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poise to the intense surroundings he played in last year that are synonymous with Indiana prep basketball.

"I really don't think he feels pressure," said Olson, in his 17th year as Arizona's head coach. "In Indiana, high school basketball is a huge thing, and he's been dealing with pressure ever since he started playing.

"When he's been at his best has been in the final minutes, and he's been unbelievable. We knew he would be very good, but no one

expected him to have the season he is having as a freshman."

Olson's team needs to sweep the rest of their games to make a case at a top seed in the NCAA Tournament, starting with a tough homestand this week against the slumping Los Angeles schools.

Some key injuries have hurt the Trojans' in worse ways than head coach Henry Bibby could have imagined. Bibby has been consistently using a five-man rotation that has left his players gassed near the conclusion of tight games.

Against UCLA, the Trojans had three starters play all 40 minutes,

the second time that has happened this season. In an early February loss to California, USC was caught in the same dilemma.

Bibby is quick to point out that the game can seem even longer when shots aren't falling, which has been a handicap of the Trojans as of late.

"Guys get tired when they don't make shots," Bibby told the Arizona Daily Star. "I can say that because I played and I know what it is like when you're 0 for 10 and when you're 8 for 10. When you're 8 for 10 and play 40 minutes, it's 40 minutes. When you're 0 for 10, 40 minutes felt like two

hours."

Bring back the tourney?

Most Division I-A conferences hold a tournament at the end of the season to guarantee one team a bid to the NCAA Tournament.

Stanford head coach Mike Montgomery said the possibility of adding a Pac-10 tournament is more hype than anything else.

"It's the press that likes it," Montgomery said. "If you are looking at the student athlete getting the job done in school after 18 conference games, I'm just not for it. Not as many people are for it as people may think."

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best of both teams, as the contest was rained out.

Breaking out

Alina Wygonowska, the lone senior on the women's tennis team, broke out of a recent slump last Saturday with a hard-fought, three-set tie-breaker win over Southern California's Kara Warketin. Wygonowska, the team's captain, was hampered by a flu earlier this season.

"It has been frustrating for Alina these last few weeks," head coach Jack Griffin said. "This [was] just what she needs to jump right back in the fire."

Wygonowska's win on Saturday was Oregon's only singles win against the 12th-ranked Trojans.

More extremes

The 2000 women's tennis season has been a roller coaster of a ride. So far, the Ducks have played either a team ranked in the top-15, or an unranked non-league opponent. This schedule has produced mixed results. The Ducks are 2-4 after falling to four Pacific-10 conference powerhouses and defeating Big West conference patsies Portland and Idaho.

The roller coaster ride will continue as the Ducks finish out the month against ranked opponents Arizona State, Arizona and Washington State, and unranked Montana, St. Mary's and Washington.

Club sports briefs

Hockey at Pac-8 Championships

All that stands between the Oregon hockey team and a trip to the Pacific-8 finals is UCLA and a broken wrist.

The third-place Ducks (8-8-0) must overcome the second-place Bruins (17-0-0) starting Feb. 18 in Los Angeles, and they must do so without senior captain Chris Geib, whose college career ended when he broke his wrist during Oregon's 2-0 loss to Western Washington last Friday.

On Thursday, the Ducks put an end to the Vikings' perfect season, winning 4-3.

"We tried really, really hard because it was our last homestand of the season," Geib said. "We pulled out all the stops."

Fourth-place Stanford takes on first-place Southern California in the other semifinal.

If the Ducks advance to the finals, it will be their first trip to the championship game since 1997 when they lost to Stanford.

Lacrosse splits

The Oregon club sports men's lacrosse team lost in overtime against Pacific Lutheran on Sunday after a blowing out Puget Sound the day before.

The Ducks led 11-10 with 3 seconds to go, but the Lutes scored to tie the game and force overtime.

The Ducks were very disappointed about the loss, but were pleased with the play of Doug Hamilton and Jeff Schmid.

Oregon blew away University of Puget Sound 18-2 at the new turf adjacent to the Recreation Center on Saturday, for their first win of the season.

"I was very happy of how we played," Oregon coach Josh Barbour said. "We made improvements in transition, but we still need to work on defense."

The second half was played in the rain, making it difficult for the players to run the field. Midfielder Pat O'Donnell led the Ducks in scoring with four goals. Chris Vandyke, Jared Blanchette and James Hall each had three.

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