

Wrestlers move to No. 25 in nation, take on BYU next

■ **WRESTLING:** Arizona State is on slate for Saturday at 2 p.m.

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The Oregon wrestlers are facing another tough back-to-back matchup this week when they take on non-conference Brigham Young Friday night at 7:30 p.m. and conference rivals Arizona State Saturday at 2:00 p.m. Arizona State currently is leading the Pacific-10 Conference and is also 10th in the nation. Oregon moved up in the latest wrestling poll to 25th in the nation.

BYU might prove to be a tricky opponent for the Ducks as well as the Sun Devils according to Oregon head coach Ron Finley. Last

year Oregon squeaked by BYU 19-17 and have also won the last nine meetings between the two teams, but the Cougars might be tougher this year.

"I think that BYU is going to be a very interesting meet," Finley said. "It could turn out to be a 5-5 split. We're going to have to get some big wins in there and we're going to have to get some guys on their backs to get extra points for the team. If we can do that I think we'll come out OK."

Oregon, 7-4 on the season and 4-2 in the conference, is undefeated at home this season at 3-0. The Ducks have also recently bolstered the lineup in the middle weights with the return of Sean Morgan at 158 pounds. With Scott Norton wrestling most of the first half of the season at 158, and Mor-

gan saddled part of the time with injuries, the number one Duck at 158 hasn't seen a lot of mat time this year. Most recently Morgan won three out of four matches in the four-meet California road trip.



"Morgan was our number one 158 pounder, but when Norton was wrestling at 158 he kind of dominated the spot," Finley said. "Now that Norton has dropped down to his normal weight, Morgan has been able to step in and compete there. Sean has to make up some time and pick up wins, but he's a veteran and should be fine."

"You kind of get tired of practicing all of time so when you do

get out there you don't want to screw up," Morgan said. "It feels good to finally start winning."

Morgan says that some of his success has to do with his position in the lineup behind Norton.

"I kind of channel off of [Norton] because he wins most of the time," Morgan said. "I take some of his momentum out on the mat with me when I go out there."

Arizona State will be coming in as the top team in the Pac-10 this weekend and the Ducks will be looking to not only bolster their conference ranking, but also their national ranking with a win, but Finley admits that it won't be easy.

"ASU is definitely going to be a test for us," Finley said. "They're the number one team in the conference right now. The matchups

are not quite what we like, they're more to our disadvantage. They have three nationally ranked wrestlers in the upper weights and that might be a little bit too much for us, so we're going to have to win the lower weights."

Last year Arizona State beat up on Oregon 25-10, but the Ducks have beaten Cal State Bakersfield, the only team in the Pac-10 to beat Arizona State.

The BYU match will have one other highlight in that Scott Norton will likely get the 100th win of his career at Oregon, but Norton isn't looking at that.

"Basically I'm going into Friday thinking that I need to win that match and I won't be thinking about 100 matches, I'll just be thinking that I have to win that match period," Norton said.

Jordan will play another season

■ **NBA:** The Bulls' star says fans help give him the energy to keep on playing

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Michael Jordan says he plans to return for another NBA season. It was the most definitive statement so far from the Chicago Bulls' superstar who is playing this season on a one-year contract that pays him \$30 million.

Jordan said he believes he is playing at the top of his game and that he has been energized by support from fans, who this week voted in record numbers to make him an NBA All-Star for the 11th time.

"At the moment, I look forward to playing next year," he said. "I don't see anything that says I won't or that I will change my mind."

"The appreciation and respect the fans have paid me, especially this year, is very gratifying," he told the Chicago Tribune after Tuesday night's victory over Vancouver. "That only fuels the energy I have

when I go out there on the basketball court."

Jordan said he knows more and better understands how to use his skills in certain situations. He said that earlier in his career, he played with more unfettered abandon and was more athletic.



"Now, I think I show a lot of savvy out there in utilizing whatever little energy I might have to my benefit. There's not that much reckless abandon, and I think that has made me better," he said.

