

Soccer: Garbin doubtful for Pac-10 play

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Lainez turned in two solid performances last weekend, allowing only one goal against Wyoming and Gonzaga combined. She dropped her goals against average to 1.94 and has allowed 18 goals this season. Lainez also has 51 saves for the year and is on pace to break her personal season record of 90, which she set last year. Her 90 saves ranked second in the Pacific-10 Conference last year and sixth on the Ducks single-season list.

Injury update

French was held out of practice on Tuesday with a protective boot on her right foot, nursing a severe bruise sustained against Gonzaga on Sunday.

Freshman Jen Cameron suffered

a back ankle sprain against Gonzaga, and her status for this weekend is questionable.

"I don't know exactly what the prognosis is," Steffen said. "But I know that a high one is better than a low one, but I don't know about a back one."

"I thought I was close enough to make the tackle. It was a decision, and I made it. I got the ball and unfortunately, I got her too."

CHRISTINE MINTZ | Oregon defender

Junior Caitlin Gamble will be out for a few weeks with a stress fracture, while Valadez is day-to-day with a strained quadricep. Ju-

nior Nicole Garbin, Oregon's leading scorer last year, is still doubtful for the duration of the conference schedule with a knee injury.

Top-ranked opponents

Four Duck opponents this week were ranked in the top 10 in the four major collegiate women's soccer polls this week. Washington was ranked between fourth and fifth in the collective polls, Portland was tabbed between fourth and sixth, UCLA was chosen between seventh and 13th, and Stanford was picked between eighth and 16th.

The Ducks will travel to Southern California today for the opening weekend of the Pac-10 season against USC and UCLA.

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Ichiro: Mariner captures batting title with record

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games than Sisler did. I disagree. This is one of the oldest records in that book and the bats and the balls are still the same. The grass is still green and the infield is still dirt. Stadiums still serve hot dogs and peanuts, granted we do have the option of garlic fries and filet mignon nowadays.

The art of hitting has not evolved like cooking has. For instance, I have the ability to grill a better hamburger on my George Foreman now than some diner cook in the 1940s.

Ichiro didn't hit .400 but he still put the stick of wood on the leather-wrapped ball of string and broke a record. He had only 48 walks in a whopping 704 at-bats, the second

most in baseball history. He won another batting title with a .372 average. That's 10 points better than Bonds, so throw him a frickin' bone.

The most hits I've ever gotten in a season was five and they didn't come on a baseball diamond. My career-best came on the playground in second grade during recess when I kept taking Suzy Wright's swing. Boy, did I have a tender shoulder for the next week.

Even if St. Helens starts stirring again and the sky fills with ash, I'll still be babbling about Ichiro and everything he has done for baseball. You're lucky I didn't pay more attention in my geology class, or you'd be reading about tectonic plates, subduction zones and calderas.

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Horoscope by Joyce Jillson

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (October 7). This is the year you've been waiting for. A major growth spurt in your emotional life manifests itself in the next two months. On the other side of this, you're ready to comfortably and responsibly take on more than you ever have. Finances are much improved through the holidays, but spend wisely, even on the little things, to stay lucky. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 20, 50, 31 and 23.

The moon is void early in the day, so if you're not sure how you're feeling, don't worry about it. The tendency is to doubt your plans, but resist the second-guessing game. Just do what's on your list, and count yourself among the productive people. The moon enters Leo in the afternoon, and you'll start to regain confidence in your direction.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Sure, you've got a fabulous sense of humor, but do not always be joking. Sigmund Freud argued that there are no jokes. Consider the subtext of what you are saying to others and how your words might make them feel.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The past is no indicator of where you're going. Surprising turns are in store. Not even you could have predicted where you'll end up. Make the most of your opportunities by getting organized.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You'll hear from the old peanut gallery today. It seems certain people always have an opinion, but seldom is it one that helps you on your quest. That's why it's important not to show anyone your half-finished works.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Just when you'd like to stay in and be comfortably cocooned from the rest of the world, you should go out instead. Make yourself accessible, and make your talents known. This is no time to coddle yourself.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). There is a mountain to move, and you're the one who's got to do it. Luckily, this mountain comes in the form of scraps of paper, two-minute tasks and "er-

ands" that can be accomplished online or over the phone.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Sometimes, you act on impulse, but more often, you act on second thought. In matters of romance, you benefit from doing the former, but in business, you're better off doing the latter. Tonight, deliver a sincere act of gratitude.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Try to lighten up. It's not as though the hopes and dreams of your entire family are riding on your shoulders. OK, so maybe they are a little bit. But that's their problem. Your responsibility is to follow your own bliss.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Nothing annoys you like people who feel entitled to a station they've done nothing to deserve. So remember that you, too, should get to your rightful place through the merit of your actions, not through presumption.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your mind is filled with "if onlys." If only I were thinner, richer or more successful, then I could be attractive to X. This is all teen fantasy stuff, but it gets you thinking about your goals again. Oh yeah, goals -- remember those?

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll notice that you're powerful -- more powerful than you thought you were. Perhaps that's why friends and family tend to duck behind you for cover. Your strength is your willingness to confront what needs to be confronted.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're focused, centered and ready for anything. That's why people come to you when they're wondering what to do next. Take time to prepare not only for your own activities but also a list of tasks you can possibly delegate.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Though diplomacy has gotten you this far, now it's time to overstep your boundaries. You are admired for your audacity. People around you were just waiting for someone to say what was on everyone's mind.

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