



Arizona shows the Cardinal who's the best

If there was any doubt heading into last weekend as to which was the best team in the Pacific-10 Conference, No. 2 Arizona answered it in resounding fashion by beating No. 8 Stanford in Tucson on Saturday, 90-58.

These were both top-10 teams. Games between top-10 teams are supposed to be close. But the Wildcats thoroughly dominated the Cardinal, holding it to a 28.6 shooting percentage in the first half.

"Once we broke down, everything was that much easier for them and that much harder for us," Stanford coach Mike Montgomery said. "Maybe we can't play at this level yet."

With the victory the Wildcats clinched their first Pac-10 Championship since 1994 and ended UCLA's three-year championship run.

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Men's Pac-10 Notes

by Rob Moseley

"We knew we had to make a statement in the Pac-10 if we wanted to be effective in the tournament," Arizona point guard Mike Bibby said.

Tournament talk

With one week left in the regular season and the NCAA Tournament announcing its participants on Sunday, the conference is pushing hard

to get five teams into the Big Dance, Dave Hirsch of the Pac-10 said.

Hirsch said considering the conference's strength compared to the rest of the nation, he feels there is a "good chance" of Arizona, Arizona State, Stanford, UCLA and Washington making the tournament.

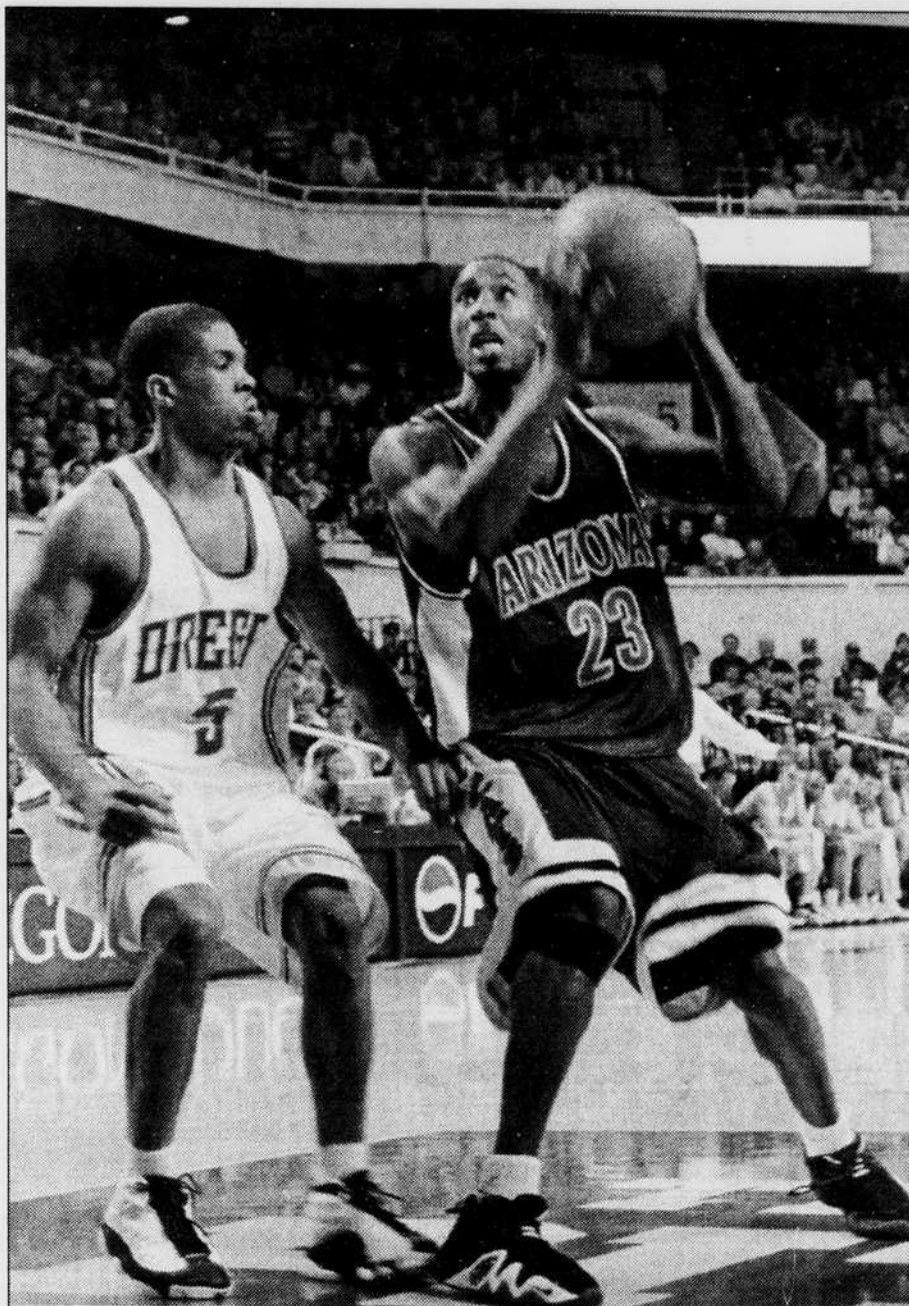
Gary Johnson, senior statistics coordinator for the NCAA and the man who will provide the NCAA's selection committee with any and all pertinent statistical data, said the committee will begin meeting on Friday.

The selection committee is made up of nine athletic directors and conference commissioners and includes regional subcommittees.

