

# ducks strength: Offensive & Defensive Lines

by Jerry Thompson

After a disappointing 1993 season the Ducks were picked to finish 7th in the Pac-10 despite having experienced and talented players on the offensive and defensive lines. 1994 turned out to be a magical season with a trip to the Rose Bowl for the first time in 37 years. The Ducks are rated anywhere from 5th to 7th this year and it's not inconceivable that the same scenario could happen. Oregon's offensive and defensive lines have the potential of being the best fans have seen in a long, long time.

## The "O" Line 2-Deep:

<b>Left Tackle:</b>	72 - Adam Snyder, 6-6, 314	62 - Jerome Randolph, 6-5, 296
<b>Left Guard:</b>	74 - Nick Steitz, 6-4, 317	70 - Josh Hagemeyer, 6-4, 288
<b>Center:</b>	53 - Dan Weaver, 6-6, 295	76 - Enoka Lucas, 6-3, 295
<b>Right Guard:</b>	60 - Joey Forster, 6-4, 302	59 - Ian Reynoso, 6-4, 289
<b>Right Tackle:</b>	79 - Robin Knebel, 6-6, 318	77 - Mike DeLaGrange, 6-6, 340

Backing up the top ten are Josh Atkins (6-6, 315 tackle) and Shawn Perkins, 6-6, 285 guard).

## The "D" Line 2- Deep:

<b>Left End:</b>	47 - Chris Solomona, 6-5, 290	92 - Devan Long, 6-4, 262
<b>Left Tackle:</b>	94 - Junior Siavii, 6-5, 332	99 - Robbie Valenzuela, 6-2, 298
<b>Right Tackle:</b>	96 - Haloti Ngata, 6-4, 337	45 - Matt Toaina, 6-3, 277
<b>Right End:</b>	53 - Igor Olshansky, 6-6, 305	30 - Quinn Dorsey, 6-4, 270

More depth is provided by end Darius Sanders (6-5, 265) and tackles Victor Felipe (6-3, 302) and Nuvraj Bassi, 6-6, 290.

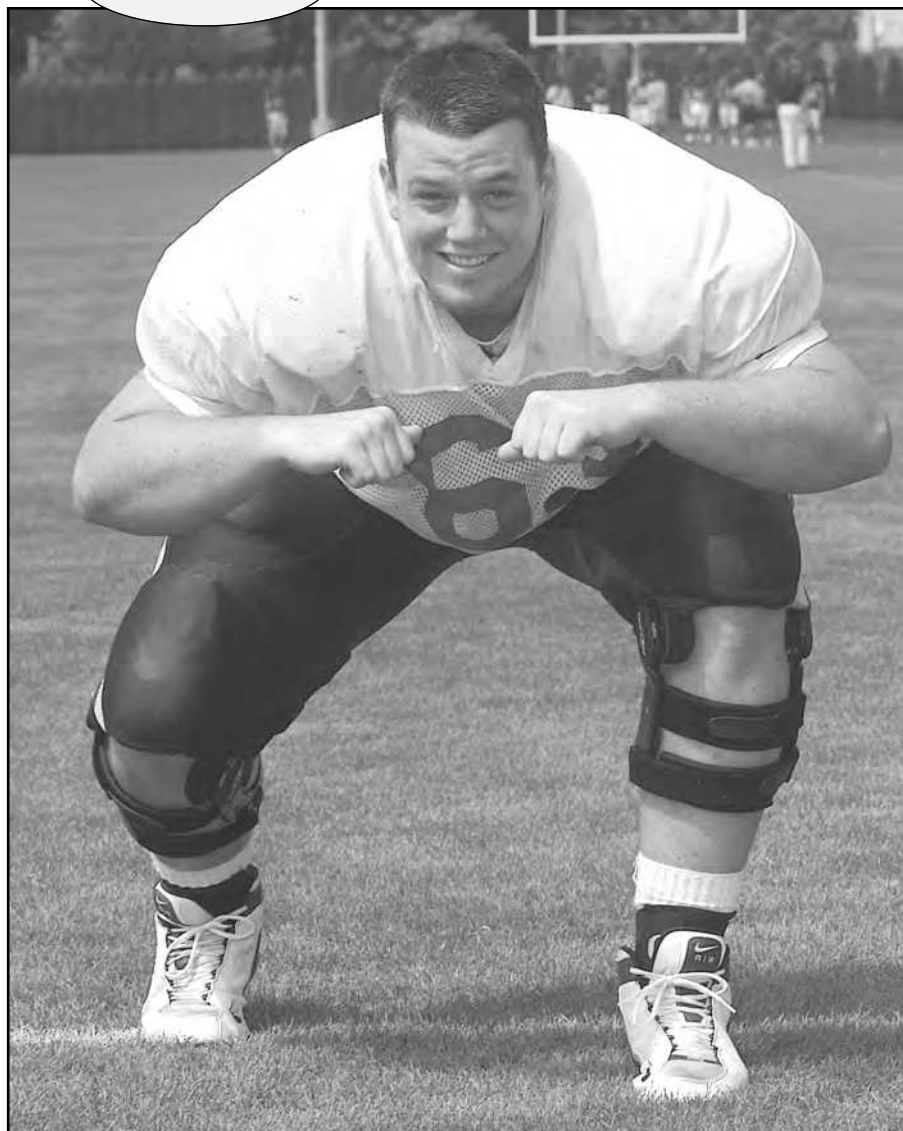
Veteran line coaches Neal "Zoomer" Zoumboukos and Steve Greatwood have seen a lot of players come and go each having been with the Ducks

