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victory against Texas-Pan American. Since then, it's been 12 straight losses.

If Washington State is going to make any kind of run at eighth place, it's going to have to start on Thursday night when the Cougars host the Huskies.

Should the Cougars lose, they'd be three games back of

their in-state rival and most likely watching the Pac-10 tourney from Pullman.

Ducks out of polls, still in bracket

After two weeks of being attached to a ranking, Oregon dropped out of both the writers' and the coaches' polls due to their weekend split in Washington.

But the Ducks only fell one seed in ESPN.com's weekly

"Bracketology," where the entire NCAA Tournament field is forecasted.

This week, the Ducks are a sixth seed and are projected to face 11th-seeded Iowa on March 15 in Pittsburgh, Pa.

For those keeping track, there are still 35 more days until Selection Sunday.

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Thoughts

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incorporate that into your game. I think that's an excuse. It really bothers me that women are willing to take that into their game."

Runge is unemployed and living in Portland (while collecting a half-million dollar settlement from the University).

And a few predictions... St. Louis' spread in the Super Bowl is more than 15 points. Apparently the guys in Vegas haven't been watching the Pats

lately. Underdog Drew Bledsoe will replace starter Tom Brady in the second quarter and lead New England to a 34-28 victory. I can't wait for the commercials... The SUPER-Sonics will dismantle the always-TRAILING-Blazers tonight in Seattle. The Blazers will not reach the playoffs. For that matter, neither will the Sonics... In two years, Luke Ridnour—who reportedly considered leaving Oregon after last year's 14-14 embarrassment—will be a first-round pick in the NBA Draft.

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