

# Wrestling

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in the earlier dual proved to be the deciding match, as Oregon prevailed by six points.

Oregon State is "tough because their style of wrestling is to keep it close and pull it off in the end,"

Webb said. "It's exciting though." The Beavers are also strong at 141, 157, 174 and 184 pounds. Fortunately for Oregon, the Ducks, too, are competitive at those classes. Senior Doug Lee defeated No. 16 Isaac Weber in the earlier dual at 184 pounds. The Beavers' Shane Cunanan, Eric Jorgensen and Nathan Coy

are undefeated this season against Oregon wrestlers. Both coaches agree that the winner will be decided by whoever earns the extra points. "There are several opportunities for us," Wells said. "Opportunities to score some bonus points and some additional points that we let slip through our fingers the last

time we wrestled them."

Senior Chael Sonnen, ranked No. 5 at 197 pounds, will face rookie Jason Lovell in a key match for Oregon. Sophomore Brian Watson, No. 7 at 133 pounds, will face 4-5 Michael Delaney.

Sophomore Casey Hunt will sit out the Oregon State match be-

cause of a knee injury. Junior Kenny Cox will fill in at 141 pounds. Cox is 0-4 this season and 8-15 in his collegiate career.

The match will be the last regular-season appearance for Oregon before it hosts the Pac-10 Championships Feb. 25-26. It will also be the last dual match for Oregon seniors Lee and Sonnen.

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Bracey added, "We weren't really having fun against Cal or Arizona State, and we have to get back to getting up and down the floor and throwing alley-oops to each other. That's when we beat teams."

Oregon head coach Ernie Kent is realistic enough not to keep alive any hope about his team running the table for the remainder of the season — as some of his players

have — but he does believe that four, five and perhaps six more wins are possible.

"The crucial thing for us is to battle our tails off and try to get in the postseason," Kent said. "Because if we can get in the postseason, that would be the third time getting into the postseason play in a row, and that hasn't been done here in a long time."

In fact, a three-peat of that kind hasn't been accomplished since three straight NIT appearances from 1975-77, when Kent was a

player for the Ducks.

## Gettin' props for his hops

People that have seen Freddie Jones play know one thing for sure: The man can dunk.

Now, he is receiving national props for his thunderous throw-downs. If you happened to catch the Saturday night "SportsCenter," you would have seen a segment about the five best dunkers in college basketball. And yes, Jones was one of them.

Fans were even given the oppor-

tunity to log on to ESPN.com and vote for their favorite dunker among the candidates.

"I didn't see it or anything, but I just heard about it," said Jones, who didn't finish first on the list, but didn't finish last either. "I'm honored to be up there, but I'd much rather have our team have success than for me to get those individual honors."

"But it's a nice accomplishment," he said with a smile.

## For what it's worth

Stanford shot 30 more free

throws than Oregon (37-7) in its win in Eugene last Thursday. Did a certain referee have something to do with that?

In an unofficial sheet passed out to the media following the game, it showed that referee Deron White called eight fouls on both teams, and referee Bob Sitov called seven fouls on Oregon and six on Stanford. Meanwhile, referee Bobby Hunt called only five fouls on the Cardinal and 14 on the Ducks.

Hmmm.

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could, but that she can't jump as high. She plans on testing her knee in contact drills "definitely next month."

Which means that if she really wanted to, and if her coaches let her, Williams could be ready to play by NCAA Tournament time.

If she could play right now, Shaq's presence would be felt in every aspect of Oregon's game. With the extra guard in the lineup, forwards Lindsey Dion and Brianne Meharry could return to their natural positions. The rout would get deeper. Her dribble penetration and offensive creativity would open up scoring options everywhere.

And Shaquala Williams has con-

fidence. No current Pac-10 guard can touch her, and she knows it.

If Shaq came in pill form, she'd be just what the doctor ordered for the slumping Oregon women.

Unfortunately, there will be no late-season comeback. Williams said she doesn't want to play at less than full throttle, and her coaches want her healthy and ready for next season.

So you continue to follow your beloved Ducks, and you can't help but sigh because you know that *this* should never have happened. Any of it. And you wonder if your Ducks will even make the Big Dance this season, and that sickly feeling begins to burn again in your chest.

But then, the antidote speaks: "They have seven games left,

and they have to get their confidence back up," Williams said. "All they need is maybe one or two good games, and they'll be able to get their confidence back up."

Maybe the real cure has yet to be found.

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## Horoscope by Linda C. Black

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (Feb. 14). Let go of a burden with the help of good friends, and continue your metamorphosis into the person you've always wanted to be. Resolve the past, but don't dwell on it, in February. Love inspires compassionate action in April. Be dormant in May, and you'll blossom in June. In July, you can best serve yourself by serving others. Review your strategy in August. Study from September through October to prepare for an exam in November. By December, you may hardly recognize yourself. Celebrate by doing something you've long dreamt about in January.

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) — Today is a 6 — Your team may need more money to achieve its objective. Break the piggy bank and add up your pennies. If you still don't have enough, don't give up. Just pray for another miracle, and open up your mind to let the right idea pop in.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 5 — Somebody who's been lordling over you is in for a few surprises. You and your partner could gang up on this person and present an objection that's been overlooked. You're right, of course, so you can afford to be gracious.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21) — Today is a 6 — Figure out what might go wrong, and have a back-up plan ready. Don't cram too many things into too little time — that's just an accident waiting to happen.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22) — Today is a 6 — You and your sweetheart or child should get together to work on your budget. You'll find there's not as much money as the other person thought, and that's the point you were trying to get across.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 7 — Your project could come to a grinding halt, but don't worry about the reasons why. This mess isn't your fault, which is why you're in such a good mood. Help others stay optimistic, and they'll think of something.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 5 — Be prepared to run into technical difficulties. Make copies of everything. A glitch would not only be annoying, but it could throw you off schedule.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is a 7 — A family conversation could turn ugly once money becomes the topic. The energy level is high because you and the other person care deeply. You're good at being objective if it's someone else's problem. This time, it will help if you can just say "no" — and mean it.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is a 5 — It's your duty to point out all the things wrong with a household plan. Or, this could be about real estate. If you're in escrow, for example, you're finding out what the seller forgot to mention. Be thorough.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 6 — There are a few surprises today, not all of them pleasant. Some of your assumptions could be challenged. Just because things have always been a certain way doesn't mean that's the way they are now. Be flexible.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 4 — Put off a tough financial decision a little while longer. Don't buy something you're not sure about. You might discover something much better tomorrow or the next day. Keep shopping.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 6 — Be willing and eager to fix errors, because somebody is apt to find one. Thank that person for pointing it out to you, and you'll avoid an embarrassing situation. Keep a promise you made to a dear friend.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 5 — Don't forget the car keys, the theater tickets, your wallet, your camera, the mail, or the list of things you need to buy. You need a checklist to remember your checklists. It would be bad to go somewhere only to realize you've forgotten something essential.

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