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## Pac-10 race getting more interesting by the week

Oregon jumps into the polls at No. 13 as five Pac-10 teams are ranked in the top 25

**By Peter Hockaday**  
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Technically, the Pacific-10 Conference reached its midpoint last week.

But perhaps this week is a more apt measure of where the teams of the Pac-10 stand. Because now, everybody has met everybody else.

Conference leader Oregon — which jumped back into the polls at No. 13 (Associated Press) and No. 15 (ESPN/USA Today) — has tangled with the California schools. Arizona

has met the Bay Area squads. UCLA and Southern California have made introductions.

The dust has settled, and only one thing is for sure: There are a lot of good teams in the Pac-10.

The Pac-10 has the most teams — five — ranked in the AP poll, a tie with Big XII. None of those Pac-10 teams are ranked higher than Arizona, which stands at No. 11. Oregon is right behind in No. 13, followed by UCLA (15), Stanford (20) and USC (25). California has a better overall record than Stanford but is still unranked.

All this makes this weekend's games very interesting. Oregon will face Stan-

ford and California on the road. USC and UCLA will butt heads for the second time this season.

The conference race will only get more interesting, if that's even conceivable.

### Bibby-ronic

USC coach Henry Bibby fumed after his team's loss to Oregon on Saturday, saying the behavior of the Duck fans was a "disgrace," among other things, after fans taunted him with personal verbal assaults throughout the game.

But here's an interesting tidbit. According to Scott Wolf of the Los Angeles Daily News, Bibby played down the

importance of crowd noise before making the trip to Oregon.

"I don't address the issue (with the team) about hostile crowds," Bibby reportedly said. "That's not really an issue in college basketball."

Anyone who spoke to Bibby after Saturday's game knew that for the Trojan coach, the McArthur Court crowd was an issue.

### Deja-vuCLA

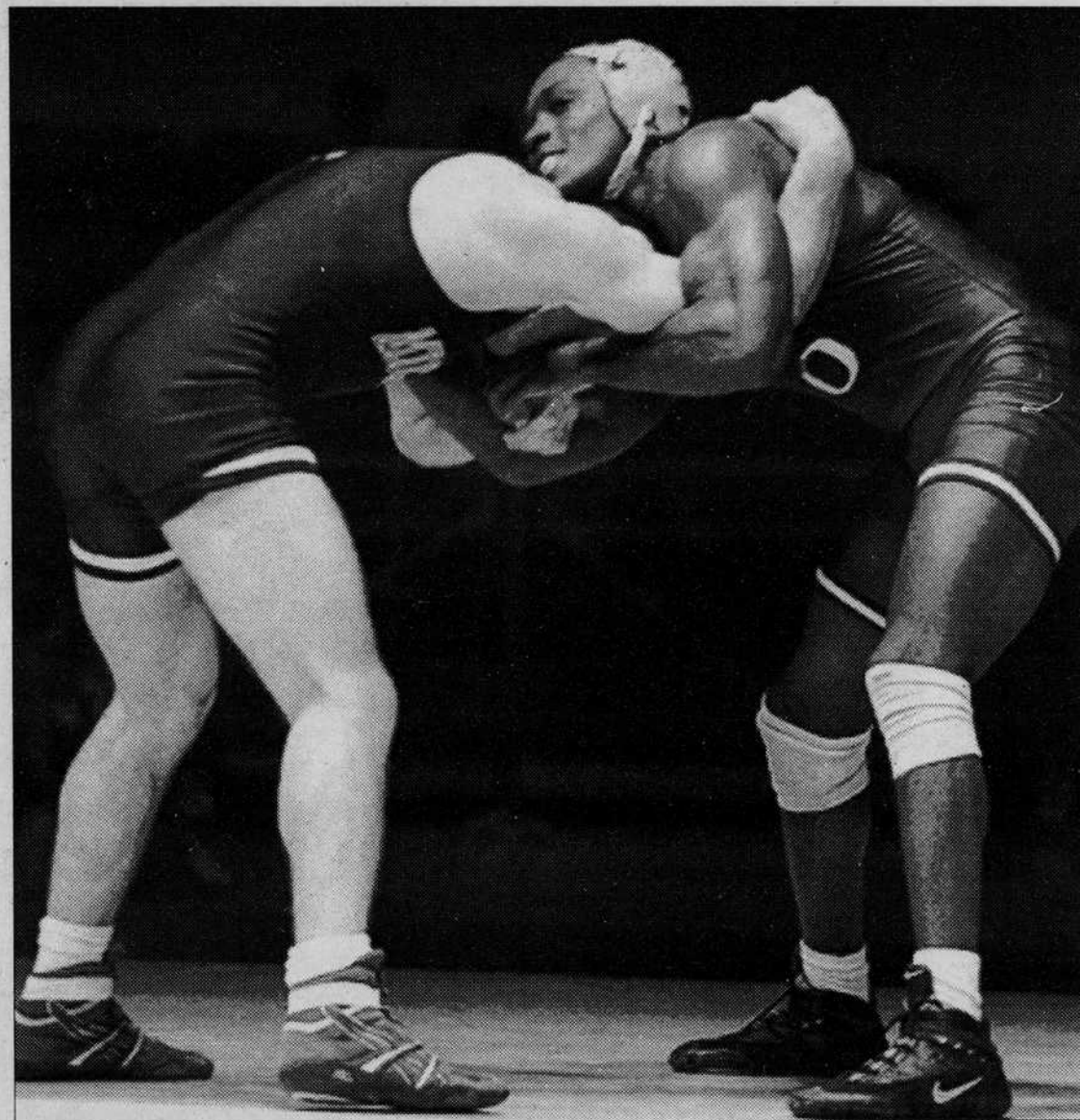
Maybe all UCLA needed was a little kick in the pants.

