

## Wrestling

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nament. Lee defeated Portland State's Jeremy Wilson 6-4 in the finals as Oregon's only conference champion.

"It's the greatest to have done it at home," Lee said. "All of the people who have supported me over the years were here. That makes it all that much better."

Fellow senior Chael Sonnen cruised through the first three rounds of the 197-pound bracket, earning two major decisions and a technical fall, only to be stopped short of a Pac-10 title.

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one of Oregon's great wrestlers." Lee's track record surely backs up Kearney's statement, as Lee finished fourth last season at the NCAA Tournament while earning All-American status. He also qualified for the NCAAs during his first two years in the program.

Despite having his fourth straight NCAA appearance looming in only three weeks, Lee recognized how special Monday night's feat was. He ended his Pac-10 career on the ultimate high note and was able to do so in front of his parents, Art and Dawn, his grandparents, his brother, his aunt and uncle and even many of his former coaches that he's grown up with.

And, of course, he made his earlier vision a reality. While his teammate Chael Sonnen frustratingly

Sonnen faced arch-rival Rusty Cook of Boise State in the finals in a much-anticipated match. Sonnen stormed out to a 5-0 lead, but squandered it throughout the last two periods to fall, 12-6.

Watson reached the 133-pound finals with two big decisions, only to injure his knee in the process.

"It sucks," Watson said. "I was feeling better than I ever had. I wanted the title though. That's what you work all year for. It's still nice to go [to the NCAAs] though."

Also earning NCAA bids were junior Shaun Williams, Overstake and Harris. Overstake was hobbled in his final three matches by a torn

meniscus in his right knee, but still managed to place fourth at 149 pounds. Harris overcame a lateral collateral ligament injury to place

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fourth at 157 pounds and will make his second straight NCAA appearance.

An exhausted Williams placed fourth at 125 pounds, which featured five nationally ranked

wrestlers.

Part of the reason why Oregon was able to stay in the hunt as long as it did was because of two unexpected placers.

True freshman Luke Larwin, who had won only six matches coming into the tournament, earned key upsets to place fourth at 165 pounds and qualify for the NCAA Tournament. After being knocked out in the first round, Larwin responded with three straight consolation wins, including an upset over top seed Jed Pennell in the consolation semifinals.

"Luke is wrestling the best of his life," Kearney said. "For him to

come into the conference tournament prepared emotionally and physically like he is is phenomenal."

Sophomore Casey Hunt also surprised many at 141 pounds. Hunt earned a pin over Stanford's Levi Weikel-Magden in his last match to place fifth.

"We only ask our wrestlers to show up emotionally and mentally, and tonight they did that," Kearney said. "I am pleased with what they did."

The seven NCAA qualifiers will have three weeks to heal before the NCAA Championships in Iowa City, Iowa, on March 15-17.

left the court following his 12-6 defeat, Lee stepped up to the top spot on the podium and received his award.

As the theme song from "Superman" played in the background,

“ Three is nice. I've worked all my career to do something like that, and I love it.

Doug Lee  
Oregon wrestler

the senior from Central Point gave a wave to the crowd and even cracked a slight smile.

"That's what I envisioned," Lee said.

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## Pac-10

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parts of California as you're reading this.

### Can't stop Sean from scoring

Cal's Lampley needed to score 25 points Saturday against Washington State to break the Golden Bears' all-time scoring record.

He scored 29.

Lampley moved past Lamond Murray as the all-time leading scorer in Cal history, with 1,693 career points. The record earned Lampley Pac-10 Player of the Week honors for the third time in five weeks.

Lampley went on a barn-burning mission to break the venerable record this weekend in front of the Bears' home crowd. The senior scored 58 points against the Washington schools, shooting 64.5 per-

cent from the field and grabbing 25 rebounds along the way.

Lampley became the first player this season to be recognized as Pac-10 Player of the Week three times. Arizona's Gilbert Arenas has received the award twice.

### Lavin cuts his throat

Too bad UCLA head coach Steve Lavin hates officials so much.

After getting slapped with a technical foul last Thursday against Oregon, Lavin was slapped with a little more than that for his immature behavior toward officials during UCLA's overtime victory over Oregon State Saturday.

Lavin was put on probation by the Pac-10 for the remainder of the season after he made throat-cutting gestures toward official Craig Grismore Saturday night. The Bruins' coach also repeatedly shouted at Lou Campanelli — the Pac-10's director of officiating — to "get [Gris-

more] out of here." Campanelli was sitting nine rows behind the scorer's table at OSU's Gill Coliseum.

"Coach Lavin's conduct, when he gestured and shouted at Mr. Campanelli during the game, was unacceptable, and violative of Pac-10 rules requiring conduct reflecting credit on his institution and the conference," Pac-10 commissioner Tom Hansen said in a statement. "Further, his comments about the officials were prohibited by conference rules and inappropriate. The officials worked a fine game."

Lavin issued a formal apology Monday morning.

"I am sorry the incident happened, and I will do my best to learn from this experience," Lavin said. "I set a poor example for my players, and my actions did not reflect well on the Pac-10 Conference, the university and our basketball program."

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