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Fuel injected

Oregon State received a boost on Dec. 27 when guard Shannon Howell was eligible to play due to NCAA Division I transfer rules. The junior transfer from Nebraska earned Pac-10 Player of the Week honors while leading the Beavers to three wins in her first four games. Howell is averaging 22.5 points per game and has Oregon State in third place in the conference.

"Shannon Howell seems to be a dynamite player who is scoring prolifically," Oregon head coach Bev Smith said. "She really adds to their aggressive defensive game and their zone. She really seems to be able to shoot the ball and open up the perimeter for them."

Clutch comeback

UCLA used a full-court press to overcome a 14-point second-half deficit against Oregon on Jan. 4, eventually

winning 63-57. The Bruins used a 23-5 run to keep from slipping to 0-3 in the conference.

Quality start

At 9-4, California is off to its best start in 11 years. The Golden Bears also won their first conference opener in eight years when they defeated Oregon 61-57 on Dec. 27. They won their first three games of the season over South Carolina State, San Jose State and Lehigh.

Scoring duo

Washington features the Pac-10's top- and third-leading scorers in seniors Giuliana Mendiola (20.8) and Andrea Lalum (17.8). The duo has led the Huskies to near wins over then-No. 4 Texas Tech (74-70) on Dec. 19 and then-No. 9 Stanford (77-69) on Jan. 4.

National respect

Along with Stanford receiving the No. 7 ranking in this week's Associated Press Poll, the Pac-10 had three other teams receive votes. Arizona

received 22 votes, Oregon garnered 19 votes and Washington received four votes. Oregon State received one vote in the ESPN/USA Today/WBCA Coaches Poll.

Comeback trail

Portland native Betsy Boardman has returned to the lineup this season to lead Arizona State in scoring with 11.3 points per game. The junior guard tore the anterior cruciate ligament in her right knee during the second day of preseason practice last year. The former Beaverton High School star is also averaging 4.6 rebounds per game.

Slow start

Washington, which was picked by some to have an outside shot at winning the Pac-10, is off to a 1-3 start in conference play. Next up for the Huskies are road games against USC and UCLA.

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of winter term until the slopes close in the spring.

"It is a really good way to meet local riders who like to have fun with

snowboarding," Club coordinator Derek Shirk said. "We compete, but we also want to have fun and want to promote snowboarding in the local Northwest in a positive way."

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and opportunities for becoming an active member.

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RICE

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a legend without a program, and it's because of Dr. William Scheyer.

Scheyer — a former Washington team physician for the athletic department and later solely for the softball team — had his medical license suspended by the state in October. The suspension came four years after Scheyer was released of his duties by Washington and has sparked an internal investigation at a school beginning to be known for improper conduct in athletics.

The inquiry led the investigators through the softball program, where Scheyer was a volunteer physician through last season.

The allegations connected to the softball program include Scheyer handing out drugs to athletes without always examining the students. In an interview with investigators from the state health department, Scheyer said that Wilson knew what he was doing.

Wilson defended Scheyer — because

he spent time with her team — until recent weeks, but she did not directly admit any knowledge of Scheyer's alleged misdeeds. However, she was the reason that Scheyer stayed on with her program after other programs moved to the university's sports medicine physicians in 1999.

Here's the thing: Wilson either knew what Scheyer was doing or was so out of touch with the undercurrent in her program that she was blind to it.

Either way, that's some terrible guidance for a program that Wilson took to the top and expected to keep there.

Her \$93,000 annual contract that ends on June 30 now wraps up inside the athletic offices rather than on the field. Instead of firing her and potentially dealing with another lawsuit from a former head coach, Hedges has reassigned Wilson for the remainder of her contract.

Considering it's only six months, the Huskies may as well have left Wilson in the dugout. It won't be difficult for her to consult with the new

head coaches and current players since she'll be in the neighborhood.

The hardest parts will be the players who now have to learn how to lose — and gracefully — and Wilson's attempt to keep her reputation intact. On the day she learned her fate, she acknowledged that she was considering hiring an attorney.

Wilson was the only coach the players — past and present — knew, guiding the Huskies to a 532-198-1 record in the program's 11 seasons.

Starting at Washington's first practice Monday, those involved with the program now know two new coaches: Former assistant coaches Scott Centala and Steve Dailey were promoted to interim head coaches. Only time and a regular season will tell how much of an impact Scheyer's misdeeds had on the field.

Off the field, Wilson's legend will survive. Just not at Washington.

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