

Oakland deals with post-game melee Sunday

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OAKLAND — It's bad enough that the Oakland Raiders were demolished in the Super Bowl.

Now Oakland, which has spent years trying to shed its rough-and-tumble image, is dealing with negative publicity and at least \$150,000 in police overtime costs from Sunday night's post-game mayhem.

After the Raiders lost 48-21, hundreds of young people gathered in the streets Sunday night. Some threw rocks and bottles at passing cars or set small fires across East Oakland. Frustrated police — about 400 were on duty — responded by firing tear-gas, stingballs and wood cylinders into the unruly, roving bands of vandals. At least 85 people, many of them teenage boys, were arrested.

Oakland's wild "sideshow" culture of speeding street racers added to the chaos, and fresh tire treads from drivers doing "doughnuts" mark dozens of intersections.

Monday, merchants along International Boulevard, the commercial corridor that runs from downtown to the San Leandro border, spent the morning sweeping up broken glass and shaking their heads.

"Our biggest damage is the broken windows," said Arthur Whitmore, the district store manager of Kelly-Moore Paints at 49th and International. Whitmore learned that the store's front windows had been smashed and paint stolen in a 4 a.m. phone call. "But the worst damage is to the city itself. What kind of opinion are people going to have of the city of Oakland?"

City officials were quick to point out that, despite hours of mayhem, there were no serious injuries. But three firefighters were hurt while trying to put out blazes; two were hit with bottles and had glass shards in their eyes, while another injured his wrist trying to extinguish a blaze at a McDonald's restaurant.

Most of the fires were set to trash cans and cars. Police said three businesses were vandalized.

Many Oakland leaders said they were disappointed that so many of the revelers were juveniles intent on wreaking havoc and playing reckless games of cat-and-mouse

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with the police until early in the morning. They said the damage was not caused by Raiders fans upset that their team lost the Super Bowl, but by kids determined to turn the evening into an excuse for partying in the streets and causing mischief, particularly since similar disturbances erupted last week after the Raiders won the AFC championship.

"These were 12- to 16-year-old kids," said Oakland Police Chief Richard Word, who personally arrested a 14-year-old boy for throwing rocks at passing cars. "Where were their parents? The Oakland Police Department is not a babysitter. These were young kids. At midnight on a school night, parents need to keep their kids at home."

Word said that the melee cost his department at least \$150,000 in overtime pay alone, at a time when the police face budget cuts and possible layoffs in the coming months.

Oakland Mayor Jerry Brown, who flew home from San Diego on Sunday night, met with merchants along International Boulevard on Monday. He supports the police and fire response to the disturbances and says problems were blown out of proportion by intense television news and media coverage.

"Don't tar a city of 410,000 people with the activity of about 50 people," said Brown through a spokesman. "Our understanding is that at least half of those who were arrested were not from Oakland."

It was not clear Monday if the Raiders and the city will sponsor a parade or rally later in the week. City officials are waiting to hear from the Raiders about what kind of celebration, if any, they'd like to have. The Raiders did not return phone calls seeking comment Monday.

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Erin Miller (back) is part of a sibling duo on the club tennis team, while Harvey Rogers (hitting ball) is another Duck competitor.

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having fun, cuts were made during tryouts as the coordinators wanted the team to have a competitive, serious side.

"We want somebody that's not lazy," Davis said. "Someone who will take it seriously."

"Tennis is a game where your feet should never be still," Ottum said. "Never."

Adding to the uniqueness of the roster are the sibling duos of Tyler and Nicholas Viles and Erin and

Beth Miller.

"(Tyler and Nicholas are) really consistent and always working hard," Davis said. "They're self-motivated guys."

"(Erin and Beth are) really good," Ottum said. "They're the most consistent players on the (women's) team."

The team practices twice a week on the indoor tennis courts in the Student Recreation Center. Buller said other schools are jealous of the Ducks' facilities.

"It's a great complex," Buller said. "We're really lucky to have it."

Greg Smith, a coordinator and in-

structor of racquet sports for the University of Oregon, is the official coach of the Ducks, but leaves most of the duties up to the coordinators.

The Ducks' ultimate goal is to compete at the USTA's national tournament, but they will wait until next year once they've gained experience. This means, after all the hard work that went into putting the team together, the Ducks have one thing to look forward to before next year's national tournament.

Hard work.

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slicked-back coach, Steve Lavin.

The boys from Westwood still haven't turned things around, have lost five-straight and are 2-5 in Pac-10 play. After losses over the weekend to California and Stanford — two games in which the Bruins never contended — UCLA is right down there with Oregon State and Washington State at the bottom of the conference standings. It doesn't get easier for UCLA, either, as the Bruins face Oregon on Thursday, then USC and Georgetown next week.

"It's becoming familiar," UCLA

guard Cedric Bozeman told the Daily Bruin after Saturday's loss at Cal. "We are just not getting it done. I don't know what it is. We just have to figure it out."

