

In my opinion



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A cheer for the team, not the individual

If you can hear me Mike Scioscia and Bill Stoneman:

Kudos.

Kudos for having giant cajónes.

Kudos to the Anaheim Angels manager and general manager for standing up for the team, rather than the individual.

I know that sounds bad, but let me explain.

If you don't know what happened on Sunday, Anaheim's left fielder Jose Guillen pitched a hissyfit after being lifted for a pinchrunner — the result of a pitch that beamed Guillen in the leg.

To defend Guillen for a moment, it looked like it hurt. I know — I've been drilled by a few pitches myself. After limping around home plate for a while, Guillen walked down to first, content to stay in the game.

Also, understand that Anaheim started the day less than two games back of Oakland going into an epic, three-game weekend series.

OK, I understand.

A player who wants to stay in after being drilled, admirable.

However, a player who throws a temper tantrum after being pulled from the game because of being drilled, detestable.

That's exactly what Guillen did after Scioscia replaced him with pinchrunner Alfredo Amezaga. Guillen walked off the field during Oakland's pitching change, tossed his helmet toward the side of the dugout Scioscia was standing in, walked to the opposite end of the dugout and slammed his glove against the wall.

So, how did Scioscia and Stoneman respond?

They suspended Guillen — hitting .294, with 27 homers and a career-high 104 RBIs — for the rest of the regular season and possibly the post-season, without pay.

Yeah, without pay.

Wow.

"He was obviously not happy with the decision," Anaheim general manager Bill Stoneman said. "Unfortunately, this was not the first time something has cropped up with Jose."

Earlier in the year, Guillen went on another tirade after being drilled in a game in Toronto, calling out his pitchers for not retaliating on his behalf.

"We had to do something with Jose," Scioscia said. "This is about the organization, not one guy. Bill wanted to be loud and clear with the message. It was an issue getting in the way of winning."

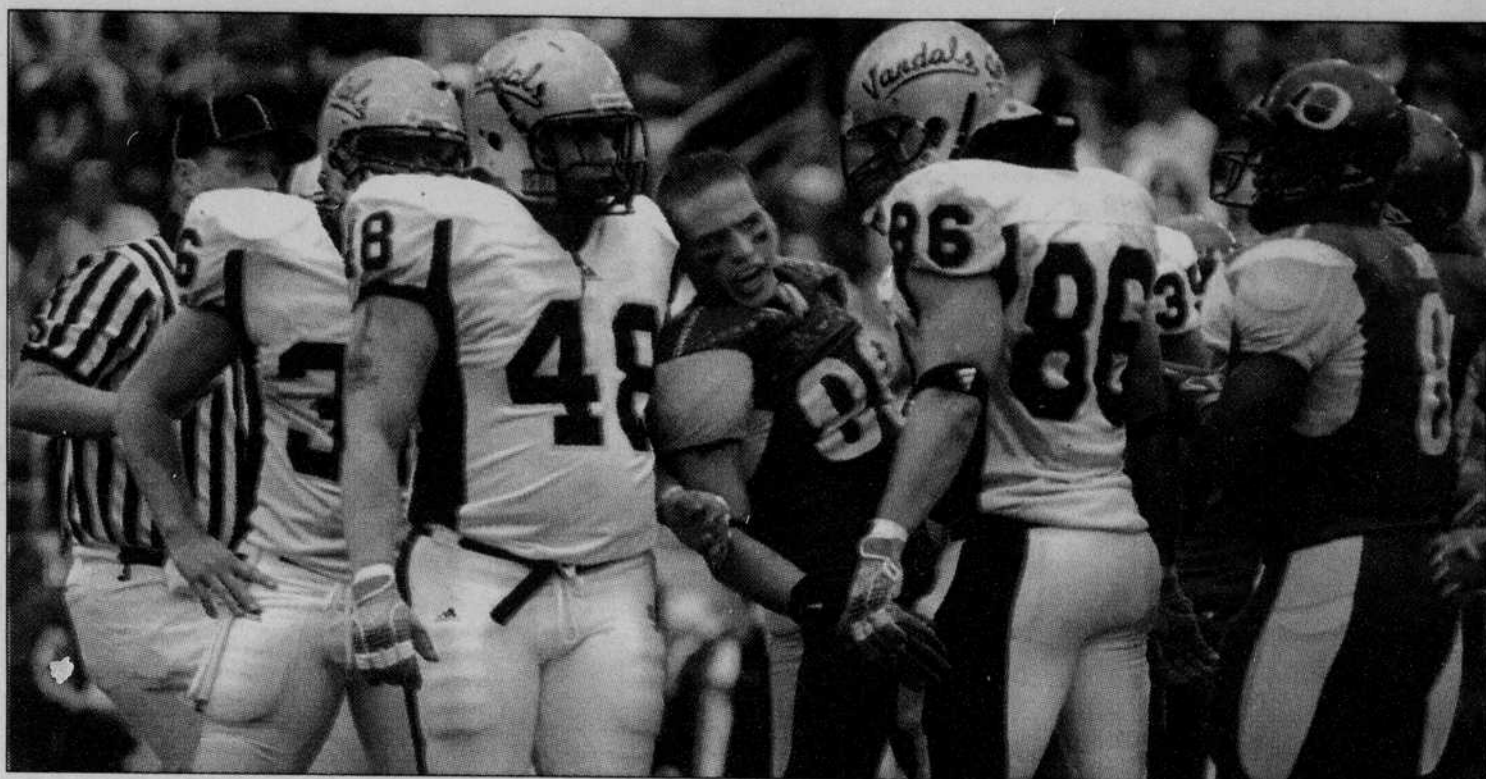
Come again?

An organization that seems to be focused on the collective product and results rather than spoiling and babying its players?

Holy crap, Batman.

