

Cougars take to the Pac-10 road

Pac-10 Notes:

Cougars to face tough test in Arizona

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The surprising Washington State Cougars have won three straight conference games but now have their work cut out for them as they take their second-place standing into hostile territory down in Arizona.

The unranked Cougars, who are a perfect 5-0 against the conference at home, share second place with No. 12 Arizona. But that's sure to change as the two meet up on Thursday night. The Wildcats have won 18 straight over the Cougars, but Washington State enters the game boasting an incredible 53 percent shooting clip.

It doesn't get any easier for the Cougs either, as they face a reinvigorated Arizona State squad that dropped three places in the latest Associated Press poll.

Speaking of ASU, here's the latest fallout on the Bill Frieder "Give me back my money" front. Following the burglary at Frieder's room at the Valley River Inn here in Eugene, Frieder's wife, Janice, hinted that the thieves were probably smart ones at that.

"You notice they didn't take his wardrobe," she said.

But the burglars did get away

STANDINGS

	CONF.	OVERALL
UCLA	6-2	12-2
Arizona	5-2	15-4
WSU	5-2	10-5
Stanford	4-3	13-3
Oregon	4-3	12-4
Arizona St.	4-3	14-5
California	3-4	11-5
Oregon St.	2-5	5-11
USC	2-6	7-11
Washington	1-6	5-10

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with around \$5,000 and some credit cards among other things. And Bill was not to be one-upped by his wife in the ribbing department.

"Worse than the money is all the credit cards and all my keys and free airline tickets."

"If the bills from those credit cards are less than what my wife charges, which will probably be the case, I won't report them as stolen."

... and those darn Dancin' Devils. Arizona State's song and dance routine after Saturday's game against Oregon was not very popular with the Oregon fans and players. The fans fulfilled their part in the taunting process with their "SAT" chants, apparently chiding the Devils for some kind of cranial deficiency. But on a more serious note, the players didn't enjoy the display

by the visiting team.

"I didn't like that too much," Oregon forward Jeff Potter said after the game. "I'll be looking forward to playing down there next time."

As for the Sun Devils, they just felt like getting funky, according to ASU big man Mario Bennett.

"That's the A-state," Bennett said when asked about the dance's official title.

"The crowd was loving it," Bennett said about the fans at Mac Court. "I wish our fans were like these fans are. We'd probably go undefeated."

Former USC coach George Raveling will make his debut as a TV analyst when Oregon State invades The Pit to take on the Ducks next weekend. Raveling, who retired following a serious automobile accident last fall, will be joined by play-by-play commentator Keith Shipman.

If the Ducks advance to the NCAA Tournament this season, they would be the ninth Pac-10 team in the 1990s to do so. The only team that would be missing from the list of tournament participants would be Washington. Of course the Ducks still have a long way to go, and history's not on their side as it has been 35 years since the green and gold have played in the big tourney.

Washington State's Mark Hendrickson is currently third in the nation in field goal percentage with a lofty 67.8 percentage from the field.

FREE FALL

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will score.

Gallwas said he and Rainwater had no more than 35 seconds to perform each round's formations, which is the average free-fall time when leaving a plane from 10,000 feet.

Judges viewing the videotaped routines awarded Gallwas and Rainwater five points on their first jump, five on the second and nine on the third. There is no limit to the number of points one can earn.

There were nearly 150 competitors representing approximately 15 colleges and universities at the competition, according to the National Parachute Association.

The National Collegiate Competition keeps getting bigger, Gregory said.

"My understanding is it's growing," he said. "The whole sport is growing, and we're happy to see it growing on the collegiate level."

Gallwas, who is also a rock climber and trampolinist, had only jumped for Skydive Oregon near Salem until the competition in Arizona. He was inspired to make his first jump, in October of 1993,

because rock climbing had enlightened him to the wonders of the outdoors, he said.

But why would anyone jump out of an airplane from 10,000 feet?

