

Oregon opens up with Stanford in Bay Area venture

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Although Stanford University downed Southern California Monday night, Cardinal coach Tom Davis wishes that he could postpone tonight's men's basketball contest with Oregon in Maples Pavilion — for about 12 months.

By then, Davis might be rid of the flu that has plagued the San Francisco Bay Area, but more importantly, his young team would gain another year of experience as the Ducks and Cardinal battle at 7:30 p.m. in Palo Alto, Calif.

Stanford is 2-5 in the Pacific-10 Conference and 10-7 overall, and Davis says his team needs some consistency in its play.

"We'll have to play very...very well to beat Oregon. I don't think that there is any question about that," Davis says of the Ducks, who are 2-5 in Pac-10 and 9-11 overall. "Some nights, we can do that (be consistent), and some nights, we can't. As a result, I never know exactly what to expect about how we are going to perform."

One of the problems for Stanford has been "erratic" shooting. Currently, the Cardinal sits at the bottom of the Pac-10 shooting charts with a 38 percent field goal mark to their credit.

The main cog in Stanford's quest for consistency has been the rise of some

good, but young talent down on the Farm. Among the Cardinal starters, there are three juniors, a sophomore and a lone senior, center Kent Seymour.

Sophomore Novian Whitsitt, a reserve guard, leads Stanford scorers with an 11.4 conference average, while Davis' two freshman standouts, 6-8 center Eric Reveno and 6-10 forward Greg Butler, have seen increased playing time.

"Some nights, the young kids will play pretty well," Davis says. "And then some nights, they will really struggle. I am pretty pleased overall because we do have some good young talent, and it is just going to take some time for them to get used to the Pac-10."

While Stanford's youth may cause problems, the Cardinal starters will have quite another problem on the floor against the Ducks. Stanford's starters should have trouble stopping Oregon's 7-foot Blair Rasmussen and 6-7 Greg Trapp.

Stanford's tallest starter is the 6-7 Seymour, who is averaging 9.2 points and 6.4 rebounds in league action. But the Cardinal standout is 6-6 junior Earl Koberlein, who is "assertive and makes a lot of things happen," according to Monson. Koberlein is averaging close to 11 points a game.

"Their (Oregon's) lineup may seem small to other teams in the Pac-10 but

against us, I don't think lack of size will be a problem for Oregon," Davis says.

Even though size may not be a problem for the Ducks tonight, Monson and company should be wary of a Stanford team that is 9-1 at home. That may be bad news for the road-weary Ducks who are 1-3 away from McArthur Court in league play.

Monson says the key to beating Stanford will be Oregon's ability to survive the Cardinal full-court pressure while keeping Stanford away from the free-throw line. In Monday's win over USC, 60-54, the Cardinal hit 28 of 40 attempts from the line.

Oregon ends the first half of its Pac-10 season Saturday against the University of California in a televised game Saturday at 11:00 a.m.

"If we can get by this weekend, then we have a pretty good schedule the rest of the way," Monson says. Oregon plays six of their remaining nine games at Mac Court.

Oregon heads into the Bay Area without momentum. Arizona whipped the Ducks, 73-54, in Mac Court last Saturday night.

"They (Arizona) just played extremely well, and the thing that we didn't do was exert very much patience on the offense," says Monson of the UA game in which his team shot only 35 percent.



Photo by Kirk Hirota

Oregon coach Don Monson (standing) takes his team to the Bay Area for a game against Stanford University tonight.

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MEETINGS

INTERNATIONAL STUDIES ASSOCIATION (ISA) meeting at 2:15 p.m. today in Century Room D. Topic will be African Relief Week. All interested students welcome.

EMU BOARD BUDGET COMMITTEE will meet at 3:30 p.m. today in Century Room E, EMU. Agenda topics include discussion of program goals hearings, and scheduling budget proposal hearings.

GALA BUSINESS meeting today at 3:30 p.m. in Room 318, EMU.

LESBIAN DISCUSSION GROUP tonight

from 8-10. Call GALA for location, 686-3360.

MECHA meeting today in Room 16-D, EMU at 5 p.m.

WOMEN'S LACROSSE meeting tonight at 7:30 in Room 112 EMU.

LECTURES

DELPHA CAMP Certified death-related counselor, will lecture on "Facilitating the Grieving Process" in professional and personal situations today at 5 p.m. in Room 146 Straub. Sponsored by the Psychology Club.

MISCELLANEOUS

FREE AVALANCHE SHOW TONIGHT at 7:30 in Room 177 Lawrence Hall. A slide presentation by Jim Blanchard to discuss snow avalanche types, hazards, and techniques to minimize risk. Sponsored by the Outdoor program.

PSYCHOLOGY PEER ADVISING is now accepting applications for spring term. Applications and information can be picked up in Room 141 Straub. Deadline is Feb. 15.

WORSHIP SERVICE sponsored by Lutheran Campus Ministry, will be held this evening at 10 in the Koinonia Center chapel, 1414 Kincaid. All are invited and welcome to attend.

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