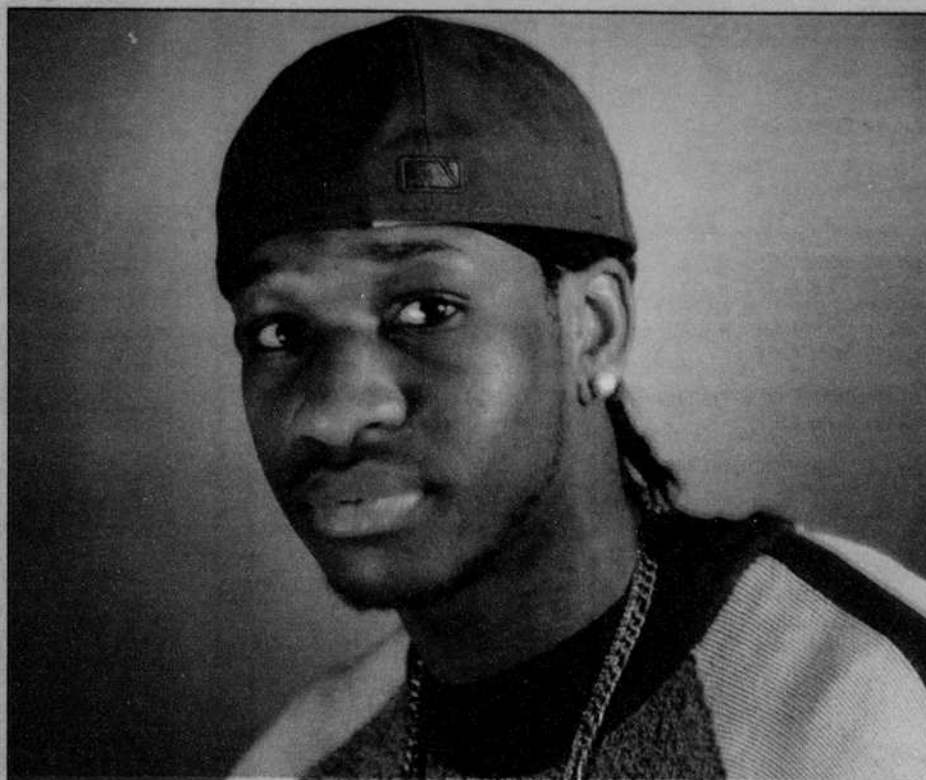
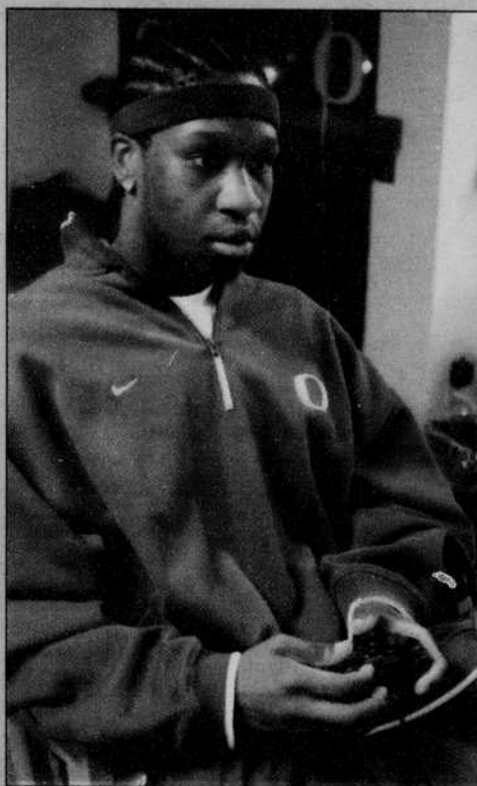


CHAMBERLAIN OGUCHI



Heralded as one of the University's best recruiting classes, the 100th year of men's basketball at Oregon is dominated by its youngest.

Young. Talented. Fresh into conference play.

Freshman Chamberlain Oguchi starts a five-part Friday photo series providing a closer look at Oregon's newest recruits.

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By DANIELLE HICKEY | PHOTO EDITOR

Nickname: Champ

Likes:
Video
games
and
dominoes

Hometown:
Houston,
Texas

Goal:
"Be the best player
that I can be here
at Oregon."

The Mac Court experience:

"I like having 9,000 people all rooting for you. It's a good feeling, especially when they are all chanting your name."

Favorite NBA player: Vince Carter
Player looked up to growing up: Clyde Drexler

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Women's basketball

Oregon outlasts rival Washington in victory

Despite Chelsea Wagner's second-half knee injury, the Ducks outduel the Huskies 86-77

BY BRIAN SMITH
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On a night where individuals were matching or surpassing career-highs, the Oregon women's basketball team needed a true team performance against Washington.

Behind four Ducks scoring in double figures, Oregon matched multiple runs by Washington to survive 86-77 in front of 3,970 at Mac Court on Thursday.

"I think everyone came on for us tonight," Oregon head

coach Bev Smith said. "There was some tough moments, but we showed some fight. I didn't think we had 86 points in us tonight, but we got it done. I give Washington a lot of credit. They played great."

Oregon improved to 11-4 overall and 4-2 in the Pacific-10 Conference while Washington fell to 6-11 overall and 2-5 in the Pac-10.

The Ducks victory was tempered, however, when junior guard Chelsea Wagner suffered a knee injury with 7:54 left in

the second half. She returned to the bench later in the game.

"I was just trying to play defense and stay in front of the girl," Wagner said. "And I went for a change of direction, and my left leg stopped. There was a little bit of a pop and a lot of pressure."

Smith said she was unaware of the extent of the injury, saying only that doctors would perform tests late Thursday night and would hopefully have a diagnosis today.

Wagner's knee injury ended a career night for the native of Springfield, Ore.

With 10:30 left in the second

Men's basketball

Huskies ruffle Ducks' feathers early, win 77-56

Washington jumped out to a 25-5 lead in the first half and hardly looked back

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SEATTLE — The Oregon men's basketball team entered Thursday's showdown against No. 14 Washington with a huge question waiting to be answered.

How would the youthful Ducks handle their first Pacific-10 Conference road game of the season?

The answer: not well.

Washington played with more hunger from the opening tip and buried

Oregon 77-56 in front of 10,000 fans at Bank of America Arena.

The Huskies (14-2 overall, 4-1 Pac-10) jumped out to a 12-0 advantage and built a 25-5 lead 10 minutes into the first half. The Ducks were beaten to every loose ball, played hesitantly on offense and appeared intimidated by Washington's aggressiveness and its raucous sellout crowd.

"We didn't respond early to the pressure defense that (Washington) put on us,"

Oregon guard Bryce Taylor said. "We kept turning the ball over. I think we got off to such a terrible start that we put ourselves in too deep of a hole to come back."

Oregon (10-3, 2-2) entered the game knowing it would need a big night from point guard Aaron Brooks in order to hang with its offensive-minded Northwest rival. What the Ducks got, however, was anything but his best performance.

The Seattle native, playing for the first time as a Duck back in his hometown, got in early foul trouble and was