

# Ducks fall to Stanford for 10th straight time

Stanford's sudden second-half surge swamped the Oregon women's basketball team Thursday night.

Simply said. The Ducks fell at Palo Alto 92-70 for their 10th consecutive loss to the sixth-ranked Cardinal in front of a crowd of 2,323.

The loss dropped Oregon to 14-11 overall and 6-9 in the Pacific-10 Conference, and Stanford improved to 23-3 and 13-3.

The Cardinal only led 43-40 at one half, but Stanford, sparked by guard Christy Hedgepeth, outscored the Ducks 49-30 in the final 20 minutes. Hedgepeth scored 18 of her 22 points in the second half and finished making 8 of 13 field goals in the game.

Oregon led 21-12 early in the game, but Stanford soon showed its strength by recapturing the lead with an overpowering 21-5 run. The Ducks

made it close by halftime before Stanford again went on a tear in the second half.

Despite playing only 23 minutes off the bench, Jean Maree Lillard led the Ducks with 17 points. Freshman guard Jessica Schutt scored 14, Missy Stowell had 12, and Debbie Sporcich put 10 points on the board for the Ducks.

Val Whiting added 21 points, seven offensive rebounds and three blocks for the Cardinal.

Rachel Hemmer finished with 13 points for Stanford, and Chris MacMurdo added 12.

Stanford also shot a blazing 85 percent from three-point range, sinking 7 of 12 attempts from beyond the stripe.

The Ducks play California at Berkeley Saturday night in their final road game of the season. The Golden Bears beat Oregon State 78-67 Thursday night.

# Ski accident brings charges

OSLO, Norway (AP) — A French alpine skier has been charged with manslaughter, nearly a year after the woman he crashed into died of her injuries, Norwegian police said Thursday.

Nicolas Burtin, 20, was in Norway for the World Junior Alpine Championships when he crashed into a Swedish woman while recreational skiing at the Hemsedal ski trail on April 8, 1991.

According to news reports, Burtin and a teammate were skiing at up to 44 mph at the south Norway resort when they flew off a small jump without seeing Marianne Wikstromer, 40, in front of it.

The Oslo newspaper *Verdens Gang* said Burtin was airborne when he crashed into Wikstromer. It said his helmet hit her in the head and she died the next day.

Erna Gjesvold of the Ringerike District Police said charges against the skier were filed by the Norwegian state attorney in late February, but Burtin had not been formally notified, partly because legal documents were being translated into French.

The newspaper said Burtin could not be reached for comment. His coach, Jean Francois Leduc, told *Verdens Gang* that Burtin "is very depressed and feels knocked out by the surprising news."

Gjesvold said it will take several months before the trial can begin and that Burtin does not necessarily have to attend.

Prosecutor Lars Fronsdal would not discuss the case, except to say that he would probably seek a prison sentence of less than one year, instead of the three-year maximum.

# Ducks to take California trip

Oregon's scheduled doubleheader today at California has been postponed until Monday at noon because of heavy rains in the Bay Area.

The 20th-ranked Ducks open their Pacific-10 Conference season with the games.

Oregon, who started their schedule last weekend by going 4-2 at the UNLV Spring Fling, beat top-10 teams UNLV and Southwestern Louisiana before being eliminated in the consolation semifinals by Cal-Poly Pomona. The Broncos also handed the Ducks their other loss.

The Golden Bears, who are led by this week's Pac-10 Player of the Week, pitcher Michele Granger, are 11-1. Granger was the NCAA's knockout leader last year as a sophomore and has three no-hitters already this season.

Senior outfielder Marnie McCall leads the Ducks with a sizzling .650 average, including a home run and four RBI. McCall also tops the team in runs scored (eight), hits (12) and stolen bases (13).

Kim Manning (.389 average) and Jennifer Piper share the RBI lead with seven each. Manning, Piper and Anna Poore also have one home run apiece.

Oregon dropped all four games against California a year ago.

The Ducks will make other stops on their road trip, too, with non-conference twin bills Saturday at 2 p.m. against Stanford and Sunday at 11 a.m. against St. Mary's. These games are still scheduled for their regular times, though additional rain could alter that schedule, as well.

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