

## SPORTS

Sports Editor:  
Adam Jude  
adamjude@dailymerald.com  
Assistant Sports Editor:  
Jeff Smith  
jeffsmith@dailymerald.com

Best Bet  
Olympics: Men's hockey  
3 p.m., CNBC



Tuesday, February 19, 2002

# Kraayeveld grabs UO's first Player of Week honor

■ The sophomore forward has averaged 11.3 points and 11.3 rebounds in her last 10 games

By Adam Jude  
Oregon Daily Emerald

Oregon sophomore Cathrine Kraayeveld became the first Oregon basketball player, man or woman, to earn recognition from the Pacific-10 Conference this season.

After a 16-point, eight-rebound performance against Oregon State on Saturday, Kraayeveld was named the Pacific-10 Conference Player of the Week on Monday.

Kraayeveld, who also had three assists and one blocked shot Saturday, contested Felicia Ragland's potential game-winning shot during the final seconds of regulation in Oregon's 84-83 overtime victory against the Beavers.

"I just tried to go up and block it without fouling her, and I think I got part of the ball," Kraayeveld of Ragland's missed shot.

In her last 10 games, Kraayeveld has been Miss Consistency, collecting 113 rebounds and 113 points. Additionally, Kraayeveld has five double-doubles this season, all coming in Pac-10 play. Her 154 rebounds (9.6 per game) conference play is just two less than the conference leader, Stanford's Nicole Powell, who has 156 in 16 games.

"It's nice that I've been able to do it consistently, that it hasn't been sporadic," Kraayeveld said. "I've really been working hard on (rebounding), and it's really helping the team."

For the season, the 6-foot-3 forward from Kirkland, Wash., is averaging 9.2 points and 7.8 boards per

Turn to **Kraayeveld**, page 8



Sophomore Cathrine Kraayeveld (33), who had 16 points and eight rebounds against Oregon State on Saturday, was named the Pac-10 Player of the Week.

Adam Amato Emerald

## Race for second place tightens around Pac-10

■ Stanford has the Pac-10 clinched, but Arizona State and Washington are in the hunt for second

By Hank Hager  
Oregon Daily Emerald

Arizona State is 12-5 in Pacific-10 Conference play. Washington is a game and a half behind at 11-5.

Something has to give. Or does it? With just two games left in conference play, about the only thing for sure is that Stanford has won its 11th conference title in 16 years.

The Sun Devils' (21-7 overall) only remaining regular season game is against Arizona on Saturday. Washington (16-9), however, has two Pac-10 games left. The first one is against Oregon State (13-13, 9-7) Thursday, with Oregon (14-11, 9-7) visiting Saturday.

If Arizona State and Washington tie for second, the first tie-breaker would go to the team with the advantage in the season series. But both teams have dominated on the road this season, with Washington winning in Tempe, Ariz., and the Sun Devils in Seattle.

The next tie-breaker goes to the team with the better record against Stanford, the conference's champion. However, the Cardinal are perfect in the Pac-10, so this is a moot argument.

USC remains the next highest seed, but both Arizona State and the Huskies have split the season series with the Trojans.

That puts Oregon, the fifth place team in the conference, central in the picture. Because Arizona State took both games from the Ducks this season, the Sun Devils

would earn second place in the conference.

The Ducks defeated the Huskies, 69-56, at McArthur Court on Dec. 28.

However, the Sun Devils and Huskies have been playing well of late.

"I feel confident going into the Pac-10 Tournament," Washington head

coach June Daugherty said. "We have a big week ahead of us, at home against Oregon State and Oregon to close out the regular season. We really do take it one game at a time, one practice at a time. We work on what needs to improve. We can control that."

Arizona State plays its second rivalry game of this season when the Sun Devils travel to Tucson, Ariz., to take on the Wildcats. Arizona State dominated in the first game, 87-64.

### Surprise?

The Cardinal have sophomore Nicole Powell and senior Lindsey Yamasaki.

Their head coach, Tara VanDerveer, is one of the most revered in the sport.

Should it be a surprise that Stanford clinched their 11th conference title in 16 years?

No, not really.

Stanford is 16-0 in the Pac-10 this season. The Cardinal's only loss came to Tennessee, then ranked No. 2, in December, and that was by a scant six points.

The only other team to come within five of the Cardinal?

Oregon, which lost 77-72 at Mac

Turn to **Basketball**, page 6



Thomas Patterson Emerald

Seen here guarding Oregon's Shaquala Williams earlier this season, the Sun Devils' Carrie Buckner (left) and Arizona State have just one Pac-10 game left to try to clinch the second seed in the inaugural conference tournament.

## Oregon State's Haywood decides to leave team in midseason

■ Beaver Jimmie Haywood cites personal reasons and leaves ranked eighth for three pointers

By Jeff Smith  
Oregon Daily Emerald

Two days after scoring two points in a blowout loss at McArthur Court, Oregon State junior guard Jimmie Haywood left the Beavers program.

Haywood, a starter for 21 of Oregon State's 24 games this season, said Monday his departure was based on personal reasons.

"We appreciate all that Jimmie has done for this program," Oregon State head coach Ritchie McKay said. "I'm sad to see him leave our program, and I wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors."

Haywood averaged nine points in just under 28 minutes per game. He is

ranked eighth on OSU's all-time list for most three-pointers made with 93.

The Seattle native's best game came on Jan. 24 when he scored a career-high 23 points in a 74-72 win at Washington State. Haywood's three free throws in the closing seconds lifted the Beavers to the victory.

Oregon State (10-14, 3-11) must find a way to deal with the absence of Haywood in its remaining four

Pacific-10 Conference games, as the Beavers are just a half-game ahead of Washington for eighth-place.

The Huskies visit Gill Coliseum on Thursday to try to take over the lead position in the fight for the eighth and final spot in the Pac-10 Tournament.

### Back and forth they go

The top six men's basketball teams in the Pac-10 are on a teeter-totter.

One weekend, some teams are

up. The next, they're down.

But in reality, all six contenders for the league title have remained at an even keel, with neither end of the playground structure touching the bark dust.

Last week at this time, Arizona was alone at the top before entering a tough two-game road trip in Los Angeles. The Wildcats proceeded to drop a tough 77-76 loss at UCLA

Turn to **Beavers**, page 8