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Overstake

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"Because I have to go so hard to win matches, it hurts my wrestling until I am able to take those mistakes out."

Kearney said another key to Overstake's success as a wrestler is his intelligence. According to him, Overstake is able to make adjustments as he needs to.

"When he is wrestling someone who is extremely fast, he has to make the adjustments," Kearney said. "He has to realize that fatigue makes cowards out of most men. What he has to do is take kind of a Prefontaine-type approach to wrestling and as long as the match takes, just keep going

the whole time."

According to assistant coach Jeremy Ensrud, Overstake always stays after practice or arrives early to spar with him or other assistant Rick Stewart.

"When I look for a workout partner, I always look for him," Ensrud said. "He stays late and comes early, all the stuff he needs to do to win."

The quality of coaching and players at Oregon were two of the major factors that brought the Medford native to Eugene.

"Working out with Stewart and Ensrud has helped me," Overstake said. "Also having great partners to go against on a daily basis really elevates your ability."

Kearney agrees with Over-

stake's assessment of what it takes to be successful. In the beginning of the season, Overstake was pushing senior Mark Castle for the starting spot at 141 pounds. Then, when Castle went down with an injury, Overstake stepped in and didn't miss a beat.

"As a coaching staff, we understand that the ingredients to a successful wrestler are a work ethic and tremendous desire," Kearney said. "If a kid's got a good work ethic and desire, then we can teach him how to wrestle."

But, Kearney and his coaching staff saw more than just a good work ethic and desire in Overstake when they recruited him. They saw a great wrestler.

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he has played only a total of 30 minutes — less than two minutes per outing.

The losses dropped UCLA's conference record to 3-6, which means the Bruins must win six of its last nine games just to reach .500 and avoid its first losing conference record since 1948.

"It's still possible," forward/center Jerome Moiso told the Associated Press. "But are we going to keep messing around? That's the question."

And part of the answer should come tonight when the Bruins host cross-town rival USC, a team it lost to less than a month ago.

Lose again to the Trojans — a team that was a so swept by the Bay Area tandem — and Farnham's speech will have proven to have the same type of effect that his own play has on the team.

"There's definitely no room for error," Watson said. "The excuses are getting old."

Put up or shut up time, indeed.

Braving adversity

No women's player besides Felecity Willis was as deserving for Pacific-10 Conference player of the week honors.

Arizona's senior guard shot the lights out at McArthur Court in the Wildcats' win against the Ducks last Friday, pointing upwards and tipping her head back each time she racked up another point.

No, Willis was not trying to taunt the Pit.

She was instead saluting her high school softball coach, who had been on life support after suffering a heart attack Monday.

Willis found out that her coach was dead after the game — in which she contributed a 19-point, eight-assist effort that would've made any coach proud.

Against Oregon State a day later, Willis dished out a game-high seven assists.

The former two-sport athlete has decided not to play softball this season. A decision based on her desire to improve her game and someday have a career in the WNBA.

What's up, Beavs?

The Oregon State women seem on track to finish better than the polls projected.

Both media and coaches polls chose the Beavers to finish eighth in conference play. But after beating Arizona State and losing to Arizona in Gill Coliseum last weekend, the state's lovable losers are lodged — for the time being — at fifth in the conference with a record of 5-4.

The last time Oregon State had five Pac-10 wins was in the 1996-97 season, when it finished the season 5-13.

A key influence to the Beavers' success has been Sissel Pierce, who almost single-handedly pulled her team from a 17-7 first-half deficit to beat Arizona State last Friday.

Pierce's eight blocks against the Sun Devils broke the old school record of seven (held by Pierce), and her new career total of 149 swats shattered the career record of 143, held by All-American Carol Menken-Schaucht.

this week's to do list:



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