



Arizona star promises victory over Ducks

Duck Notes: Hype builds as Duck-Wildcat clash nears

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Reports out of Tucson have it that Arizona's **Damon Stoudamire** is guaranteeing victories this week at Oregon and Oregon State.



The senior guard from Portland believes his homecoming of sorts will be an extra incentive and will result in two victories for the 12th-ranked Wildcats.

"We're not going to lose, not with me going home," Stoudamire said. "I know that for a fact."

Stoudamire said he enjoys playing so close to home as it gives him a chance to play in front of familiar faces.

"It's fun. I like going home," Stoudamire said. "I get to play in front of my friends and

some of my family who don't get a chance to see me play."

Reaction to Stoudamire's comments were met with expected displeasure from the Oregon players, but Oregon head coach **Jerry Green** took things in stride on Tuesday.

"I love Damon," Green said with a smile. "The thing that's so scary about that is he can back up a lot of the things he says."

But as much as Green likes Stoudamire, he jokingly pointed out that he had a plan to contain the senior threat.

"We plan on tripping him coming in the back door."

Thursday's complete sellout of the Arizona-Oregon game at **McArthur Court** is the third straight sellout for the Ducks at home — the first time since 1978 the Ducks have accomplished such a feat. Saturday's game against Arizona State is also nearing a sellout as only a few single and obstructed view tickets remain.

It's official. All student tickets for the remaining seven home games are sold out. Hunt Holsapple, ticket sales director at Oregon, said the student tickets are completely

gone for the rest of Oregon's home games.

Non-student tickets are going fast as well. As of Tuesday morning, only 94 tickets remained for the Feb. 11 Civil War matchup with Oregon State while 1,300 were left for the Washington game on Feb. 16, 329 left for Washington State on Feb. 18, 759 tickets remained for the March 2nd tilt against California and 237 for the closing home game of the season against Stanford on March 4.

On Tuesday, UCLA head coach **Jim Harrick** seemed particularly interested in this weekend's Arizona-Oregon clashes.

"It's going to be a tremendous weekend at Oregon this weekend," Harrick said. "I wish I could stay home and watch the Arizona-Oregon game on Thursday night. But I've got to work that night."

Harrick's Pac-10 leading and No. 4 Bruins entertain No. 17 Stanford, before taking on California Saturday.

While the Ducks will need all the help they can get against the No. 12 and No. 13 teams in the nation, Harrick knows just how diffi-

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Hendrickson receives honor

WALNUT CREEK, Calif. (AP) — Washington State forward **Mark Hendrickson** was named Pacific-10 Conference player of the week Monday.

The 6-foot-9 junior had 25 points and 11 rebounds on Thursday to lead Washington State to a 83-76 victory over Oregon. On Saturday, he had 26 points and six rebounds as the Cougars beat Oregon State 77-75.

Hendrickson leads the Pac-10 in field goal shooting (67.8 percent) and ranks second in rebounds (9.8). He has averaged 15.2 points per game for the season, including 23 points per game over his last four games.

Dawson given courage award

SEATTLE (AP) — Andre Dawson, who has a career 280 batting record despite numerous knee operations, was named the 30th recipient of the "Hutch Award."

The award is named for Seattle-reared Fred Hutchinson, who pitched for the Detroit Tigers and managed the Tigers, the St. Louis Cardinals and the Cincinnati Reds before dying of cancer in 1964 at age 45.

The Hutch Award is sponsored by the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, and is given annually to the major-league player who best demonstrates the courage Hutchinson displayed in fighting his disease.

Dawson, 40, who has endured nine knee operations during his 18-year major league career, was honored Monday at the *Seattle Post-Intelligencer's* Star of the Year banquet. He was selected by a panel of media members.

No suspension for pair of Cougars

PULLMAN, Wash. (AP) — Washington State University basketball players **Carlos Daniel** and **Chris Griffin** won't likely be suspended as a result of being cited for being minors in possession of alcohol, coach **Kevin Eastman** said Tuesday.

Eastman said he was still investigating the case and hadn't made a final decision on any disciplinary measures. Rather than suspending the two, Eastman said he might require them to go out on morning runs for a day or more, or he might keep Daniel out of the starting lineup for a game or two.

Sanders flair shines before Super Bowl showdown

MIAMI (AP) — You couldn't miss him, not on this day.

Deion Sanders dressed up his uniform with a gold watch, diamond-studded hoop earrings and an upside down golf visor worn backwards and crowning a headful of braids.

There was a smile, shades and a strut. Most of all, there was an audience.

He shuffled easily between football statement and fashion statement and for a moment even turned Joe Robbie Stadium's field into a dance floor, giving Steve Young another lesson in the Sanders Shuffle.