The Bruins will want to figure it out soon, or Lavin will almost certainly be out of a job come March.

Hee's baaaack

Stanford, which has won five of its last six Pac-10 games, didn't need a boost. But the Cardinal got one anyway, when forward Justin Davis — the conference's top rebounder — returned from a knee injury that kept him out for five games. With Davis back in the lineup, the Cardinal pulled away

and beat USC on Saturday, moving Stanford into sole possession of third place in the conference.

"(Davis) got word right before the game that he could go," Stanford head coach Mike Montgomery told the Stanford Daily. "I thought he added some stability. I told (the team) before the game that he was going to be available. The crowd responded, and I think the kids responded."

Stanford, currently one game ahead of Oregon and Arizona State in the conference standings will head to Arizona along with Cal this weekend.

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overall and 0-8 in Pac-10 play.

The women of WSU have not won a game since Nov. 29, 2001, against Gonzaga. The Cougars haven't had a conference win since a victory over Cal on Feb. 24, 2001.

But despite the fact that the Cougars are winless, they are not heartless.

"Sometimes the ball bounces the other way," WSU head coach Sherri Murrell said after the loss to Oregon State. "I told the kids that's how life is. You could be doing all the right things and something happens and it doesn't go your way. But these kids have a look in their eye; they know how they can play. They are getting themselves in position to win, and it will happen."

Polk storms onto leaderboard

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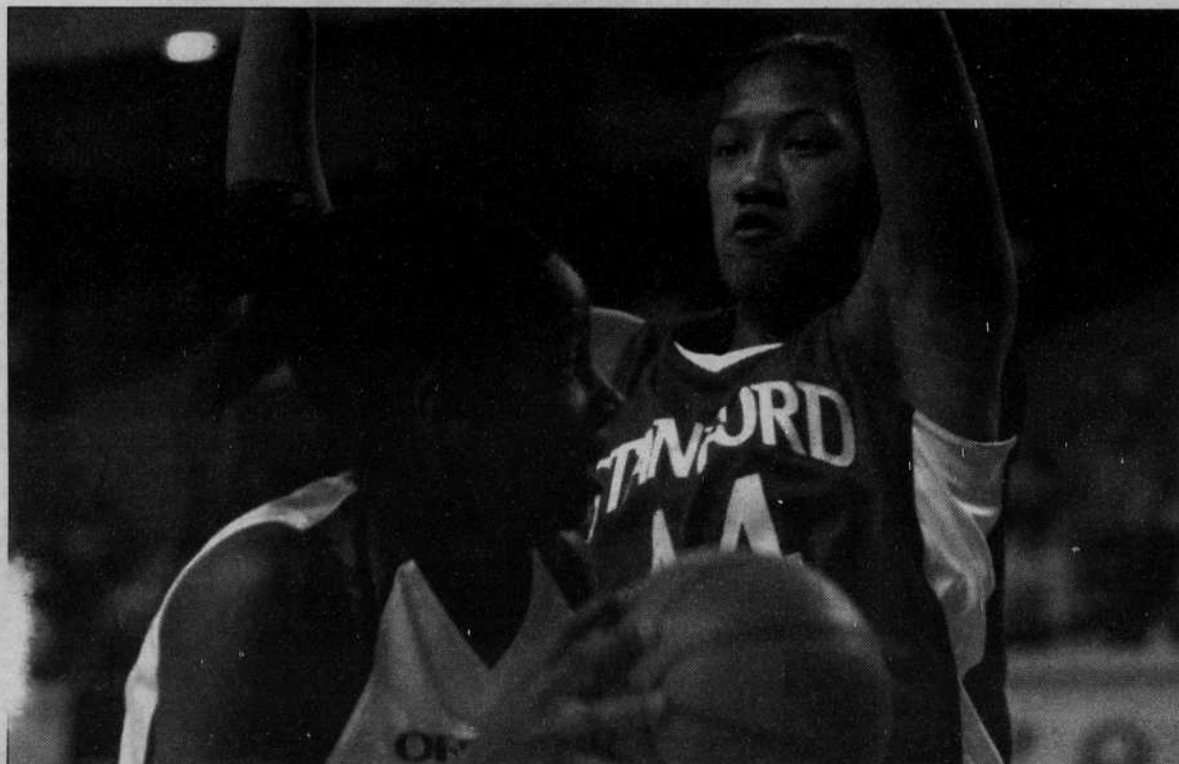
center for Arizona.

The Wildcats are in a tie for third with UCLA in the conference standings, mostly because of the redshirt freshman.

Polk is dominating in the statistics as she leads the conference in rebounding with an 11.2 per game average. She also ranks first in field goal percentage at .615 on average.

The Hanford, California native also sits in a comfortable second in scoring, averaging 17.3 points per game, and blocked shots, where she earns 2.17 per game.

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Azella Perryman (44) and Stanford had their 28-game Pac-10 winning streak broken by USC on Sunday. The Trojans won by three.