU player dies after collapsing on field

Idaho State rugby player Mike Sims died Monday at Sacred Heart Medical Center

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Mike Sims, a 21-year-old Idaho State rugby player, died Monday after collapsing Saturday afternoon during a match against Oregon's Club rugby team at Southbank field. It was the team's second and last match of the day.

### Club Sports

Oregon's Club Sports Coordinator Sandy Vaughn said

Sims collapsed after a play, and Oregon's athletic trainer immediately called for emergency support. Sims was transported by ambulance to Sacred Heart Medical Center and was listed in critical condition. He remained at Sacred Heart and was taken off life support Monday afternoon. He died shortly thereafter.

Vaughn said these type of incidents rarely occur, but when they do it takes the importance and the meaning of teammates to a whole different level.

"This definitely brings a student group

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## Doubles Swiss duos lead way for tennis

Strong doubles play has carried the Oregon men and women to undefeated records thus far

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The play of the Oregon men and women's doubles teams has been the overriding fear so far in the first weeks of the dual match season.

With seven points up for grabs in a dual match, Oregon has taken the advantage after three doubles matches to win the first point. The Ducks have carried that momentum from doubles into

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the six singles matches, each worth one point as well.

The men, who are a perfect 4-0 this year, are just as perfect in doubles matches, racking up a 12-0 record.

"We started off well in doubles and that carried over into (our) singles (matches)," assistant coach Ross Duncan said after Saturday's win against Louisiana-Lafayette.

The No. 2 doubles team, composed of sophomore Thomas Bieri and junior

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