"For me it is that intense concentration," Gallwas said. "It is like lead climbing where there is only you and the rock."

Rainwater has his own reasons for enjoying skydiving.

"Besides the adrenaline rush, it's actually kind of relaxing and lets me forget about school," Rainwater said.

Though it carries a fair amount of initial expenses, the sport is only expensive for beginners, he said. Once one is certified, it is only \$10 to \$17 a jump.

Even though there are several places to skydive from in Oregon, the cloudy weather prevents people from jumping during the rainy months, Gallwas said.

Currently, there is not a skydiving club at the University. But Sandy Vaughn, coordinator of club sports at Oregon, said if interest in such a club followed through with a request for funding and designed a program that shared the sport with other students, a club could exist.

Missouri topples Cyclones in Big Eight clash

AMES, Iowa (AP) — No. 18 Missouri contained Iowa State's Loren Meyer in the second half and got key 3-point baskets from Jason Sutherland and Kendrick Moore in beating the No. 11 Cyclones 80-71 Monday night.

The shots by Sutherland and Kendrick capped a 14-2 run that gave Missouri (15-3 overall, 4-2 Big Eight) an eight-point lead and control of the game with seven minutes left.

Fred Hoiberg made a school-record eight 3-pointers and scored 29 points, but he couldn't keep Iowa State (17-3, 3-2) from losing at home for the first time this season. The

Cyclones now play three straight road games, including a Feb. 8 rematch with Missouri.

Hoiberg's sixth 3-pointer gave Iowa State a 55-50 lead with 12:27 left, but he didn't make another until getting two in the final minute, when the game was out of reach. Iowa State led 57-53 when Missouri began its decisive run.

Julian Winfield's basket inside and Sammie Haley's dunk gave the Tigers a 61-57 lead with 9:09 remaining and they never trailed again.

Meyer, who scored 16 points in the first

half, cut Missouri's lead to 61-59 with his only basket of the second half. But Sutherland hit a 3-pointer from the right of the key and Moore followed with another from almost the same spot, making it 67-59 with 7:03 left.

Moore later hit another key basket, a jumper with 1:25 left that gave Missouri a 74-65 lead and enabled the Tigers to withstand Hoiberg's two late 3-pointers.

Sutherland led Missouri with a career-high 23 points and Haley, a freshman, had a season-high 16. Moore finished with 14 points.

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HENRY

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Frieder moved on instead of quitting. So what makes Arizona State better than Michigan? Expectations.

"It's been a lot more fun building this program that hadn't won in eight years when I arrived than feeling I had to maintain a top 10 program like I did back in Michigan," Frieder said. "I've enjoyed making this a competitive program. I made a commitment to myself and my family that I wasn't going to let

this goofy game get to me, and I've done a real good job the last six years not allowing it to."

Exactly what Frieder enjoys is what Oregon head coach Jerry Green has in Eugene. Outside the athletic department, not too many Greenball fans expect the Ducks to be in the top 10 every year. Saturday night's crowd against the Sun Devils proved that fact as much as anything.

Oregon followers showed up and cheered for a team that is competitive for the first time in many years. There was no concern in the crowd that the Ducks would not win the Pac-10 title

or jump up in the rankings. There was only a desire to see the hometown team be able to play with any other team on the court. A win would have been nice, but how many people honestly went home completely distraught over the nature of the team?

"There are many more important things in this world than wins and losses," Frieder said. "When you look at the tragedy of a Jimmy Valvano, those are the important things — this is just a moment in time."

But when all is said and done, most professions involve just

moments in time. Some days you either can do no wrong or do no right. But no matter what happens, as a famous redhead once said, tomorrow is another day — as Frieder is living proof.

So I hope the leader of the Ducks understands that basketball may be his life, but it's only part of his life. If he can keep Oregon competitive and entertaining then I believe this state will see him through whatever difficulties his job may encounter.

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