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Why do some places evoke deep feelings in us while others leave us cold? This course will explore a range of beautiful places from around the world in order to answer this question. As such, it offers a holistic view of how great places are made and why they continue to evoke deep feelings even hundreds of years later.

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■ In my opinion

Let's hope this season's sequel is much better than the original

After three seasons of distinct memories and memorable players, what can a fan, a player or a coach take away from the Oregon men's 2004-05 basketball season?

In the 2001-02 season the Ducks had Fred Jones, Luke Ridnour and Luke Jackson and the amazing run to the Elite Eight.

In the 2002-03 season Oregon won the Pacific-10 Conference Tournament with Luke and Luke.

In the 2003-04 season the last remaining Luke provided McArthur Court with one of the most spectacular games it has ever seen when he scored 29 straight points to help Oregon recover from an 18-point second-half deficit to beat Colorado in the opening round of the National Invitation Tournament.

Well maybe this season will be known as the slight bump in the road before another great run by the Ducks — the year the pieces were there, but they never quite fit together.

There were so many close games and moments where it seemed this team could pull it together and make a run at the tournament.

It was a matter of free throws against Washington when the Ducks lost at home to the then-ranked No. 11 Huskies 95-88 in overtime at Mac Court. The Ducks shot a school-record 54 free throws, but connected on only 33 of them.

There was the game against Arizona State in which the Ducks were up by 13 points early and self-destructed against the Sun Devils.

Speaking of the Sun Devils, the Ducks lost to them at home and shot a



CLAYTON JONES
SEVENTH INNING STRETCH

disgusting 28.6 percent from the field and an even worse 4 of 34 (11.8 percent) from behind the three-point arc.

During the Stanford game at Mac Court the Ducks seemed to have control of the game until they went on a dry spell and didn't hit a field goal in the last four minutes of the game.

There are more examples of Oregon losses that could've easily been wins. From the Oregon State game at Gill Coliseum to the UCLA contest in the second game of the conference to the Cal game at Haas Pavilion, the Ducks could have an additional five or six conference wins, and I would be writing about an NCAA berth, not a what-could've-been rant.

This season's team might also be known for something else.

Maybe it's the season of overhyped and unrealistic expectations.

Everyone (including myself) put the weight of the program on a team made up of a majority of underclassmen.

For most of the season, two of the starters (Malik Hairston and Bryce Taylor) had never played in a college basketball atmosphere.

Starting point guard Aaron Brooks missed a lot of time last season with an injury, and their most experienced

player, Ian Crosswhite, was kicked off the team for unspecified reasons.

Maybe this season will be remembered as the one that gave us all a glimpse of the future.

With everyone returning next season (right Malik?), the Ducks will have a season under their belt and should be ready to make a bigger splash in the conference race.

With Brooks gaining more and more experience at the point and cutting down his mistakes, Oregon will be a dangerous ball club.

At the other guard spot, the Ducks will have a great amount of depth with Taylor and Chamberlain "never found a shot I didn't like" Oguchi.

Taylor's streakiness will probably subside, and I was impressed by Oguchi's play at the end of the year more than anybody's.

Hairston should solidify himself as one of the best players in the conference next season at the small forward position and Maarty Leunen will have an offseason of working out to bulk up and improve his already talented game.

And in the middle, Ray Schafer will look to improve his consistency on the floor while still bringing tenacity and fire. Mitch Platt looks as if his offensive game is improving and with his 6-foot-10, 265-pound frame, he should be a force inside.

So while the memories aren't as great as those from previous seasons, this year might just be the prequel to a spectacular main event for the next few years to come.

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■ In my opinion

Drink up, Oregon: Landing in Seattle just what Ducks needed

Sunday's NCAA Selection Show was taking a toll on Oregon women's head coach Bev Smith.

After it ended, Smith jokingly admitted to the crowd of about 200 at McArthur Court that she needed a drink.

Smith and the Ducks had just secured a berth in the 2005 NCAA Tournament, marking the first career bid as a coach for Smith and the first for the Ducks since 2000-01.

So it wasn't a drink out of futility or frustration.

It was a drink of celebration.

More importantly, Smith and her team deserve it. So enjoy that 'drink,' because it was a reward for a season that could have gone in many directions, but instead a team came out and refused to let that happen.

"To see that 'O' up there on national television, on ESPN, is just fantastic for our team, for our program, for our university and for the community of Eugene," Smith said. "I'm just so, so excited and so proud of our team, and how they played this year."

The Ducks were also rewarded by



BRIAN SMITH
LEFTY SPECIALIST

the selection committee by being placed in Seattle for their first and possibly second round tournament games.

"We're really excited to be in Seattle," Oregon senior Cathrine Kraayeveld said. "We feel like it can be essentially a home court for us. It's so close, and we're going to get a lot of fans hopefully."

The recent house of horrors that is Bank of America Arena will now serve as the home away from home for the Ducks.

In the last two games in Seattle, the Ducks have lost by a combined 71 points.

But that was against the Huskies. On Saturday, Washington's home court will become neutral.

No Dawgs. No Washington fight song.

By the way, the Ducks are 4-1 this year on neutral courts.

Interstate-5 will serve as a direct pipeline for the Mac Court fans and Mac Court mojo.

"We're excited," Oregon senior Corrie Mizusawa said. "We're going to Seattle, having all of our fans come up there. We feel we can make some noise up there."

That mojo led the Ducks to a 9-0 conference record in Eugene, and now Oregon doesn't have to worry about seeing if that magic could extend to the Chattanooga, Tenn., Kansas City, Mo., or Philadelphia regions.

"I think there will be a lot of interest in going to Seattle," Smith said. "We know the area, and there will be a lot of green and (yellow) in that purple gym, and we can't wait."

Seattle is exactly where the Ducks needed to land, and that psychological boost should help Oregon have a legitimate shot to start something special.

Or would it be a continuation of what they have already accomplished?

"All the credit goes to our players,"

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