

Ducks Inside & Out

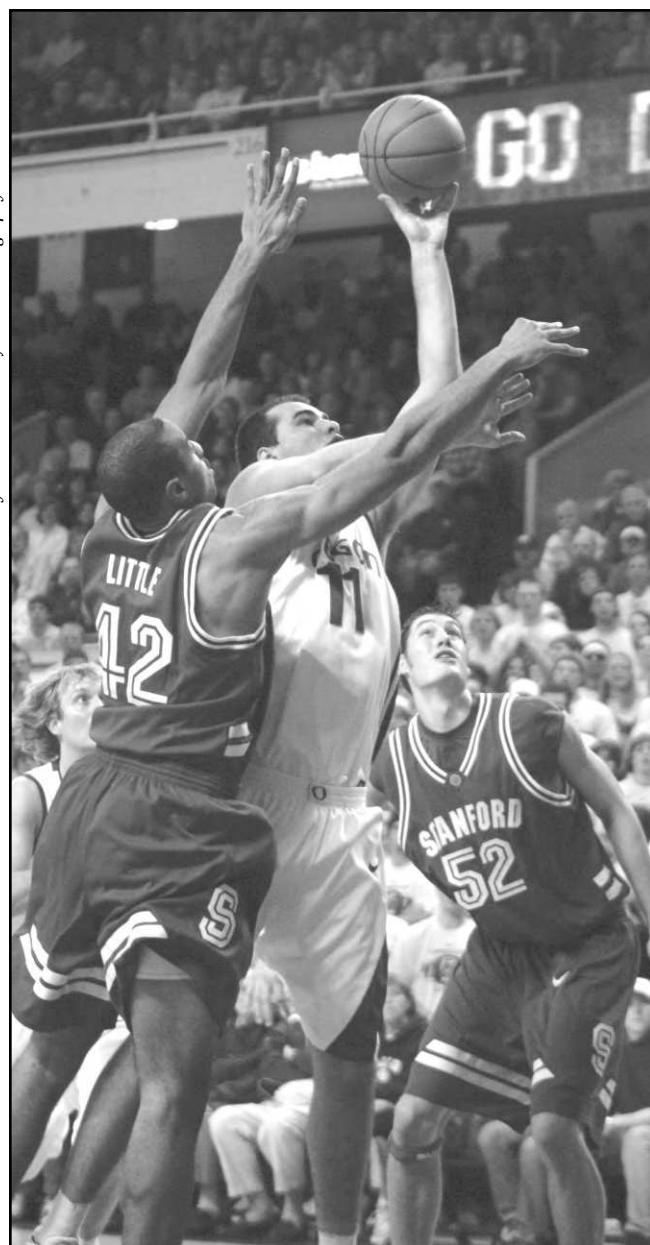
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2nd Half Begins at Home with OSU

The men have some mixed emotions going into the last 9 games of the regular season as they are 10-6 overall and 5-4 in conference. They got a big win over USC (who has played very well at times) to begin Pac-10 play and swept the Washington schools at home. An impressive win at Arizona State and against Cal at Mac Court gave them a total of 5 wins. What was frustrating was controlling the game at OSU and losing at the end and doing the same against the nation's #2 rated Stanford Cardinal. Even with injuries to Matt Short, Mitch Platt, and Aaron Brooks the Ducks believe they should be 7-2 or at least 6-3. The Civil War game is another "must win" and then the Ducks will travel to Washington where a victory over UW or WSU may be tough considering how they both played against Arizona. The team has become more balanced as evidenced by the 25 points scored by the 4 and 5 position players against both Cal and Stanford. Ian Crosswhite scored 16 and Jay Anderson added 9 as Oregon downed the Bears and Mitch Platt came alive against Stanford with 13 and Ian added 12. Jackson, Davis, and Joseph have been consistent, so if the Ducks can get a little more production from Jordan Kent, Brandon Lincoln and Matt Short along with Brooks as he returns, they could possibly surpass the 5-4 first half. They will then need to really excel at the Pac-10 tourney in order to have a chance of returning to the "Big Dance" in March. **O**

