

## sideline

TODAY IN SPORTS

### Ducks pick women's first soccer coach

Bill Steffen, who helped the University of North Carolina capture two national championships in the last three years, has accepted an appointment as the first head coach of women's soccer at the University of Oregon, director of athletics, Bill Moos, announced last Wednesday.

"We are fortunate to have a new coach who has been associated with the caliber of program at North Carolina starting ours from scratch," Moos said.

"It's exciting to have a chance to create a program from the beginning at a school such as the University of Oregon, which offers the potential for a successful program," Steffen said.

"The biggest issue right now is players and I will try to use my contacts to attract some strong players," Steffen said. "The Northwest region is a strong one for youth soccer and I'm looking forward to recruiting players in the area."

Oregon will begin playing a limited schedule next fall, Moos said.

### Five athletes given humanitarian awards

ARLINGTON, Va. (AP) — Hakeem Olajuwon, the star center of Houston's two-time NBA champions, and Andre Agassi, tennis' No. 2-ranked player, are among five professional athletes being honored for their humanitarian efforts.

They, along with quarterback Boomer Esiason of the New York Jets, outfielder Jim Eisenreich of the Philadelphia Phillies and golfer Betsy King have been selected by USA Weekend magazine as winners of its Most Caring Athlete Awards.

To honor them, the magazine is donating \$1,000 to the charity of each athlete's choice.



### ON THE TUBE

January 22

- 4:30 p.m. ESPN  
NCAA basketball,  
St. John's at Seton Hall.
- 5:30 p.m. PRIME  
NCAA basketball,  
Rice at Texas Christian.
- 6:30 p.m. ESPN  
NCAA basketball,  
Oklahoma at Kansas.
- 8 p.m. PRIME  
Boxing at  
Inglewood, Calif.
- 9 p.m. ESPN  
NCAA basketball,  
Long Beach St. at  
New Mexico St.

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## Ducks bury Bears for first Pac-10 win

■ **WOMEN'S BASKETBALL:** Oregon beats California after three straight conference losses

By Pete Schneider  
Sports Reporter

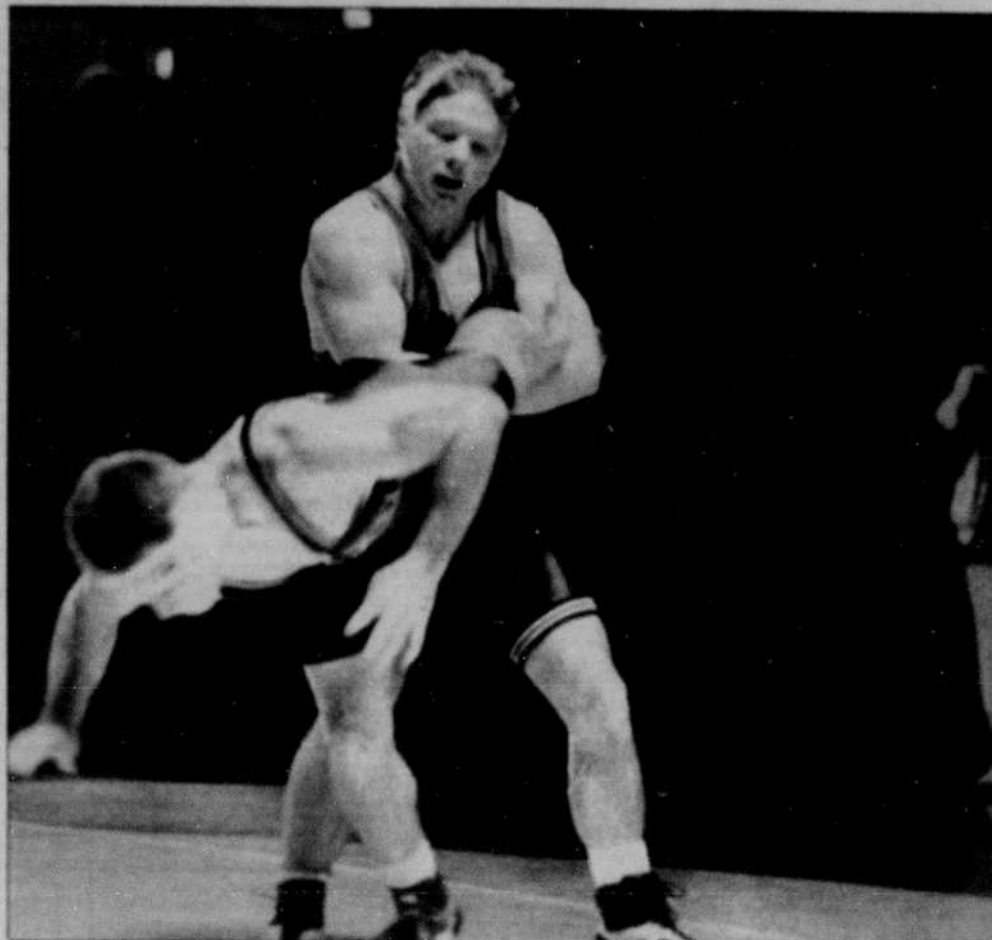
The Oregon women's basketball team's 73-56 win over California on Sunday afternoon was like therapy for the Ducks — a relatively easy victory when the team needed one the most.

