

DeYoung: Nasty fans aren't limited to Oregon or students

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these fans are biased at all toward Oregon? There is a Pacific-10 Conference representative who sits on press row and keeps track of the refs' calls. Unfortunately, the fans know who he is and feel it is their place to tell him what they think of the refs. It's probably all in good fun, but people need to realize it isn't just the students who voice their opinions of the people on the court.

And it isn't just Oregon fans either. Prior to this season, I had never seen a Pac-10 game anywhere but Mac Court and Gill Coliseum in Corvallis. But I traveled down to the Stanford game a couple of weeks ago and I now know Oregon fans are just like any other fans.

I obviously wasn't seated in the student section, and I wasn't in the Oregon section either. So I guess I should have been prepared to listen to screaming Cardinal fans for a couple of hours. But they surprised me because they were so nasty. I know that it was far from the best game the Ducks have ever played. But the man behind me wasn't cheering for Stanford, instead he seemed to be cheering against Oregon.

"You call that a shot, Wilkins? Sit down, Ramaker! You play like a girl, Milling!"

Maybe he was Stanford's bad apple of the crowd. But it made me realize two things — maybe teams shouldn't put names on the back of their uniforms and maybe there are fans at every school who would rather use their energies cheering

against the other team instead of rooting for their own team.

So do the events that happened in the last few weeks at Oregon happen everywhere? It seems like there has been more coverage of off-the-court events than the basketball teams. You have to feel the most sorry for the players. These men and women have been working hard all year long and some people have forgotten this.

From the whole spitting fiasco at the women's game versus Washington back in January to the ASUO taking a stand on racism by punishing 228 innocent students last week, it's been a big headache for the athletic department, the coaches and the players.

I know that there are some ignorant peo-

ple who do not make the best fans. Players, coaches and refs have to develop thick skin in order not to be affected by what fans are constantly yelling in their faces.

But it's time to stop focusing on the fans and start watching the games. There will always be fans who are either too drunk or too stupid to be civilized. There is really nothing that can be done to stop this.

There is no excuse for these ignorant people. But the women are bound for the NCAA Tournament and the men are still fighting for a chance at the postseason, and I think we may have all lost sight of this.

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improperly transported a friend of a student-athlete for about two miles.

The response will be presented to the NCAA Infractions Committee and the school asked that its case be heard April 18.

Chuck Smrt, director of enforcement for the NCAA, said the organization would not comment "because it's a normal part of the process for a school to make a response."

The school said it had or would name someone to deal specifically with certifying eligibility, moving the academic adviser's office out of Bud Walton Arena, and suspending a summer-employment program for athletes at the Springdale Country Club. There were oth-

er corrective measures.

Schools typically announce self-sanctions with the hope of drawing less serious penalties from the NCAA.

"In most cases where there are allegations of violations, the university was careful in following what it thought was the appropriate regulation," Ferritor said in a 1 1/2-page statement. "Some violations were found and self-reported by the university and accepted by the NCAA. ... The majority of the differences lay in interpreting and applying the rules."

The NCAA letter to Arkansas said that the case "appears to be 'major' in nature," but Ferritor said a majority of the violations were secondary.

Club hockey nets second place

■ **TOURNAMENT:** Oregon loses to Stanford in the championship of the Pacific-8 Hockey Tournament

By Alex Pond

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Stanford scored an empty-net goal with one minute, 30 seconds remaining in the game Sunday to kill a late Oregon rally and win the championship by a score of 3-1 at the Pacific-8 Hockey Conference Tournament in Anaheim, Calif.

It was a familiar scene for the Ducks, who lost twice to the Cardinal by a goal during the regular season.

Stanford struck first, getting a controversial goal with 7:39 remaining in the first period.

On a Stanford breakaway, an Oregon defenseman cut off the ensuing Cardinal, causing a collision that took the two players and the goaltender into the net, dislodging it from its foundation.

However, the officials ruled that the puck had crossed the goal-line before the net came lose, allowing the goal and the Cardinal led, 1-0.

"That was the difference in the game," forward Robert Wasson said. "The whole outlook of the game would have been different had that goal not been allowed."

The Cardinal added a power-play goal midway through the second period to take a 2-0 lead.

That is where the score remained deep into the third period, and it looked like the Ducks were running out of time.

But Flint Duongchak scored off the assist from Jordan Weiner and Brendan Malia with 2:33 remaining in the game, and they were right back into it.

Oregon then pulled goaltender Keith Barbato in order to gain an extra attacker. However, the plan

backfired with 1:30 remaining when the Cardinal scored its final goal of the game, forcing Oregon to settle for the second-place trophy.

"We played our hearts out," Wasson said. "We just didn't have enough."

The Ducks did have enough, though, on Saturday in a 3-2 victory over California that put them in the championship game.

"That was probably the best game we played this year," Wasson said. "The score doesn't reflect our dominance."

Jeff Smith, Justin Euteneier and Seth Prouser scored in the Ducks' victory over the Golden Bears. Prouser's goal with 11:18 remaining in the game gave the Ducks an insurmountable 3-1 lead.

The Ducks end the season with an 18-7-1 record, capping a spectacular turnaround from a year ago when they were 7-17-2 and last in the Pac-8.

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