that they have very high hopes for their units.

### More About the Offensive Line:

Zoumboukos: "They've got size and they've got athleticism. Sometimes we've had size without athleticism

CENTER  
DAN WEAVER



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for over 20 years. They are notoriously cautious in their evaluations of their players and error on the side of understatement. They both stress the word "potential" concerning their 2003 lines, but its obvious

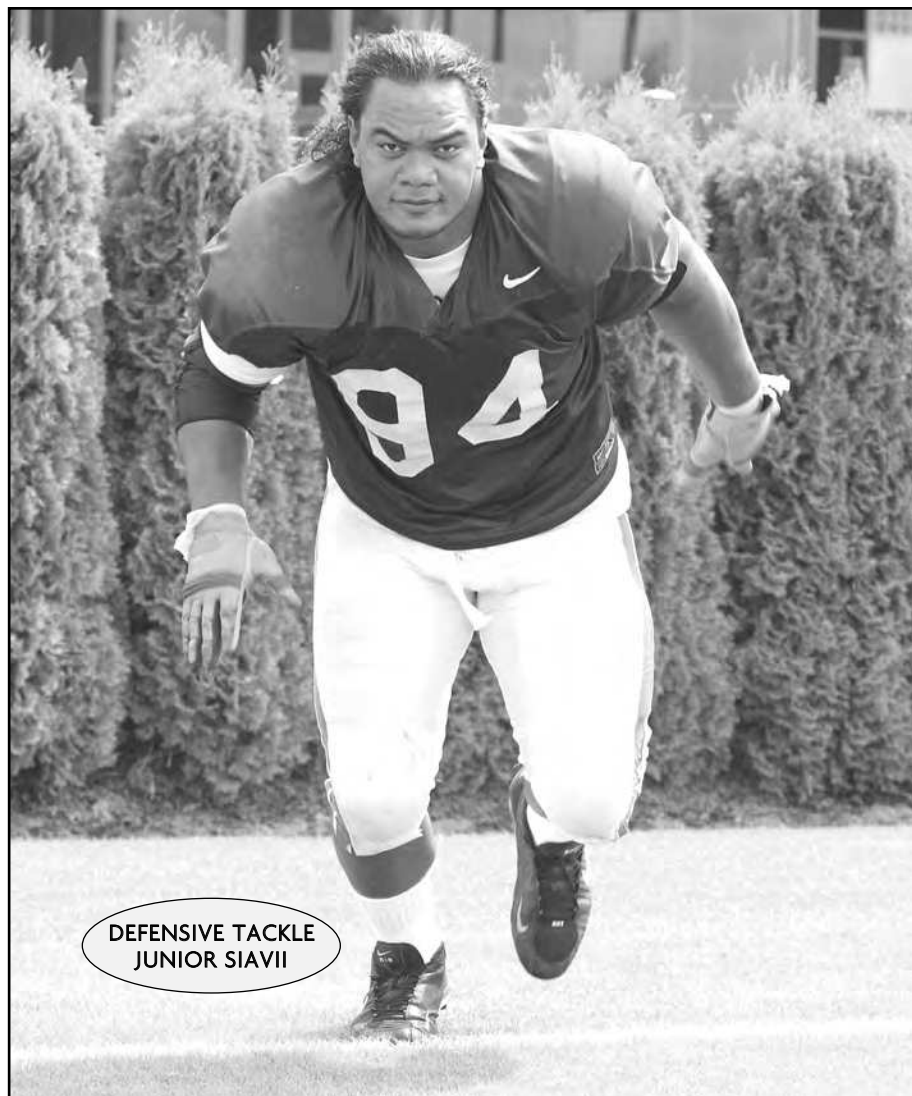
or we've had to give up size to get athleticism. This group has both and that's exciting. This group is a throwback to football players years ago who are doing it for the love of the game who love to practice



DEFENSIVE END  
CHRIS SOLOMONA

who love to play, who are excited about it. They're not egotistical. They're not in it for the money or

the scholarship. They just like playing football and it's a pleasure to coach



DEFENSIVE TACKLE  
JUNIOR SIAVII