

Today's crossword solution

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LAST CHANCE

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record a win in Pac-10 play and are looking to do so tonight.

Oregon has come out victorious in the last 21 seasons against Portland State, a mark dating back to the 1987-88 season.

Although these two teams do not share a storied history over the years, they share some similar experiences heading into the final meet of the season.

The Vikings have been shut out five times this year; Oregon has been shut out three times.

The Ducks' lone victory came against Army, while Portland State topped Simon Fraser Jan. 16.

The last time these two teams met in Portland, Oregon dominated the match, 42-0, last season. It was Oregon's first shutout since the 1981-82 season.

As these Ducks know, each year brings new wrestlers and new results. Records fall by the wayside, especially considering the biggest thing on the line tonight isn't so much a first conference victory but pride.

Oregon head coach Chuck Kearney a week ago said the team's preparations would begin to move toward the Pac-10 Conference Championships and then the NCAA Tournament.

Oregon will have virtually no

time off since it last wrestled in the second Civil War of the season Sunday against the Beavers.

The Ducks will be coming off only two days' rest, something they have done only a few times this season.

Oregon is 49-23-6 against the Vikings all-time.

After tonight's match, Oregon will have nearly two weeks of practice before heading south to Tempe, Ariz., for the Pac-10 tournament Feb. 29 to March 1.

The Pac-10 tournament will give individual Ducks the opportunity to qualify for the NCAA tournament March 18-20.

Currently the Ducks have six wrestlers ranked in the Pac-10, including senior Jason Harless, who is sixth in the 133-pound division. Joey Bracamonte climbed to fourth in the 157-pound class, while Luke Larwin stayed at fourth in the 165-pound class. Larwin is followed by Dustin Fisher, who is seventh in the 184-pound class, and Jake Leair is sixth in the 197-pound class. Freshman Cody Parker moved up to fourth in the heavy-weight division.

Although Oregon is wrestling for pride and that lone Pac-10 victory, only two matches are absolute musts in wrestling.

"Pac-10's and NCAA are must-win situations," Kearney said.

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BRIEF

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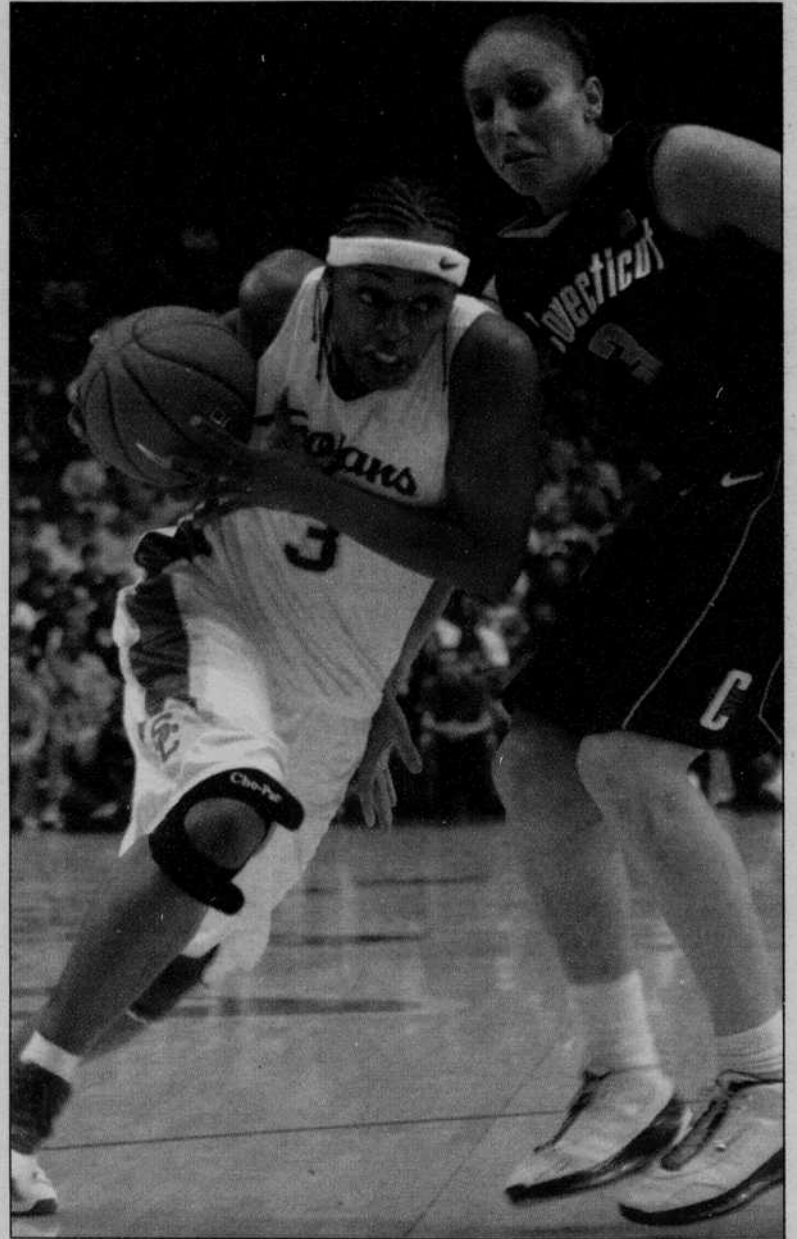
institutional control shows that his client and others relied on the advice of the UW athletic department.