Twice this season, Jordan, 33, has reached the 50-point mark, most recently with his NBA-season best 51-point outburst against the New York Knicks on Jan. 21. He has scored at least 30 points in 22 of the Bulls' 43 games and has scored at least 40 points six times.

"Nothing he does surprises me anymore," his teammate Scottie Pippen said.

Women: People of all races, genders encouraged to attend

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the conference's mission statement — which was revised this year — states that the conference aims to create a forum "where women can address their identities in a collective manner," the statement goes on to say that one goal is to "get participation from other communities, including men, to address these important issues."

"Our hope is that everyone attends the conference as allies and friends who can work toward understanding and communicating alliance," Shi-

geoka said.

The communication that happens at the conference will hopefully center around issues of race and class as they relate to women of color, Cho said. She emphasized that issues specific to various populations of women of color need to be addressed at the conference.

"I hope the entire event helps people have a strong sense of who they are; to really understand the oppression of women of color," Cho said. "The conference works to recognize double oppression — racism and sexism."

Seminar: Meth drugs very addictive, experts say

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from its appearance being similar to frozen water. "E" or "ecstasy" is considered a "designer drug." It was created by altering the intensity of methamphetamine content so that it could be legal on the streets. Legislation later passed to make it illegal.

Methamphetamines are extremely addictive and cause short-term effects such as hallucinations, paranoia, increased heart rate and loss of inhibitions.

"There isn't a more damaging drug that I know of," said Al Levine, a speaker at the seminar and program manager for Lane County's Adult Mental Health Services.

Mace hopes that the information gained at the seminar will reach more than the 450 students in attendance.

"Hopefully, if there's 450 students, those students will tell the information to their friends, and it will reach a lot of folks over time," said Mace. "In the field of prevention, that's our intent and it's worked so far."

Students taking the seminar will have four quizzes and one take home exam and will receive two upper-division credits for passing.

The next seminar sponsored by the Substance Abuse Prevention Program, entitled "Inmates, Drugs and Gangs," will take place February 14 and 15.

49ers' center undergoes surgery

■ **NFL:** Jesse Sapolu, who is recovering from open-heart surgery, wants to continue playing for San Francisco

The Associated Press

STANFORD, Calif. — Center Jesse Sapolu, a member of four Super Bowl winning teams in his 14 years with the San Francisco 49ers, was recovering Thursday from open-heart surgery in which doctors repaired a leaking valve.

A Stanford Hospital spokeswoman said Sapolu, 35, was in good condition. He underwent the operation on Monday and club officials described the surgery as successful.

"Because it's not really a football-related surgery, I don't think it's appropriate that I comment other than to say everything went really well and Jesse is doing ex-

tremely well," said Dwight Clark, the 49ers vice president and director of football operations.

Sapolu is expected to make a full recovery and has reportedly told the team he wants to continue playing. Clark said there was a chance Sapolu could return next season.

In a statement released by the team, Sapolu said, "I feel fine and excited and will address everything at a later date."

The team's doctor, James Klint, said Sapolu's aortic valve had been damaged from rheumatic fever when he was a child.

"We are anticipating that he will be able to return to full activities without restrictions," Klint said Thursday.

Sapolu has known about the heart problem for years, but the leak was small, and he was able to keep playing. However, the problem got a little worse recent-

ly and doctors recommended surgery to replace the defective valve.

An 11th-round draft pick out of Hawaii in 1983, Sapolu overcame injuries that virtually wiped out three of his first four seasons in the league to become one of the team's most reliable and versatile linemen.

Since 1987, he has missed only three non-strike games. He played left guard in '87, both left and right guard in '88 and moved to center in 1989, following the retirement of Randy Cross. He remained at center through 1993, when he earned his first trip to the Pro Bowl. In 1994, the team signed free-agent center Bart Oates and moved Sapolu back to left guard, and he earned another trip to the Pro Bowl — his first as a guard.

He was an alternate center in this year's Pro Bowl.

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