



UO hockey 'deflates' in fourth-place finish

Oregon gets shut out 10-0 by Southern California and finishes last in the PAC 8

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for the Emerald

Statistically, USC had the best odds of winning the PAC 8 Championship.

When stats accompany confidence and smart play on the ice, and depth is used wisely and without remorse, mathematics work in your favor: USC hauled home the 2001 PAC 8 Championship trophy after beating Washington 4-2 Saturday.



This was Washington's first appearance in the PAC 8 tournament, and the Huskies returned to Seattle with second place.

"I'm really glad [the Huskies] were here," Oregon captain Tyler Shaffar said.

However, the Ducks didn't fare as well, finishing fourth in the four-team tournament.

"We were not playing with our hearts," Shaffar said, adding that he has never experienced his team more quiet than after suffering a 10-0 shutout in Friday's game against USC, which sent the Ducks playing for third place.

Opening against the Trojans, Oregon dominated the ice in front of a large and excited home crowd all through the first period.

"We were 22 minutes from beating USC on home ice and making finals," Shaffar said.

Although the Trojans beat Oregon 10-0, the Ducks played like they could have pulled off a victory until six minutes were left in the second period.

"After letting in three goals in the second period, we stopped playing hockey," Shaffar said.

Oregon goalie Josh Hardin agreed: "We died with six min-

utes left."

The third period hiked the score up to 10 for the Trojans.

"We deflated," Shaffar said.

"Scoring on USC first would have been huge," Hardin said, alluding to the better games the Ducks usually have when they score the first goal.

Looking back at the effort, basic physical conditioning is what it came down to, Shaffar said. USC also has more depth, he said.

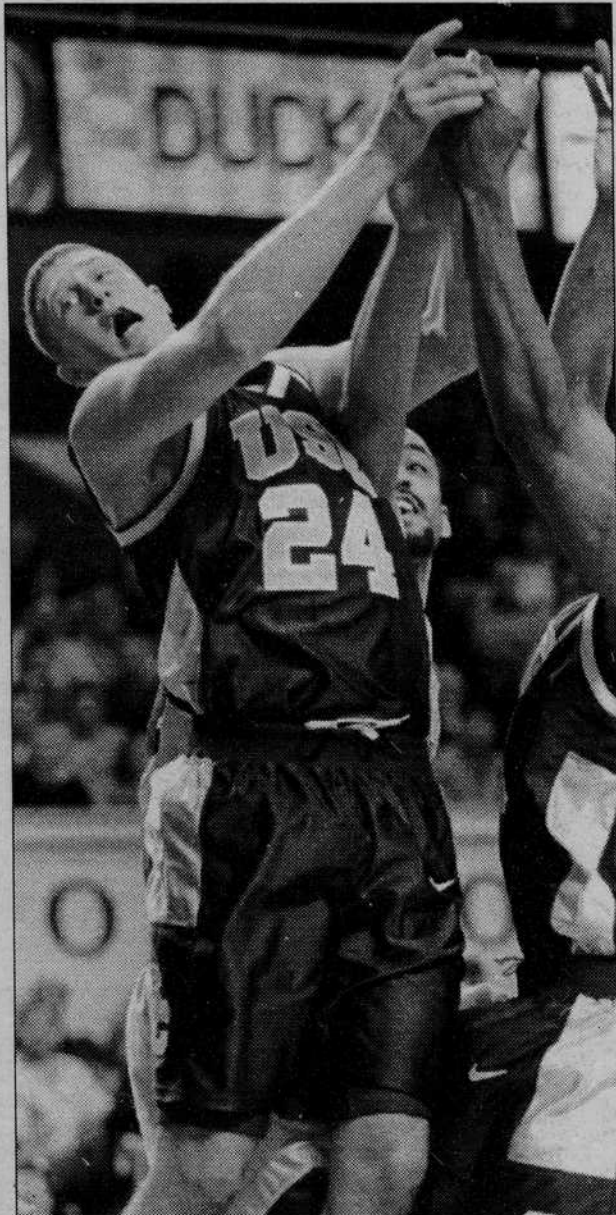
"Our third line just doesn't match theirs," he said.

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Tyler Shaffar captain hockey team

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Pac-10 still living up to its unpredictable reputation



■ The Pac-10 suspends three men's officials, while the women's race for the league's top spot is tight

By Jeff Smith and Scott Pesznecker
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In the Pacific-10 Conference, where expecting the unexpected is the norm, a coach was ejected from a game—and then brought back a few minutes later.

Southern California head coach Henry Bibby was tossed last Thursday during the Trojans' 80-68 victory against Arizona State after one of his assistants received a technical foul.

Referee Richie Ballesteros then told Bibby, who had received an earlier technical from Ballesteros, to go to the locker room, based on NCAA rules. But problems arose when Ballesteros realized that he had misinterpreted the rule.

The rules state that a coach is ejected if three technicals are assessed to the team's bench, or, of course, if the coach receives two technical fouls. The Trojans' bench had only been issued two, and therefore Bibby returned to the court, but in an unhappy mood.

"I do feel I'm being targeted, for whatever reason," Bibby told the L.A. Times on Friday. "I just want the games to be called the right way. Last night was not fair to the fans, players or USC."

