

Clancy: Ducks 'stole' victory

By Gloria Rodriguez
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LOS ANGELES (U-WIRE) — If two plus two equals four, then it would only make sense that Thursday's men's basketball game against Oregon at the Sports Arena would result in a USC victory.

Despite finishing its home season with an undefeated 16-0 home record, Oregon boasts the worst road record from the top six teams in the Pac-10 Conference.

The Ducks are 3-6 on the road. The Trojans, on the other hand, are 10-1 at home.

"We know they're undefeated at home," USC forward Sam Clancy said. "We know we've only lost one at home. I like our chances."

Of course, in basketball, statistics often don't mean a thing.

Take last Saturday. The then-No. 20 Trojans had one of their worst losses of the season to an unranked California team, 83-64.

And there's always the chance of history repeating itself.

The last time USC played Oregon, the Trojans lost to the Ducks, 73-69, in Eugene.

"I've been looking forward to (Thursday's Oregon game) as soon as the (last) game ended,"

Clancy said. "I feel they stole it from us."

With only two home games left in their careers, Clancy and the other Trojan seniors — forward David Bluthenthal and point guard Brandon Granville — feel the pressure to win the next games against Oregon and Oregon State.

Wins will result in at least a share of the Pac-10 title.

"The three guys really know what these two games mean to them and to the program," USC coach Henry Bibby said. "They feel the urgency on finishing their careers doing something that hasn't been done at USC."

The real challenge will be to motivate the other players to work for the title as much as they are.

Bibby kicked forward Jerry Dupree and guard Gennaro Busterna out of a film session Monday because of what he said was their recent lazy play.

Bibby said the team needs more help from the bench.

"There's a lot of pressure on the seniors, but the younger guys need to be more responsible, too," Bibby said. "If you can't get your game off in four or five minutes, you

don't have a game. The substitutes are coming in to make something good happen for you or make something bad happen. ... Their mindset has to be on that."

Bibby left it up to the team to decide the punishment of Dupree and Busterna.

The team opted for extra 6 a.m. practices for the two.

Granville said the starting seniors naturally have a bigger desire to win because they have been at USC longer.

"You understand the importance of every game as you get older in the program," Granville said.

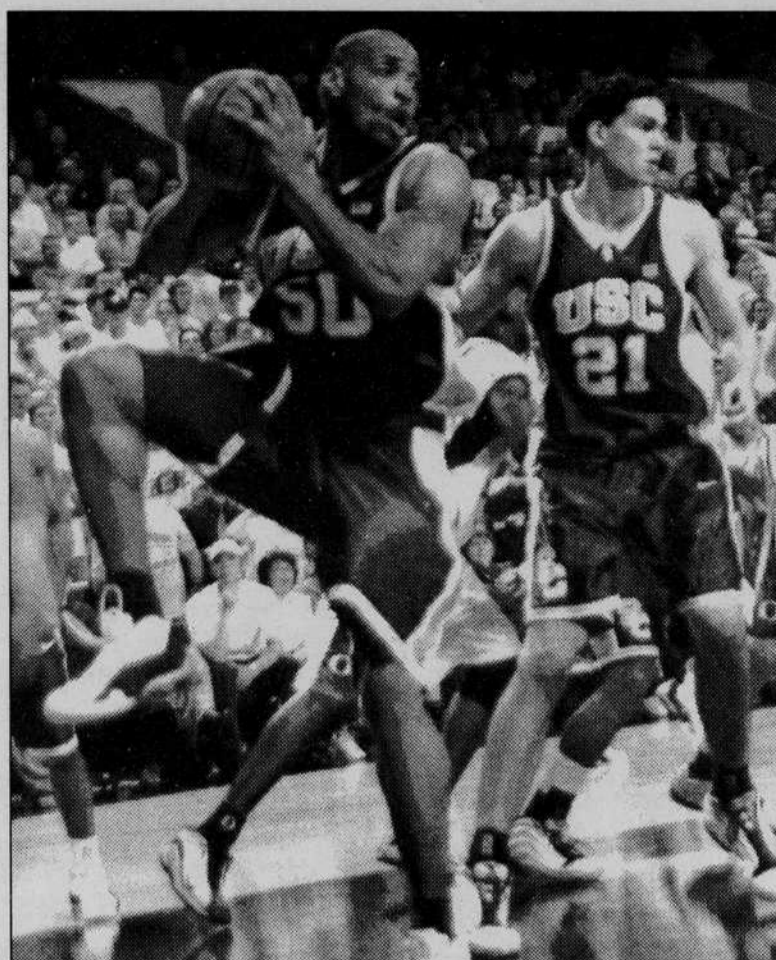
The seniors have tried to instill that motivation into this season's new players.

"We try to convey our feelings," Granville said. "We try to tell them about all the notoriety you get. ... The more you win, the better it is for everyone."

Granville said the seniors have tried to emphasize the importance of building up the newer Trojan basketball program.

"They're starting to see the importance of every game," Clancy said.

As for Thursday, "We will all be on the same page," he said.



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USC forward Sam Clancy said he likes the Trojans' chances against Oregon tonight in Los Angeles. With two games left, USC trails the first-place Ducks by one game in the Pac-10.

Jordan might miss rest of season after arthroscopic surgery

By Sam Smith
Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO (KRT) — This could be what many feared — that the end for Michael Jordan wouldn't be a shot to win a championship, a pose for eternity.

Jordan had arthroscopic surgery on his right knee Wednesday and could miss the rest of the season. So the last playing memory of the man many regard as the greatest ever to play basketball is now of a player sitting helplessly on the bench, his face a mask of pain and frustration, just nine points next to his name on the scoreboard and his team losing.

Jordan, who turned 39 last week, will miss Friday's Bulls game in

Chicago after being placed on the injured list for only the second time in his career. He missed 64 games in his second season, 1985-86, with a broken foot.

"I'm getting old," he said Sunday after what could be the final game of his career. "It's a sign that this might be coming to a closure as to where my career is heading. The body sends you messages."

The message: When you are literally run off the court by the Miami Heat, it's time to stop playing. Washington Wizards head coach Doug Collins had to remove Jordan from Sunday's game with almost seven minutes remaining.

"He has to go in there and find out what's causing the irritation

and why his knee is continuing to swell," Collins said. "And depending on how much work (the surgeon) has to do, that will be the deciding factor in how long Michael will be out."

Although no timetable was given, Jordan is expected to be out at least a month. And it's unclear whether he'll be able to play immediately afterward. Thus there could be just a few games left in a season in which the Wizards (27-28) have lost seven of their last eight and are in danger of falling out of the Eastern Conference playoff race.

If they are out of contention, Jordan could elect not to return this season. And though he has said he intends to play one more year, that

could change if his knee problems persist over the summer.

"I think (the surgery) would give him hope for next year," Collins said. "I think he knows that if he didn't have this done, he wouldn't be able to continue to play. More and more, the swelling is coming back. There's something in there that's irritating his knee to make him have the swelling."

Jordan has been brilliant often enough this season to spark talk that he should be the league's MVP for pushing the lowly Wizards into playoff contention. But he has slowed considerably lately. In four of his last six games, he scored 16 or fewer points to lower his season average to 24.3. He has averaged

fewer than 20 points a game since the All-Star break, though he won a game in Phoenix last week with a buzzer-beating shot. He had his second game in single digits this season—the third of his career—in the loss to Miami.

Jordan had his knee drained before that game, but the next day it swelled up again. The problem initially was diagnosed as tendinitis.

"I need to take some time off and let it get better," Jordan said after the Miami game. "I can't ignore what my body is telling me. My mind is still consistent. But my body isn't."

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