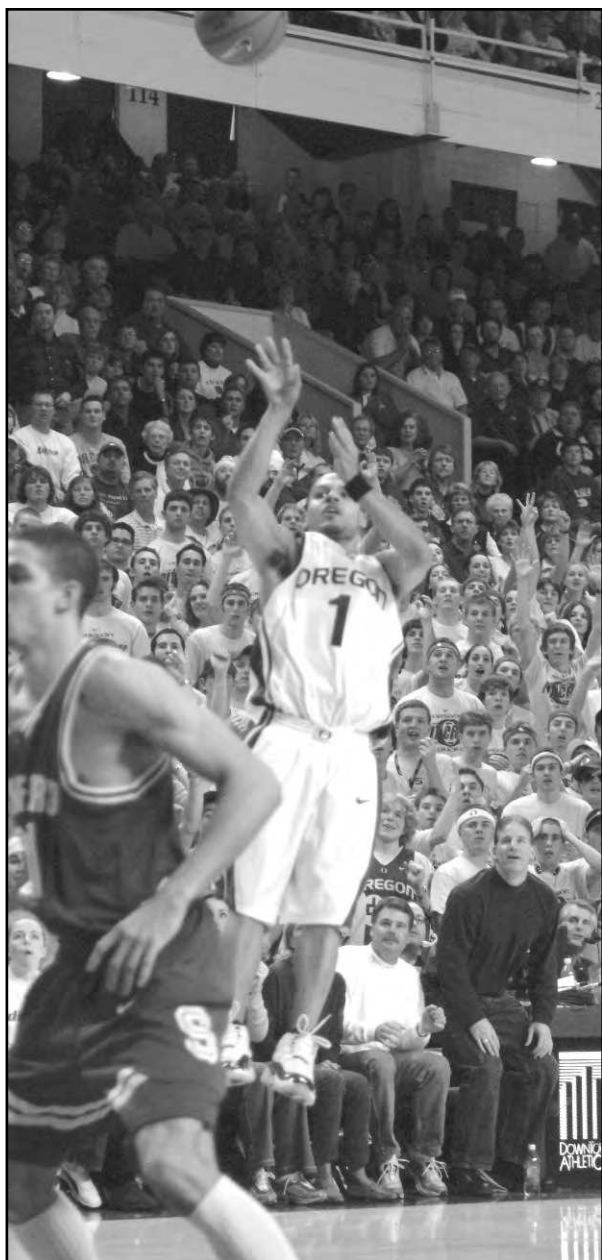


Platt scores two of 13 points on this jump hook.

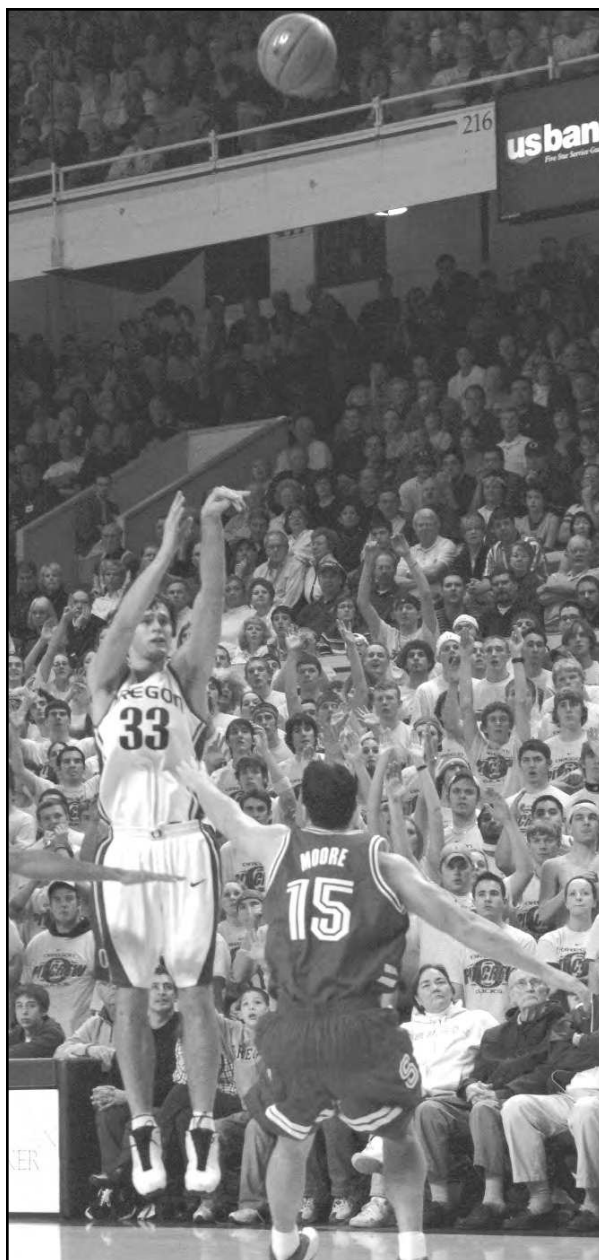


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Crosswhite has become a strong force inside - scored 16 vs. Stanford



Davis was 5 for 9 on threes versus the Cardinal.



Both Luke Jackson and Andre Joseph are shooting a blistering 45% from beyond the arc.