A lot of people would label the Angels' decision as knee-jerk, and in some ways, I agree. But in the bigger picture, I think the Angels did the right thing and I support their decision wholeheartedly.

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Sophomore defensive back Jordan Carey, seen here Saturday against Idaho, was dismissed from the Oregon football program for repeated violations of team rules.

Oregon dismisses defensive back

Sophomore Jordan Carey is out after repeated violations, while former Nebraska and All-Big 12 player Richie Incognito enrolls

BY JON ROETMAN
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Sophomore defensive back Jordan Carey was dismissed from the Oregon football program for repeated violations of team rules, head coach Mike Bellotti said Tuesday.

The Olympia, Wash., prep star made the move from wide receiver to defensive back last week after being named the seventh receiver in a six-man rotation.

The 5-foot-11, 200-pound Carey saw action in two of the Ducks' first three games this season, recording one tackle on Saturday against Idaho. He finished his Oregon career with one reception for three yards and recovered a fumble for a touchdown during last season's 31-27 win against Michigan.

Carey's decorated prep career culminated with him being named state player of the year by The Seattle Times during his senior year at Capital High School.

Carey is the third player Oregon has lost in the last two weeks.

Freshman fullback Jerome Johnson was ruled ineligible by the NCAA last week for undisclosed reasons, while redshirt freshman quarterback Johnny DuRocher announced his desire to transfer and was given a conditional release from the program.

"It's the same thing we deal with every year," Bellotti said. "Life goes on. It's unfortunate. With Jerome Johnson, we knew there were some issues persisting and we had not counted on him fully this upcoming season. Johnny

DuRocher (wanting to transfer) was a total surprise and shock and obviously an individual decision." Bellotti added that Jordan Carey's dismissal was the result of repeated violations.

Incognito joins team

Oregon added a talented yet troubled athlete to the team on Monday with the transfer of Nebraska center Richie Incognito.

The 6-foot-3, 300-pound Incognito is enrolled in classes at Oregon and will start practicing with the team next week if he passes a physical, Bellotti said.

An All-Big 12 tackle last season, Incognito comes to Oregon with an unfavorable past. He has a history of violence on and off the field, including being charged with three counts of assault in February, stemming from a fight at a party. He was found guilty of one misdemeanor assault charge during a three-day June trial and paid a \$500 fine.

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Ducks embark on arduous schedule

After dropping its first Pac-10 match in Friday's Civil War, Oregon undertakes a grueling slate

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There are currently six Pacific-10 Conference volleyball teams listed in the top 20 of the USA Today/CSTV Top 25 Coaches' Poll. Eight Pac-10 squads have winning records, which isn't surprising considering many collegiate coaches view this league as the toughest conference in the nation.

Challenges ahead for Ducks

Oregon (8-3 overall, 0-1 Pac-10) lost its first conference game and its attack ace against rival Oregon State last Friday. The Civil War was a close battle, with the Beavers outscoring the Ducks 117-105 in four games.

Senior outside hitter Lauren Westendorf's promising season — 182 kills and 29 service aces in 36 games — came to an end when she tore the anterior cruciate ligament of her right knee in the second game. Westendorf will have the opportunity to

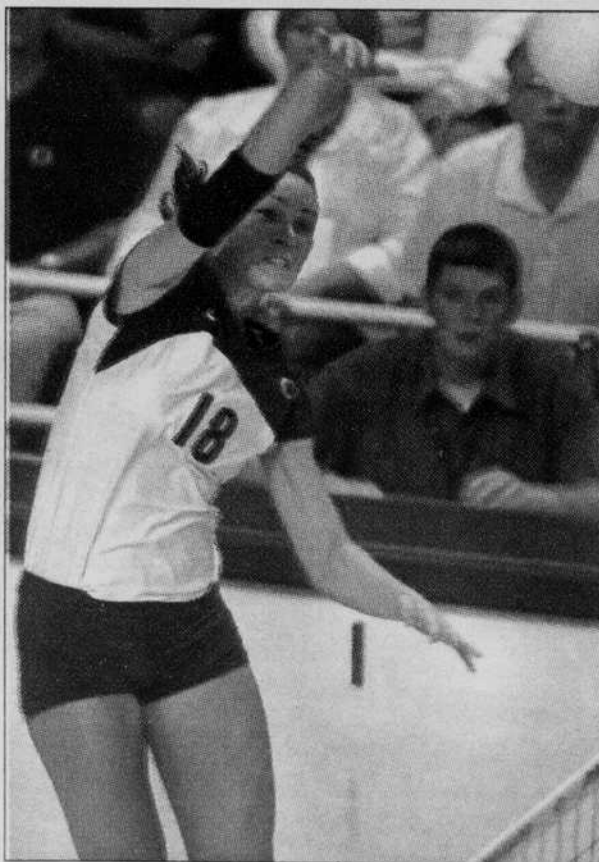
petition the Pac-10 and NCAA committee for a medical redshirt, but that result is unlikely because the former Pac-10 Player of the Week has played in more than 20 percent of the games this season.

The Ducks had four outside hitters finish with double-digits in kills against the Beavers: Sarah Mason, 19; Erin Little, 13; Kelly Russell, 11; and Westendorf, 11. It's the first time that has occurred this season.

As the team MVP in 2003, Russell played in all 91 games for Oregon and posted the team-high in kills with 278. She is expected to be the Ducks' leading attacker once again.

Mason earned Pac-10 All-Freshman honors last season. The 6-foot-3 sophomore is third in total kills (138). Little, also a sophomore, will see more consistent play and her responsibilities will increase with the loss of Westendorf.

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With the loss of senior Lauren Westendorf, junior outside hitter Kelly Russell, along with her 144 kills, will set the pace for Oregon's attack this season.

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