While the Wildcats, Cardinal and Bruins are considered locks for selection, Johnson said Arizona State and Washington are both "bubble teams."

Over the past seven years, the Pac-10 has averaged more than four participants per year, with five representatives, including the eventual champions, in two of the last three years.

The Wildcats, Sun Devils and Cardinal, along with Oregon and national champion UCLA, made the tournament in 1995,



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Michael Dickerson and the Arizona Wildcats clinched the Pac-10 championship with a win over Stanford Saturday.

while California, Stanford, UCLA and USC joined eventual champion Arizona last season.

Pac of parity

Despite Arizona's domination of Stanford, the Pac-10's usual parity was further exemplified on Sunday as Washington upset No. 18 UCLA on two free throws by center Todd MacCulloch with two seconds left in the game.

It was the Huskies' first victory over a ranked team this season and their first de-

feat of the Bruins after 10 straight losses.

The Huskies are now 17-9 overall and 10-7 in the Pac-10 with the Apple Cup against Washington State their tuneup for the postseason.

If the Huskies are indeed selected for the tournament, it would be their first appearance since 1986.

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Men beat the Lobos at home

The Ducks raised their record to 9-4 with a 6-1 victory over No. 46 New Mexico

By Tim Pyle

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Home-court advantage proved sweet for the Oregon men's tennis team Monday.

In its first home match since Feb. 16, 1997, Oregon ambushed No. 46 New Mexico 6-1 at the Eugene Swim & Tennis Club for its fifth win in its last six matches.

"I'm delighted," head coach Chris Russell said. "That's the best win we've had so far since I've been here, in terms of their ranking and whatnot."

The Ducks (9-4 overall) took it to the Lobos (4-3) by winning five out of six singles matches and two out of three doubles matches.

"I can't tell you how nice it was to play at home," Russell said.

"That's definitely a treat. We kind of forgot how nice it was."

Erwan Kergroach, who is ranked No. 92 nationally, lost to the Lobos' Jeff Williams in three sets in the No. 1 singles match. It was just Kergroach's second loss in his last 10 matches and dropped his record to 14-5. Williams, who is ranked No. 27 in the country, improved to 18-4.

"I think Erwan ran out of gas and [Williams] was good," Russell said. "[Williams] stepped up and kind of took it to him. [Williams] was dictating when the match was on the line, and Erwan either didn't do it or he didn't have the energy to do it."

Guillermo Carter improved to 12-7 by winning a seesaw match in three sets at the No. 2 singles position against New Mexico's Pepe Caballero. The match included tiebreakers in the first and last sets of Carter's 6-7, 6-4, 7-6 win.

Carlos Navarro continued his solid play of late with a straight sets victory against the Lobos' Nicolas Dubey at the No. 3 singles position. Navarro improved to 10-8 with the victory, the 26th of his career at Oregon.

"I was just concentrating on the little details that coach keeps telling us to do in practice," Navarro said. "I've been working on a game plan, and now I have a better understanding of it."

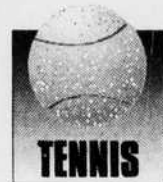
Russell said Navarro, who is the team captain, has raised the level of his play in recent weeks.

"Carlos has really been coming on," Russell said. "He's gotten two very convincing wins the last two matches and really took care of business out there in both singles and doubles."

Joaquin Hamdan (10-8), Miguel Arriaga (9-8) and Jeff Thomsen (8-6) also earned singles wins for the Ducks.

In doubles play, the team of Kergroach and Carter recorded its second straight victory against a top-30 opponent. Kergroach-Carter (9-5) defeated No. 26 Williams-Caballero 8-5 two days after beating Idaho's No. 27 team of Darin Currall and Danny Willman.

Hamdan-Navarro (9-4) won 8-6 in No. 2 doubles, but David Becker and Cedric Van Haver lost 9-8 in No. 3 doubles.



Marianne Stanley accused of using racial slurs

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Women's Pac-10 Notes

by Alex Pond

Marianne Stanley is in the legal spotlight once again.

Stanley, the California women's basketball head coach who made national news with a gender discrimination lawsuit several years ago, has been accused of using racial slurs during an incident that occurred Oct. 23, 1997.

Robert Kroll filed a lawsuit against Stanley last Thursday in Alameda County Superior Court on the behalf of Rickey Marciano.

According to the Daily Californian, Marciano was playing a pickup basketball game in the University of California Sports Facility when the incident occurred. The Daily Californian is reporting that Marciano paid to use the court for a certain length of time.

Apparently the Bears' women's basketball team, which practices in the sports facility, entered the building and began practicing on a nearby court. Stanley reportedly sent one of her players, Sherri Smith, to the nearby court to shoot.

The players in the pickup game, according to the Daily Californian, threw Smith's ball to the other end

of the gym. Stanley reportedly approached the players and told them if they had a problem they should take it up with her, according to the Daily Californian.

Stanley and the male players then reportedly yelled and cursed at each other for several minutes.

Marciano reportedly threw his arms in the air in frustration, and Stanley, who is white, then reportedly made several racial slurs at Marciano, who is African-American.

The Daily Californian reported that Stanley did not deny the incident occurred, but she denies the number of times she said the racial slurs. Stanley said she made the slurs two or three times, while the Daily Californian reported she used them repeatedly.

Cal officials have taken action against Stanley, although she has not been suspended. The Daily Californian reported it was "more than a verbal admonishment," and it is suspected Stanley was fined.

Stanley has not released a formal statement about the incident, but following the Bears' game last Thurs-

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