It was Super Bowl media day Tuesday and Sanders had the world by the ear, even though he made clear he could take or leave the hype.

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"I don't need exposure. I'm household," he declared.

The theatrics were so compelling even some of his San Francisco 49ers teammates stopped to listen, standing amid the scores of reporters who surrounded Sanders' pulpit.

He would jab and thrust, parody and joke, stopping to hug an

inquiring **Cris Carter** and reflecting on questions from MTV's **Downtown Julie Brown**. He answered dozens of questions and left everything on the field. In fact, he had to be dragged off it.

No one was turned away, and his answers were a mixture of philosophy and glamour, seriousness and humor.

"In between the white lines, I may come off cocky. I may come off arrogant. But between the white lines, I'm convinced I'm a bad boy. You can take that any way you want," he said. "I like to have a good time and have fun. I don't do anything mean to people. I mean, I hate signing autographs because these damn kids sell 'em today. That's the only thing I hate. If people are

going to be genuine with me I'm going to be genuine with you because I love what I do."

Asked about the possibility of special teams duties against the San Diego Chargers on Sunday, he paused and jokingly yelled to **George Seifert**, "Coach Seifert, they want to know if I'm returning kicks?"

And what's this about not liking to tackle?

"Damn right I don't like to tackle," Sanders said. "Who does like to tackle? You get hurt when you tackle. I like to break up passes, intercept balls and dance."

His influence was everywhere, from **William Floyd** leading a 49ers' rap routine to the formerly uptight **Young** joking easily and confidently with reporters.

Shortened hockey season raises logical questions

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Game On!

The waiting is over. The lock-out soap opera of 103 days came to an end two weeks ago as the National Hockey League Players Association and the owners reached an agreement. Although the agreement is hard to follow, for hockey players and fans alike, all that is left are questions for the shortened season to answer.

Does a 48-game schedule leave enough time to determine which teams deserve to go to the playoffs?

Are the players in shape after such a long leave of absence?

Who will take the Stanley Cup from the New York Rangers?

Although these questions, and many more, will be answered as the season progresses to July 1 (the end of the playoffs), I'm going to try to answer these questions now. This is for all the impatient fans who do not want to continue playing the waiting game any longer, that for many makes the season so great.

Many have argued for years that the regular 84-game sched-



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ule, plus the playoffs, was too long of a season to decide who would be the champions. Now with the season shortened to 48 games, it is a race to the finish. No east vs. west match-ups, just plain old rivalry showdowns. The Kings vs. Anaheim, Rangers vs. Islanders, the Habs vs. the Bruins, this is what the race to the finish ought to be like. The best of the west going against the beast from the east, for the Stanley Cup.

Once the start of the season was announced the question arose, "Would the players be ready?"

The players have shown, in less than one week's time, they were more than ready to lace up their skates to play some puck.

You could not have asked for a better opening night matchup to be televised on ESPN than the Buffalo Sabres vs. the Rangers. The key matchup of the night was not five-time Stanley Cup winner **Mark Messier** going against the Sabres' scoring machine **Pat LaFontaine**, instead it pitted goaltenders **Grant Fuhr** and **Mark Richter** head to head. The two fought tooth and nail for every save, diving every which way, but in the end the rejuvenated Fuhr prevailed, 2-1.

Two nights later, another All-Star showed that he was more than ready to hit the ice. Boston's **Cam Neely** (also known as **Seabass** in the recently released movie, "Dumb and Dumber") scored the first hat trick of the season in front of a sold out hat-throwing crowd at the Boston Garden.

The Rangers of last year were the dominate team of the NHL, but with off-season losses the New York champions seem to have lost a step or two. So who will it be raising the Cup above their head come July 1?

The Hockey News Michael

Ulmer believes that the shortened season will help the Vancouver Canucks in their pursuit to make a return trip to the finals.

"The arrival of **Jeff Brown** in a trade from the St. Louis Blues gave the Canucks the linchpin offensive defenseman they have craved, and **Dave Babych** is coming off his best play in years. (**Pavel Bure** scored 49 goals in his last 50 games and has been satisfied with a lucrative new contract.

"Put that mix together and you have a potent brew for what promises to be a dizzying run for the playoffs."

Ulmer may be correct with his thesis, but everybody has forgotten about the off-season acquisitions the Blues made to add to their already overwhelming offensive attack.

To go along with the likes of **Brett Hull**, **Craig Janney** and **Brendan Shanahan**, the Blues went out and got 1994 Stanley Cup winners forward **Esa Tikkanen**, defenseman **Doug Lidster** and head coach **Mike Keenan**. The Blues' defense, that had been

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