

Nowlin-Tres: Intensity is her key

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game in 20 minutes of action, but not before scoring 14 points on 7-of-12 shooting.

"We could have done better. I was too aggressive," she said recalling last year's game in McArthur Court.

This season she has fouled out just twice in 27 games, while averaging 31 minutes a contest.

Despite a slight dropoff to 31.1 percent in her three-point shooting this year, from her 36.8 percent a year ago, Nowlin-Tres is averaging a team high 16 points and 7 rebounds a game. She is second on the team in field-goal shooting at 50.8 percent.

During the Aztecs WAC season, Nowlin-Tres led the team in scoring in 12 of the teams last 19 games. And in San Diego State's early-season romp over UNLV, she recorded a career-high 32 points to go along with her 10 rebounds.

"Jodi obviously is an exceptional shooter," Burns said. "She's a critical part of our team."

A rough preseason ended with three straight losses and the team's goal of winning the WAC Championship was looking like it would be difficult. But since then, the team hasn't looked back.

"We didn't have a really good preseason," she said. "The preseason just wasn't what I had expected it to be, people didn't know their roles."

The senior's intensity on the defensive end, as well as offensively, helped the team to an impressive finish, as she averaged 17.6 points in WAC games.

"I'm intense," she said, "a little more than I need to be sometimes."

Perhaps if she shares some of that extra intensity with her teammates, the No. 11 seed Aztecs will avenge last season's loss to the Ducks.

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For the game, Oregon was 3-of-25 from behind the 3-point line.

The Ducks controlled the boards, 47-33, including 26 on the offensive end.

Oregon raced to a 40-30 lead at the half, with Kyle Milling doing most of the work.

Milling, who averaged 11.6 points during the regular season, matched that halfway through the half and finished the first 20 minutes with 16 points and eight rebounds. He finished with 22

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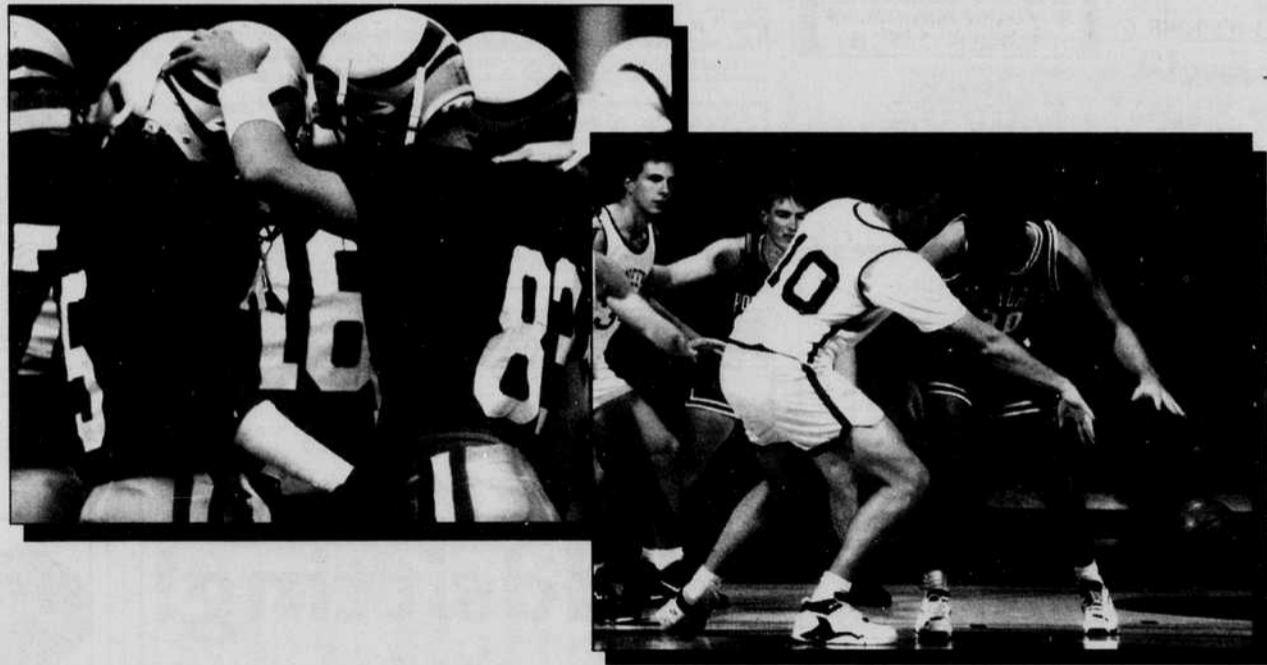
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