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matchup, Oregon and USC remained scoreless for 90 minutes. The Trojans scored five minutes into overtime for the victory.

"We traditionally battle them very tough," Steffen said. "We just haven't got the results. Each group remembers the previous year's battle so it's always a pretty competitive match."

Especially for Werdell — it being her final two regular season games at Oregon — who has had to watch her team lose to the Trojans for the past three years. She wants to leave the Ducks on a good note.

"I want to win, I want to get a win from the USC game for sure," she said.

If the Ducks are victorious Friday, it will give them much-needed momentum heading into Sunday. UCLA moved into the No. 2 national ranking spot this week. The Bruins' only loss this season came against North Carolina, the No. 1 ranked team in the country.

Oregon is 1-6 all-time against UCLA with the one win at home in 1999. Steffen knows that the Bruins' national ranking makes them look good.

"What they've done well is doing what's necessary in each game," Steffen said. "They haven't blown a lot

of people out but they've won. Individually they're going to be strong, but collectively we have to be stronger."

Oregon's destiny awaits it in the final two games, and the Ducks know they have control over it. It will be an emotional weekend where dreams come true or hearts are broken.

In a season where stars have emerged and the team has won more games than any other squad in program history, the job is still unfinished. There is more to be achieved in the eyes of the players.

"The great thing about this team is that even with how proud we are with the success we've gained already, we're not satisfied," Mintz said. "We always want to be doing better and we always know it could be better."

Werdell, the team captain, has had three main goals in her final season with the Ducks.

She wanted the team to get the most wins it has ever had.

Check.

She wanted to beat some Pac-10 teams that Oregon has never beat.

Check.

Only the next 180 minutes of her career will reveal her final hope of the team getting its first-ever berth to the NCAA tournament.

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adapted so well to his style that California has been nicknamed the "Fighting Tedfords," showing just what kind of an effect he has had on that campus.

Tedford was widely recognized as one of the brightest offensive minds when he was with the Ducks and Fresno State. He helped develop Trent Dilfer way back in the day and Joey Harrington with Oregon. It wasn't until last season, however, where he truly showed off his talents.

To be able to take Kyle Boller, an underachieving quarterback in his first three seasons, and make him NFL quality is a testament to Tedford's ability. Boller looked like an entirely different quarterback last season, and now that he's a professional, he looks like he could be the next Brett Favre, in both physical ability and mentality.

Tedford's style has been perfect for the Pac-10. His ability to lead a team that attacks the defense with crisp passing routes and timely running plays has shown this season, a year where the Golden Bears have defeated their opponents by an average of more than 19 points in their five wins.

When Tedford left Oregon, there were doubts in the college football world that he would be able to

change the program, simply because the Golden Bears looked like a sinking ship. But he's adapted perfectly to the style of the Pac-10 and he's using that to the team's advantage.

The hard part for California athletics director Stephen Gladstone is retention of the bright young coach. The last time California showed any kind of promise, Mariucci up and left for the San Francisco 49ers after just one season in Berkeley.

The program fell into the dark despair of the Holmoe era — he finished 16-39 in five seasons — that fell to a 1-10 record in 2001.

If the second-year coach continues his success, keeping Tedford would be a coup for Gladstone. The Golden Bears couldn't keep Mariucci, and that was just after one season.

Bigger programs could soon come calling. Iowa's Kirk Ferentz and Oklahoma's Bob Stoops are always mentioned as possibilities for NFL jobs, and Tedford would be a choice selection for either the Hawkeyes or Sooners if either scenario unfolded.

But that would be a shame. Tedford has a chance to build the Golden Bears' respectability.

For the sake of the Pac-10, having California as a potential BCS team anywhere in the near future would be a boon. Even consistent berths in bowls would be enough.

It'll be interesting to see if Tedford can do just that.

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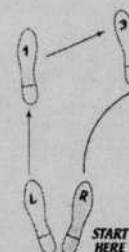
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