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Men may face trouble without Carson

Oregon hosts the tallest
 Stanford team in the
 school's history without
 Mike Carson

By Rob Moseley
 Sports Reporter

The effects of losing center Mike Carson for the season because of an ankle injury suffered during the winter break should be felt in full Monday night at McArthur Court as Oregon hosts the tallest Stanford team in the Cardinal's history.

The Ducks opened the Pacific-10 Conference season Saturday at home with a win over California, but Stanford, which boasts eight players standing 6-foot-7 or taller, should stand in stark contrast to the guard-oriented Bears.

Oregon head coach Ernie Kent said with just two true post players in Jonathon Nelson and Flo Hartenstein the Ducks will rely on smaller but quicker players to defend Stanford's big men.

"Somewhere along there, Hen-

ry Madden and A.D. [Smith] are going to be put on one of those 6-10 or 7-foot, 250-pound guys," Kent said. "So we've got to do a good job of pressuring the ball, fronting the post and really helping out to keep people off the boards."

Stanford is 12-0 after a 68-48 victory in Corvallis on Saturday. The Cardinal held Oregon State to an 18-percent shooting mark, including three for 31 in the first half, and are just two wins shy of the school record for victories to open the season.

The Cardinal entered 1998 as one of just seven undefeated teams nationally. Notables among the other six include top-ranked North Carolina and the Jerry Green-coached Tennessee Volunteers.

Although Stanford does feature depth in the frontcourt, that depth will be tested against the Ducks, as injuries have side-

lined freshman Jason Collins, who came to Palo Alto with twin brother Jarron, and sophomore forward Mark Madsen, who missed the Oregon State contest with a stress fracture in his foot and could miss up to a month.

Madsen, who had started the Cardinal's first 11 games, was second on the team with 12 points and almost seven rebounds per game entering the weekend and led the Pac-10 in field-goal percentage at 72.3.

One player who should be expected to make up for the loss of Madsen is 7-1, 245-pound center Tim Young, an All-American candidate who tallied 20 points and 21 rebounds in the Cardinal's 72-69 overtime victory in Eugene last season.

Monday night's matchup should seem eerily familiar to Kent, who is coaching the team he played for and against a team he coached. Kent served as an assistant to Stanford head coach Mike Montgomery in Palo Alto for two seasons from 1989-1991.

The winter break report

Women's basketball

■ **IN THE NEWS:** Center Jenny Mowe has missed six straight games and did not make the trip to the Bay Area because of tendinitis in her knee. The 6-foot-5 sophomore may miss the remainder of the season and seek a medical hardship from the NCAA to regain a season of eligibility.

■ **GAME NOTES:**
 Dec. 19: Oregon 64, Miss. St. 68
 Scoring leader: Meharry 17
 Rebounding leader: Strange 7, UO
 Assist leader: Meharry, Strange, Wolvert 3

Dec. 20: Oregon 94, WSU 71
 Scoring leader: Hughes 29
 Rebounding leader: Meharry 5
 Assist leader: Bowyer 9

Dec. 21: Oregon 58, Nevada 53
 Scoring leader: Hughes 14
 Rebounding leader: Wolvert 7
 Assist leader: Bowyer 6

Dec. 29: Oregon 53, Kansas 59
 Scoring leader: Meharry 18
 Rebounding leader: Meharry 9
 Assist leader: Strange 4

Men's basketball

■ **IN THE NEWS:** Senior center Mike Carson will miss the remainder of the season due to an ankle injury suffered in practice on Dec. 16. He has applied for a medical hardship with the hopes of returning next season. Redshirt freshman Tyron Manlove, who voluntarily sat out this fall for academic reasons, has left the team and will transfer to a junior college.

■ **GAME NOTES:**
 Dec. 13: Oregon 78, Loyola Mary. 73
 Scoring leader: Brown 16
 Rebounding leader: Nelson 8
 Assist leader: Rosemond, Brown 4

Dec. 18: Oregon 88, S.F. Austin 64
 Scoring leader: Smith 19
 Rebounding leader: Smith, Hartenstein 6
 Assist leader: Curry 7

Dec. 22: Oregon 58, Vanderbilt 69
 Scoring leader: Brown 12
 Rebounding leader: Nelson, Hartenstein, 7
 Assist leader: Brown 3

Dec. 28: Oregon 67, S. Illinois 66
 Scoring leader: Smith 15
 Rebounding leader: Nelson 9
 Assist leader: McShane 7

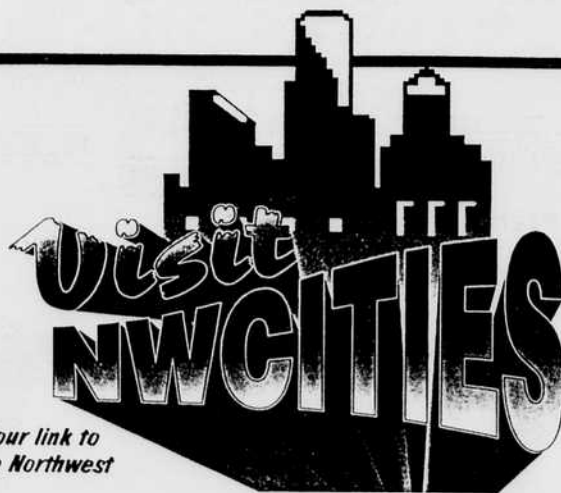
Wrestling

■ **IN THE NEWS:** Despite a 38-6 drubbing of Portland State on Dec. 16, Oregon (4-0) dropped four places in the polls to 30th in the nation. In the most recent Pacific-10 Conference Wrestling Rankings, Oregon has eight wrestlers ranked in the top four of their respective weight classes.

■ **MATCH NOTES:**
 Dec. 14: Oregon 19, Cal Poly SLO 18
 Winners: Perkins (126 pounds), Roberts (142), Christian (150), Morgan (158), Keeney (167), Lee (177), Sonnen (190), Polkinghorn (Hwt.)

Dec. 16: Oregon 38, Portland 6
 Winners: Perkins (126 pounds), Taylor (134), Roberts (142), Christian (150), Morgan (158), Keeney (167), Lee (177), Sonnen (190), Polkinghorn (Hwt.)

Dec. 29-30: Midlands Tournament
 1. Iowa (134.5) 2. Illinois (113.5)
 3. Oregon (92.5)
 Winners: Taylor (118 pounds), Perkins (126), Ensrud (134), Christian (150), Morgan (158), Sonnen (190).



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