

Cross Country: Carlson denies competition with her sister

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er in her career. Running has been an significant part of Carlson's life since her freshman year in high school, when she began running for recreation with her father and younger sister.

But it was her sister who pushed her to become the runner she is today.

Tara, the top runner for Washington, and Jenna have had several head to head meetings over their career, but it is hard to say who has the edge. This season, Jenna beat Tara in Seattle but was barley knocked off by her little sister at the Jeff Drenth Memorial last weekend.

"We've gotten to the point where we're both about the same level and we're both seniors, so age doesn't matter anymore," said Carlson, who trains with Tara during the summer. "Any given day I could beat her and she could beat me."

"Seeing her at the start of a race is kind of comforting. I feel a strength because it is so comfortable, like we are just training during the off-season."

Not many people get to compete against a younger sibling at the college level, but Carlson denies that they are competitive with each other. She says that although it was hard to

race against Tara early in her career and in high school because of sibling rivalry, now she relishes the chance to race against her.

"Now when we race together, it's like we're working together and not trying to beat each other," she says. "It's not really a competitive thing any more."

Anyone who saw the two sisters battling it out, running step for step at the Drenth meet, however, might think otherwise.

Other than beating Tara from time to time, one of Jenna Carlson's greatest achievements at Oregon was being named to the 1993 Women's Cross Country Academic All-American Team. One of only 37 runners named to the prestigious team, Carlson posted a 3.3 GPA while juggling a demanding workout schedule.

"It's nice to do well in running and in academics," Carlson said. "During the season's where I'm competing, I find that I do a lot better in school because I organize my time better. When I have more time on my hands, I tend to be more lazy."

Carlson has already earned her degree in Psychology, and looks to get involved in some sort of social work as soon as

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her running eligibility runs out. She also is interested in coaching at the high-school level some day.

For Carlson and the rest of the women's team, now is a time of rest and training for the Pac-10 Conference Meet October 28, at Stanford. The squad is as talented as it has been in the last five years and has "serious goals on the national level," according to head coach Tom Heinonen.

Carlson attributes the team's success this season to team unity.

"In my first four years at Oregon, there was never really a 'team concept'," she said. "This year everyone really supports each other and I think that's why we're doing so well this year."

Sucker-punch costs Domi eight games

■ HOCKEY: The Toronto forward got the stiffest possible fine for knocking Ulf Samuelsson unconscious

TORONTO (AP) — Tie Domi of the Toronto Maple Leafs was suspended for eight games and fined \$1,000 Tuesday by the NHL for sucker-punching Ulf Samuelsson, a blow that left the New York Rangers defenseman unconscious and with a concussion.

"Mr. Domi's actions were deliberate, premeditated and clearly administered with the intent to injure his opponent," said Brian Burke, the NHL's director of hockey operations.

Domi will not be paid during the suspension. The \$1,000 fine is the maximum allowed under the league's collective bargaining agreement with the NHL Players Association.

The punishment was announced following a hearing in Toronto involving Domi, Burke, Jim Gregory, Vice President of Hockey Operations, and Cliff Fletcher, President and General Manager of the Maple Leafs. Maple Leafs captain Doug Gilmour was startled by the ruling.

"We were expecting one, two, three (games), at the most," he said. "I would say we're in kind of a state of shock. We're not going to make a judgment on the ruling, but we're very disappointed."

Domi, a forward who led the league with 347 penalty minutes two seasons ago, dropped the Swedish defenseman with an unexpected left to the jaw with 64 seconds remaining in the Rangers' 2-0 victory at Toronto on Saturday night. Samuelsson fell and his head bounced twice off the ice.

He lay flat for about five min-

utes before being helped to the locker room. He sustained a concussion and took four stitches to the back of his head.

"He wasn't breathing well," Rangers goaltender Mike Richter said. "I was afraid he was going to swallow his tongue. His eyes were glazed and looking backward."

Burke said Domi attacked an "unsuspecting and unprepared" opponent. The league acknowledged that Samuelsson taunted Domi before the punch, but that in no way excused Domi's actions.

"That was a totally dishonorable play and it lacked courage," Rangers coach Colin Campbell said.

Samuelsson remained overnight in Toronto. He missed the Rangers' 7-5 loss to Hartford on Monday night and Tuesday night's game against the New York Islanders.

Domi, who came into this season with 1,323 penalty minutes in 254 games, said he regretted the incident.

"I didn't know he wasn't going to drop his gloves," he said. "I'm sure not known for my sucker punches."

Domi's suspension includes Toronto's Oct. 29 game at New York, the only other time this season the Rangers play the Maple Leafs. He is eligible to return Nov. 3 at Vancouver.

Rangers general manager Neil Smith was satisfied with the suspension.

"I think [Brian Burke] made the right call, as far as I'm concerned," said Smith at the Rangers' game Tuesday night in Uniondale. "Who's to say that five games is enough, or ten games? Eight is a significant suspension."

"I'm just glad he's going to miss the game in New York. Otherwise, it would be a circus atmosphere. We would spend too much time seeking retribution, and why should we waste our time on him?"

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