"Certainly, the anvil has been dropped on the university," Sulkin said, citing a passage in the allegations that says the UW "failed to ensure that its coaching staff members and athletics department staff members understood and put into

practice the correct application of NCAA legislation regarding gambling activities."

Sulkin said the NCAA's allegations do not accuse Neuheisel of "knowingly violating" an NCAA rule. A copy of the NCAA charges obtained by The Seattle Times describes Neuheisel's betting activities without referring to them as knowing or unwitting.

- Steve Miletich
The Seattle Times



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Rometra Craig has helped put USC in a position to take over first place in the Pac-10. The Trojans take on No. 10 Stanford Thursday in Palo Alto.

PAC-10

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Craig and Meghan Gnekow have helped keep the opposition's focus off Hoffman. The duo has combined to average 18.9 points and 7.9 rebounds per game.

Each player elevated her play in a game against Arizona State last Thursday. The trio combined for 51 points in a 65-50 win over the Sun Devils.

"My teammates make me have no pressure," Hoffman told the Daily Trojan after the game. "They step up just like (Gnekow) and (Craig) stepped up tonight."

A win by Stanford would give the Cardinal the inside track to a Pac-10 title. A win by USC, and things get very interesting between the Trojans, Cardinal and Wildcats.

Hot streak

UCLA is smoking hot.

The Bruins (14-10, 9-6) are making a run at an NCAA Tournament berth, having won their last five games.

UCLA last lost to Oregon Jan. 29.

The catalyst for the UCLA run has been freshman Noelle Quinn. The 6-foot guard has scored at least 20 points in each of the last five games, setting a Bruin freshman record. The best performance during the streak came Thursday when Quinn's 31 points helped UCLA defeat Arizona 87-68.

Quinn has reached double figures in 15 consecutive games and has become the Bruin's go-to-option on offense.

"I remember during the recruiting process that I told (head coach) Kathy Olivier that I wanted to make an impact early on, and I didn't want to wait a couple of years," Quinn told the Daily Bruin. "This is what I asked for, and I have it right now. I just want to take advantage of it."

Two of UCLA's final three games are against Stanford and USC, making it difficult for the Bruins to end their season on an eight-game winning streak. If UCLA does pull off the upsets, however, it has an outside chance of finishing third in the conference and getting a favorable draw in the Pac-10 Tournament.

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