After starting the Pacific-10 Conference schedule 0-4, Oregon (9-6, 1-4) shot the ball better (.509) and defended better (the Golden Bears were held to just .290) than it had in any of its four losses. The overall improvement in team play translated into a 17-point margin that was not as close as the final score indicated.

"More than anything, we had to prove to ourselves that we still knew how to win," said senior center Renae Fegent, who led the Ducks with 15 points. "We got up early and we never let it get close again. We need to get away with a good win instead of just struggling by like we have lately."

Oregon stormed out of the gate with a 16-3 run to start the game. Before the stunned California team knew what hit it, the Ducks were cruising toward a 16-point first-half advantage. Oregon held the Bears without a field goal until Eliza Sokolowska hit a base line jumper with 13:28 remaining in the first period.

Oregon shot a blistering .577 in the first period, led by the return of junior Arriane



Courtney Kanegae and the rest of the Oregon women's basketball team's bench players were instrumental in Oregon's California rout.

## California adds to Oregon's losing streak

■ **MEN'S BASKETBALL:**

Freshman Terik Brown ties a Pac-10 record with 21 points from downtown

By Andrea DeYoung  
Assistant Sports Editor

The Oregon men's basketball team visited California on Saturday, but didn't receive a warm welcome as the Bears downed the Ducks 97-72.

After opening the Pacific-10 Conference season with two straight wins, the Ducks have now lost three in a row to fall to

9-7 overall and 2-3 in the Pac-10.

Oregon stayed close to the Bears in the first half, thanks to 12 points from freshman guard Terik Brown, all from behind the three-point line. The Ducks were behind 41-38 when the teams went to the locker rooms at half-time, but Cal took the ball and ran in the second half, dominating the court for 20 minutes and outscoring Oregon 56-34.

The Ducks could not contain Shareef Abdur-Rahim, who came into the game averaging 24.3 points per game and finished slightly under his average

with 24 points against Oregon. Possibly the best sixth-man in the conference, Ed Gray, contributed 21 points off the bench and Cal had two other players in double-digit scoring.

Oregon's only two players who scored in double-digits came off the bench. Brown ended with 23 points, including seven three-point shots, tying the Pac-10 record for three-pointers made. Freshman forward A.D. Smith had a career-high 14 points and led the Ducks with six rebounds.

None of Oregon's starters

could muster more than seven points. Junior guard Kenya Wilkins was held to only five points and junior forward Kyle Milling and center Rob Ramaker combined for only 13 points and nine rebounds.

The free-throw line proved to be Oregon's nemesis once again as the Ducks converted only six of 12 shots, but watched as the Bears hit 23 of 30 from the line.

The Ducks come back home this week, looking to stop their losing streak at three. They face Arizona State on Thursday night and Arizona on Saturday.



Sophomore Jeremy Ensrud beat Cal Poly's Dan Long in the 134-pound match on Saturday at McArthur Court.

## Ducks dive into Pac-10 competition

■ **WRESTLING:** Oregon team hosts Cal Poly San Luis Obispo before meeting Oregon State in Corvallis

By Trevor Kearney  
Sports Editor

A quick glance at the Oregon wrestling team's starting lineup for its dual meet against Cal Poly San Luis Obispo on Saturday may give the wrong impression.

With only two seniors and two juniors in the regular lineup, one might get the impression that head coach Ron Finley and his staff are in the process of building tomorrow's team.

Not so, however, with this squad.

The young Ducks are very much living in the present, boasting a 2-1 dual meet record and a win over 17th-ranked Oregon State at the Oregon Classic in December. The Ducks also captured second place at the Great Plains Invitational earlier this month, placing behind only then-No. 3 Nebraska.

The Ducks are coming off two wins over

Division II opponents last weekend going into Saturday's meet against Cal Poly. They travel to Corvallis on Sunday to battle the Beavers in one of their toughest dual meets of the season.

"We've been warming up for this weekend for quite a while," Finley said. "We are going to have to step up a notch from last week and perform to the best of our ability this week. We are going to be tested."

Oregon boasts three nationally ranked wrestlers in Kevin Roberts, Jeremy Ensrud and Scott Norton, a trio that has combined for a 53-3 record.

Roberts, a 118-pound senior, is undefeated this year and is ranked third in the nation in his weight class, while Ensrud, a sophomore who was moved from the 126-pound weight class to the 134-pound weight class in the off-season, has four wins by fall this year.

Norton, who won the 150-pound Pacific-10 Conference title last season as a sophomore, has a 19-1 record and is currently ranked fourth in the nation.