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very aggressive team. We're going to have to be aggressive offensively to combat that.

Oregon was aggressive during its final week of conference play. The Ducks lit a fire under themselves and fought for a win against then-No. 10 Stanford before taking control of the Golden Bears for a confidence- and momentum-building victory.

Now, Oregon turns around and plays California again.

"I think it is a positive that we get to turn around and play them right away," Oregon forward Kedzie Gunderson said. "We already prepared for them last week, so this week has just been focus-

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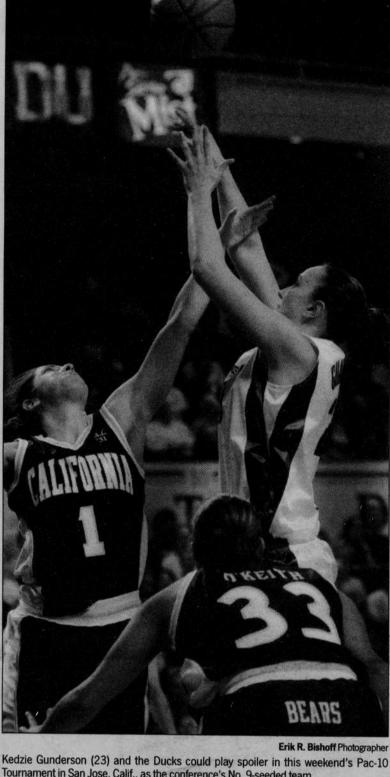
> **Kedzie Gunderson** Oregon forward

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The Ducks' season will likely end this weekend. If Oregon wins today, it will finish with at least a .500 record, which makes the Ducks eligible for an NIT berth. They can choose not to accept it if they feel that their injuries - an ankle on Bills, torn lateral meniscus' on Corrie Mizusawa and Chelsea Wagner, and an assortment of bumps and bruises on the rest of the team - need to be tended. If the Ducks win the tournament this weekend, they will earn an automatic berth into the NCAA Tournament.

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Tournament in San Jose, Calif., as the conference's No. 9-seeded team.

PAC-10

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and California on Saturday.

2. Arizona (22-7, 14-4)

The Wildcats closed out the regular season with four consecutive wins, earning a share of the program's first ever Pac-10 title.

Arizona is led by a pair of all-conference honorees in sophomore center Shawntinice Polk and junior guard Dee-Dee Wheeler. The duo's amazing blend of size and speed is often too much for opponents to handle and makes the Wildcats one of the most dangerous teams in the tournament.

The Wildcats will face the winner of on Saturday.

3. Southern California (15-12, 11-7)

The Women of Troy are led by threetime All-Pac-10 forward Ebony Hoffman, who averaged 15 points and 8.2 rebounds per game during the regular season. USC will face Washington on Saturday.

4. UCLA (16-11, 11-7)

The Bruins feature one of the Pac-10's top backcourts with Nikki Blue and Freshman of the Year Noelle Quinn. UCLA will face Arizona State in one of Saturday's best match-ups

5. Arizona State (17-10, 11-7)

The Sun Devils look to the trio of Kylan Loney, Kristen Kovesdy and Betsy Boardman for most of the team's offensive production

6. Washington (16-11, 9-9)

The key to the Huskies' success lies squarely on the shoulders of Giuliana Mendiola. The Pac-10's leading scorer will have to dominate if Washington is to have a chance. All-Conference center Andrea Lalum adds scoring punch.

7. Oregon State (14-13, 8-10)

The Beavers will need a huge tour-

nament from junior-transfer Shannon Howell to be successful. Howell was the only Pac-10 player to record a 40-point game this season.

8. Oregon (14-14, 6-12)

The Ducks enter the tournament with momentum on their side after defeating then-No. 10 Stanford and California last week.

9. California (11-16, 4-14)

The Golden Bears won two of their last three games and will be led by Pac-10 Coach of the Year Caren Horstmeyer. Guard Nihan Anaz is the team's top offensive threat.

10. Washington State (6-21, 2-16)

The Cougars will rely on forward Bianca McCall to keep them close. Washington State has won 10 conference games in the past five years.

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SPORTS BRIEF

Two Ducks honored with Pac-10 awards

Oregon center Andrea Bills and forward Eleanor Haring earned Pacific-10 Conference awards Thursday.

Haring was named to the Pac-10 All-Freshman team. She is Oregon's second-leading scorer, with 10.4 points per game, and rebounder,

with 4.9 per game. The Australia native led Oregon's reserves for seven games before she earned a starting spot this season.

Bills, a junior from Moreno Valley, Calif., was named an honorable mention to the All-Pac-10 team. She is the Ducks' leading scorer and rebounder, averaging 11.3 points and 8.0 rebounds per game.

Bills was named an honorable mention on the freshman team two

Haring and Bills are two of the three Oregon players to start all 18 conference games. Point guard Corrie Mizusawa is the third.

Stanford's Nicole Powell was named Pac-10 Player of the Year, UCLA's Noelle Quinn earned Freshman of the Year and California head coach Caren Horstmeyer was named Coach of the Year.

- Mindi Rice