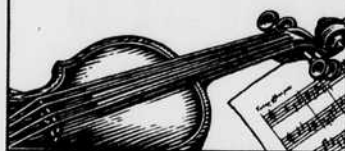


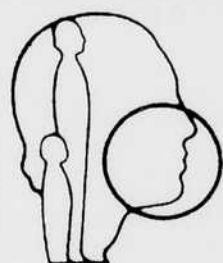
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Wrestling

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Oregon natives, so it's an emotional or personal battle for them," Kearney said. "When you travel, you get no breaks. You need to stay ahead."

According to Kearney, one of the most crucial matches against the Cardinal will pit 157-pound Daryl Christian against Stanford's Beau Weiner. Christian has beaten Weiner in past competition.

Sean Morgan's match against Warren McPherson at 165 pounds will also be critical.

"We have some really good bouts in the middle that will be very important to us," Kearney said.

The team has made some adjustments. Mark Castle has been moved to the starting rotation at 149 pounds and Cox will be wrestling at the 125-pound weight class instead of his usual 133 pounds.

"It is the weight I'm most effi-

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Chuck Kearney
Oregon head coach

cient at and it's the weight I need to wrestle at," Cox said.

"I think it will help out the team because I can wrestle to my best ability. I wasn't a 133 pounder, and being at 125 I should compete better."

Three matches in four days will be the most rigorous part of the Ducks' season.

However, Cox does not think the team will be too fatigued by the time it meets Cal State Bakersfield on Saturday.

"It shouldn't affect us," Cox

said. "If we're training right, it shouldn't affect us. We're training hard and only good things can come from that," Cox said. "I know we're



MORGAN

excited about this trip and we're excited about peaking at the right time."

Other members of the team are also optimistic about the season. Leif Williams, who wrestles at 165, said the team has the components and the potential to have growing success this season.

"We're doing great," Williams said. "We have some real depth in the team and, with our new members and our new coaches this year, I think we're going to [go really far]."

Basketball

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guard Baron Davis and athletic newcomer Jerome Moiso in building a lead as large as 21 points in the second half before withstanding a furious comeback from the then-No. 6 Wildcats.

Moiso, a 6-foot-7 forward from Paris, riddled Arizona with his quickness and leaping ability to the tune of 21 points on seven-of-11 shooting and eight rebounds. Meanwhile, Davis outplayed Wildcat point man Jason Terry and delivered 20 points as he ran the up-tempo UCLA attack proficiently.

Both teams have nearly unlimited potential, but both also

promise to be inconsistent at times, with all the young players.

The Bruins showed their youth in their Monday game against Arizona State, as the Sun Devils pushed UCLA to overtime in Los Angeles before losing 88-85.

Davis scored the Bruins' last five points of regulation to push the game to overtime and finished with 11 points.

Arizona recovered with an 87-78 win at Southern California. Freshman forward Reggie Jefferson filled the box score with 24 points, eight rebounds and six assists.

High-flying Baron

Davis was named the Pac-10 player of the week for his exploits against Arizona and Arizona State and his 13 points, four rebounds, four steals and six assists in a 92-67 win over Loyola Marmount on Dec. 29.

Davis, the Pac-10 freshman of the year last season, has sparked UCLA to an eight-game winning streak since his return from a knee injury. Widely regarded as one of the most exciting and best point guards in the nation, Davis uses a frightening combination of speed, vision, leaps and shooting touch to torture Bruin opposition.

Sports Brief

Former Duck joins the Harlem Globetrotters

Former Oregon basketball player Jamar Curry signed yesterday with the Harlem Globetrotters for their 73rd consecutive season.

Curry, a 6-foot-1 guard, averaged 8.7 points and 3.5 rebounds per game in 1998, his senior season at Oregon. Curry was a two-time winner of the team's John Warren Most Inspirational Award and was named the Ducks' best defensive player after his sophomore season.

The Jersey City, N.J., native was popular with McArthur Court fans for his flamboyant dunks and exuberant on-court personality.

"Jamar is raw talent and pure energy on the court, which rubs off on his teammates and fans," said Mannie Jackson, owner and chairman of the Globetrotters. "His background is also impressive, having come from one of the nation's finest high school pro-

grams and a quality university like Oregon."

Curry graduated from St. Anthony's High and was coached by Bob Hurley Sr. Curry joins 1995 Oregon grad Orlando Williams as recent Ducks who have signed with the Globetrotters.

The Globetrotters, who entertain fans with their combination of athleticism and antics, began their 1999 tour on Dec. 18 and will travel to more than 200 cities in North America this season.

UO athletic department distributes hard hats

Responding to the enthusiasm of more than a dozen fraternity members who don hard hats and white tee shirts at their seats at half court at men's basketball games, the Oregon Athletic Department will distribute 1,000 hard hats emblazoned with the Oregon logo to students at Thursday night's 7:35 match-up with Southern California at McArthur Court.

For attending nine men's games, four women's games and two wrestling matches with the hard hats on, students will receive a "spirit sticker" noting the date and event. At the end of the winter season, students with the most stickers will receive prizes from the athletic department, Burger King, Dr. Pepper and the Oregon coaches.

The four women's games at which stickers will be distributed to helmeted students are Jan. 15 against Washington, Jan. 29 against Oregon State, Feb. 4 against UCLA and Feb. 21 against Arizona. The two wrestling matches are Feb. 5 Arizona State and Feb. 12 against Oregon State.

"We hope that this promotion will encourage some of the student 'crazies' that frequent the men's games to bring that kind of intensity to four of the biggest women's home games and two key wrestling meets," Oregon marketing director Jere Hanks said.

Redmond picks school over draft

By Tim Molloy
The Associated Press

TEMPE, Ariz. — Arizona State tailback J.R. Redmond will stay in school instead of leaving for the NFL draft.

"I came in a winner in the '96 season and I want to leave a winner," he told a news conference Tuesday.

The Sun Devils went 11-0 in 1996 and won their second Pac-10 championship before losing to

Ohio State in the Rose Bowl. Although they lost 15 players who made NFL rosters, Redmond was expected to help them contend again.

Instead, Redmond turned his ankle in the sixth game this year and never completely recovered, and Arizona State skidded to 5-6 in a season capped by a 50-42 loss to rival Arizona.

Redmond, mentioned as a Heisman Trophy contender be-

fore the season, ran for 649 yards of his 883 yards before the injury.

Redmond said he was staying with the Sun Devils in part because his coaches have been loyal to him.

"I didn't pass my SATs in high school and I went to a JC (junior college)," he said. "The coaches stayed with me. I want to get closer to graduating if not graduate."