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# Numbers tell it: Pac-10 a trip

■ Tara VanDerveer doesn't plan any changes — whether her No. 24 Cardinal is rolling or not

guard Erica Gomez.

## WOMEN'S NOTES

By Mirjam Swanson  
 Oregon Daily Emerald

A single-handed 12-point run ain't bad.

Stanford forward Lindsey Yamasaki scored the last 12 points of the first half against California last Saturday, and by doing so turned a shaky 11-point Cardinal lead into a convincing 23-point advantage.

Twenty-fourth ranked Stanford (11-4 overall, 4-1 Pacific-10 Conference) won 83-57 and Yamasaki finished with 17 points.

Not a typical performance from someone coming off the bench.

But not an atypical showing for Yamasaki, the two-sport star from Oregon City who is averaging 10.4 points in less than 20 minutes per game.

Coach Tara VanDerveer has openly expressed her displeasure with Yamasaki's decision to play volleyball last fall — the Cardinal volleyball team reached the national championship and lost to Penn State.

And despite Yamasaki's generally impressive play since returning to the basketball court seven games ago, VanDerveer hasn't changed her tone or her policy of excluding dual-sport athletes from her starting lineup. Kristin Folkl, another former Stanford volleyball and basketball standout, was also regulated to reserve duty throughout her career, al-

though VanDerveer seemed more willing to deal with Folkl's situation.

"I like our lineup," VanDerveer said in response to a question about Yamasaki's role on the team. "People are playing well. We're starting the people who are doing the best for us out there."

So Yamasaki, a starter all last season, won't start this year?

"She's come off the bench and helped us in some games. And that's great."

### \$30,000

Thirty thousand dollars is a lot of money.

A \$30,000 bond was paid for the release of Ayesha Rembert, a junior forward at UCLA, following her arrest last Wednesday.

And the No. 10 Bruins indefinitely suspended Rembert last Thursday, following her arrest on suspicion of burglarizing the home of a fellow UCLA student.

Reportedly, Rembert is alleged to have stolen several items, including a laptop computer and a leather jacket early on Dec. 27.

Rembert — who was averaging less than five minutes a game for the Bruins — was taken into custody following a practice at Pauley Pavilion.

It's just more adversity for a Bruins team that has already dealt with key injuries, several lopsided losses and harsh public criticism by starting point

## Thirteen minutes

Thirteen minutes is a long time. It's how much time Southern California coach Chris Gobrecht gives her players to run 1 1/2 miles. Either that or sit.

No sweat, they're Division-I, Pacific-10 Conference athletes, right?

Never until this season.

Rather fortunately for Oregon, Portia Mitchell, one of 25 high-school athletes invited to try out for the USA Olympic team in 1998, still hasn't conquered that now-infamous 13-minute test.

"It's unfortunate because when we signed Portia what we had in mind was that she would be one of those people who could help us against [the size] that Oregon brings into the gym with [6-foot-5] Jenny Mowe and [6-3] Angelina Wolvert and [6-1] Brianna Meharry," Gobrecht said. "They've got some of the biggest kids in the Pac-10. So that was our idea with Portia. But it's not gonna happen."

Though Gobrecht certainly isn't pleased with the scenario, she used this week's Pac-10 conference call to dispel some of the criticism Mitchell's been receiving — because her player has been getting clowned in newspapers from Seattle to Los Angeles.

"She cares a lot about the team," Gobrecht said. "And she is working very hard on her conditioning, it's just that she had such a long way to go."

## Tennis

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meanor helped him evolve into a leader on and off the court.

"People see that he leads by example," Russell said. "He is one of those guys who has a good presence. He can walk into a room and not say anything, but you know he is there."

Junior David Becker was one of those players who looked to Carter for leadership. As a young player, Becker saw the example Carter set and tried to follow his footsteps.

"He kind of took me under his wing last year," Becker said. "He set a good example for me on what an Oregon tennis player should be."

Over the last couple of seasons, Russell's program has lost players to transfer and graduation. Carter has been one of the few holdovers for the team. That's something both Russell and Becker see as indicative of his commitment to the success of the program.

"He was one of the first guys I recruited who has been here the

whole time," Russell said. "Some guys don't care as much when they are seniors, their level of play drops off, but that hasn't happened with him. That shows he is a special person and player."

Becker also sees Carter's commitment as a benefit to the program.

"His sticking with us shows a lot about his character," Becker said. "It shows what he means to the program, and what we mean to him."

Unlike some stars, Carter is more interested in team success than in his own. Before his career is over, he would like to see the Ducks record their first Pac-10 win.

"As a team I liked to see us get our first Pac-10 win," Carter said. "Individually, I want to have a winning record. If I do that then I have a pretty good season."

Surprisingly, one of the strengths that Carter brought to the program has been his doubles play. According to both Russell and Becker, his play has improved during the four years he's been at Oregon.

"He is a stalwart doubles player, which surprised me at first," Russell

said. "His play has really helped the rest of the team in that aspect."

Becker echoes his coach's thoughts.

"His doubles play is at a very high level," Becker said. "Which shows the younger players how to play."

Carter took this fall off to compete on his own, something that he and Russell agree helped elevate his game to another level, which in turn will help the Ducks have a successful spring.

"He has come back with a good perspective," Russell said. "He has eased back into things with a maturity we haven't had in the past. That will definitely help us."

Carter also sees the benefit of playing on his own during the fall.

"I think it helped me a lot," Carter said. "As the season starts, you want to have a lot of match play experience. That helps a lot with your confidence. Last fall, we didn't play a lot of matches, and when the winter season started it took a lot of us a while to get used to the matches."

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