The Bruins lost by 29 points at Oregon

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## Wrestlers fall twice against Pac-10 foes

■ Oregon loses a match to No. 24 Boise State on Friday and another to No. 10 Arizona State on Sunday

**By Chris Cabot**  
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The Oregon wrestling team returned to Eugene on Monday after losses to two Pacific-10 Conference opponents. The Ducks are now 5-6 overall and 2-3 in Pac-10 action.

On Friday night, Oregon fell to No. 24 Boise State in a 19-13 decision that head coach Chuck Kearney said the Ducks let slip away.

"There were some spots that we didn't wrestle as well as we needed to. Hopefully, the team will turn this around and use it as a learning experience," Kearney said.

After leading the meet 6-3, the Ducks lost four consecutive matches to the host Broncos including a loss in the 125-pound weight class by No. 12 Shaun Williams at the hands of No. 4 Ben VomBaur.

In the final weight class with the score 16-13, Shane Webster, a 174-pound redshirt freshman, had a chance to tie the match for the Ducks but lost 13-11 in overtime against Boise State's Pat Owens.

Eugene Harris provided the Ducks with the opportunity to tie the dual in the final match when he beat Nathan Ploehn in a 19-5 major decision. Harris, who is now ranked No. 6 in the nation according to Amateur Wrestling News, was also victorious in his match on Sunday over Arizona State's Nick Frost.

Webster, who won by an 18-2 technical fall, and Casey Hunt (149 pounds) were the only other Oregon wrestlers to record wins over the Sun Devils. No. 10 Arizona State, which improved its record to 9-2 overall and 6-0 in the Pac-10, won the meet 30-11.

The Ducks were also hindered by having to give up six team points at the 125-pound class because Williams failed to make weight.

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Despite two wins from senior Eugene Harris (right), who improved his record to 22-2 this season, the Ducks lost to conference rivals Boise State and Arizona State. The Ducks are now 5-6 overall and 2-3 in the Pac-10.

## Men's tennis knocks off No. 58 BYU before falling to Washington

■ Freshman Manuel Kost has a big weekend for the Ducks, staying unbeaten in singles play

**By Peter Martini**  
for the Emerald

The theme for the Oregon men's tennis team this season has been to improve the doubles game because of the importance of winning the first team point.

But over the weekend, the doubles play proved to be a non-factor.

After losing the doubles point to Brigham Young on Friday, the Ducks rallied to win four of six singles matches and pulled off a 4-3 upset over the No. 58 Cougars.

On Sunday, the opposite happened in Oregon's 4-3 loss to its rival, No. 21 Washington.

"It's funny how that worked out this weekend," said junior Jason Menke, who split his two doubles and two singles matches over the weekend. "But if we continue to play well in doubles, we'll be in a position to beat some of the better teams in the country."

The doubles team of junior Oded Tieg and freshman Sven Swinnen battled back from a 6-3 deficit to beat Matt Hanlin and Dillon Ruby of Washington 9-7.

After failing to convert on a triple-match point, Menke and sophomore Martin Pawlowski beat Washington's Alex Vlaski and

Christoph Palmanshofer in a tie-breaker, 9-8 (12-10).

Oregon lost its No. 3 doubles match but still took the doubles point and led the match 1-0. The Ducks needed only to split the six singles matches to beat the Huskies.

"Our strength is in our singles, but we knew this was a tough team to even get three wins against," Oregon head coach Chris Russell said.

Oregon started off strong in singles and were up one set in three different matches, but being down one set in the other three gave the Ducks no room for error.

Tieg struggled throughout his match against No. 44 Hanlin and lost 6-2, 6-2.

"Oded had a chance to get into the match early and battled tough,

and he has beaten this guy before," Russell said. "But Hanlin was able to win those early games, and that gave him the momentum and confidence to put the match away."

Menke started off slowly in his 7-5, 7-5 loss to Ari Strasberg, trailing 3-0 in each set.

"Having my serves broken early really hurts," Menke said. "Before you know it, you're down 3-0, and you have to battle to comeback the entire set."

After winning his first set 7-6 (7-3), Pawlowski lost the final two sets 6-2, 6-4. The Ducks couldn't afford even one blown lead, so this one was enough for Oregon to lose the match.

Against BYU, the Ducks started off slowly by losing two of three doubles matches, including an 8-

0 route by No. 10 Carlos Lozano and Gert Vilms over Oregon's Tieg and Swinnen.

Leading 8-7, Menke and Pawlowski had a chance to close out their doubles match against Nicolas Losee and Erik Nyman, but lost the match point, the game and the match.

"It's pretty frustrating to lose this match after having chances to put it away," Menke said. "We need to stay focused on our serves after we break theirs — that was hurting us out there."

The Ducks then won four out of the six singles matches, including freshman Manuel Kost's victory over Lozano 7-6 (7-2), 6-3. Kost's performance was the story of the weekend. His two singles victories

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