The three officials that worked the game were each dealt with by the Pac-10 on Monday. Ballesteros was suspended for two games, while umpires Jim Giron and Don McAllister were each issued one-game suspensions.

"In this incidence, the crew failed to communicate fully about what had been called and how the rules should be applied, which resulted in the mistaken ejection and the absence of the coach from over four minutes of the game," Pac-10 commissioner Tom Hansen said in a released statement.

"They all are accountable for the error."

The Trojans, who were embarrassed by Arizona 105-61 Saturday, travel north to take on the Oregon schools this week.

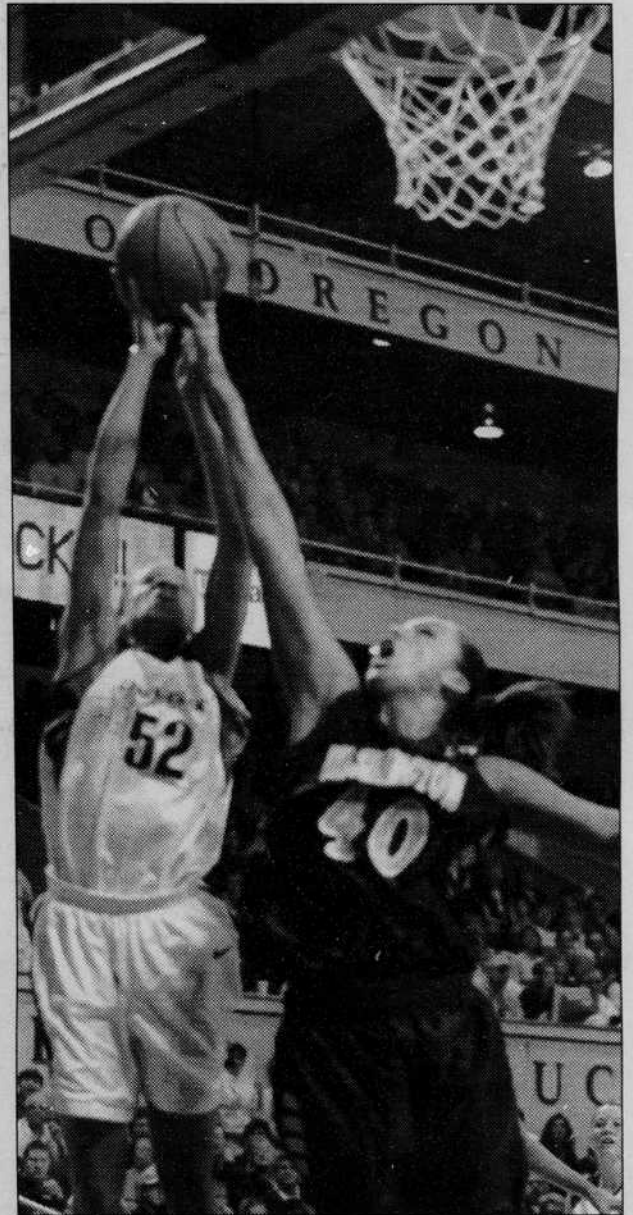
Women's Pac-10 heats up toward home stretch

The top of the women's Pac-10 race is crowded, and as the end of the season nears, a front runner is bound to emerge.

Washington, Arizona State and Stanford share first place in the conference. This Saturday in Seattle, the Cardinal and Huskies go head-to-head in a nationally televised game on Fox Sports Net, while the Sun Devils take on fourth-place Arizona at 4 p.m. Saturday.

And there's no telling what could happen.

Stanford and Washington are coming off of tough losses to California and Oregon, respectively. Meanwhile, Arizona will be



Senior Brian Scalabrine and the USC Trojans lost to Arizona by 44 points Saturday, and look to rebound against the Oregon schools this week.

Andrea Lalum (40) and the Washington Huskies face Stanford Saturday in a nationally televised game for first place in the Pacific-10 Conference.

Former UO football coach Frei dies of heart problems

Jerry Frei, who served as the Oregon head coach from 1967-71, died last week at the age of 76

By Adam Jude
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Even in the end, Jerry Frei was working his football magic.

The former Oregon head football coach died Friday at his home in Englewood, Colo., while working on a scouting report for the Denver Broncos. He had suffered from heart and other health related problems.

He compiled a 22-29-4 mark in

four years (1967-71) as the Ducks' head coach. He succeeded Len Casanova at the helm after serving various positions with the football program for more than 17 years, beginning in 1955.

Frei, 76, coached some of the most notable names in Oregon history, including NFL Hall of Famers Dan Fouts and Dave Wilcox, as well as Bobby Moore (Ahmad Rashad) and Bob Newland.

"He gave me a start when no one else gave me any scholarship offers," said Fouts, now a commentator for ABC's Monday Night Football. "The relationship with him was always special to me. He was more than a coach, he was a friend and someone you could look up to."

Frei began his coaching career as an assistant at Portland's Grant High School after he graduated

from the University of Wisconsin in 1948.

In a time of much turmoil, Frei was recognized as a coach with great respect and understanding of his teams. Many of his former players held a reunion in 1990 to show their appreciation toward him.

"He was willing to treat us as individual, mature young men," Fouts said. "We never thought Jer-



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