

"I'll take 14 out of 15 any day of the week, any week of the month, any month of the year, any year of the century. I don't know what comes after century."

Miami center Shaquille O'Neal about his team's performance

■ In my opinion



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OFF THE CROSSBAR

Two cities, one name just doesn't make sense

Everyone and everything has some way of being identified. It's called a name, and that name allows us to demographically correlate one thing to another — for instance, location.

Just recently, owner Arte Moreno decided to rename his Anaheim Angels the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim for marketing reasons. Doesn't that have a nice ring to it?

Supposedly, the name change will increase revenue by welcoming more advertising and broadcasting opportunities. I wonder if George Steinbrenner or Donald Trump got into Moreno's head at all.

The Angels franchise is bringing in enough dough already. They had enough funding last season to sign a slugger by the name of Vladimir Guerrero. Heck, in 2004 the Angels attracted 3,375,677 fans to their stadium, which was third most in Major League Baseball. Only the New York Yankees and the true Los Angeles team, the Dodgers, achieved higher attendance totals than Anaheim.

The fact is, that name change slaps the importance of even having names right in the face and pretty much asks the question, "What's in a name?"

The Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim. That's soooooo confusing. Which city are they in: L.A. or Anaheim? Anaheim's spokesman, John Nicolette, pointed out that there is no other professional team in this country with two cities in its name.

The two-city name has stirred up some dust between the franchise and the city of Anaheim.

According to a clause in the 1996 agreement between the city of Anaheim (the renter) and the Angels (the tenant) addressing the team name, the "tenant will change the name of the team to include the name 'Anaheim' therein, such change to be effective no later than the commencement of the 1997 season."

This clause was created because Anaheim pitched in \$20 million to renovate the stadium and it wanted exposure in return.

But, the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim? It almost sounds like Anaheim is just a bureau of Los Angeles. But even then, the Yanks aren't the New York Yankees of the Bronx.

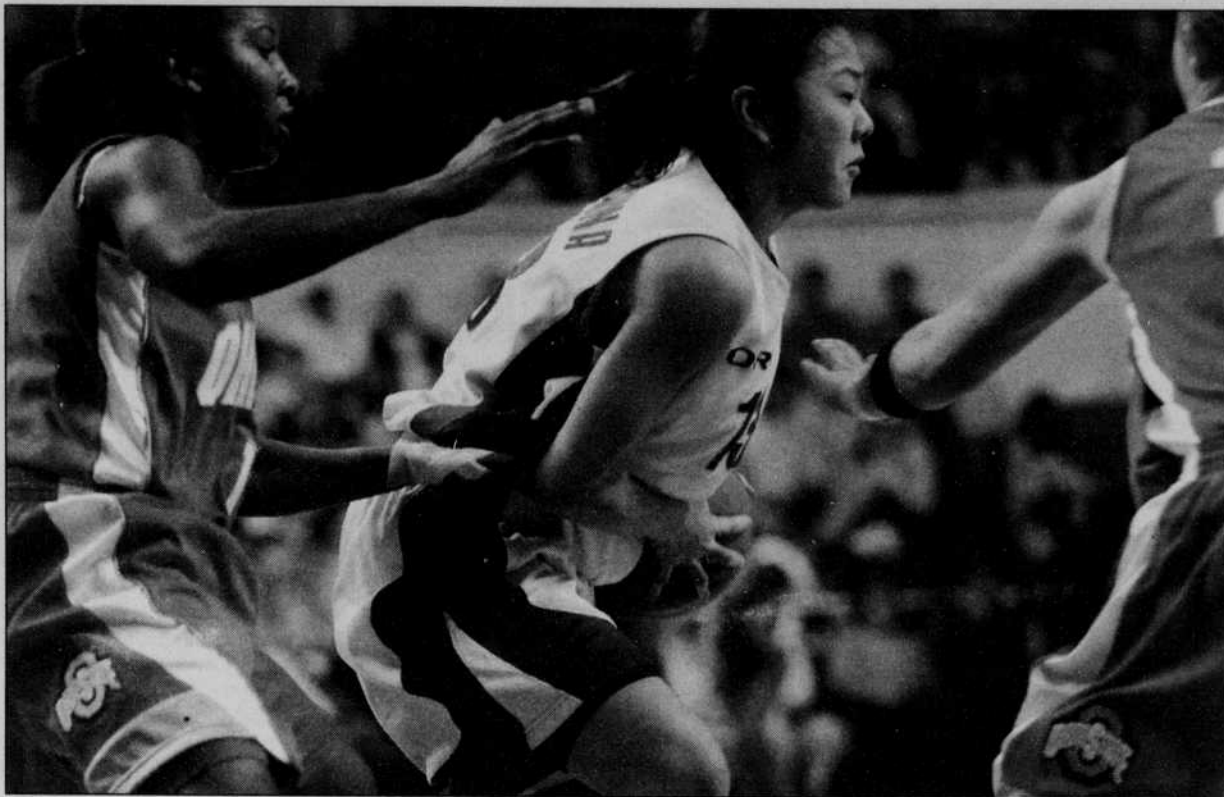
I am a former resident of Southern California, and I can tell you there's a definite difference between the two cities. Sure, the area may seem like a metropolis with everything connected and an In-N-Out Burger on every corner, but let me tell you, those traffic-jammed freeways mark some significant boundaries and act as informal city lines.

Los Angeles is more about producing air pollution and big-screen pollution, while Anaheim is home to the Magic Kingdom known for creating millions of smiles and childhood memories. Anaheim is not just a stone's throw from Los Angeles, either. The two cities are 26 miles apart, which makes it about a two-hour drive during rush hour.

In that case, why don't we rename our local single-A baseball team the Portland Emeralds of Eugene?

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■ Women's basketball



Oregon senior point guard Corrie Mizusawa added five assists to her conference-leading total of 88 in the Ducks' 70-54 loss to UCLA.

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Dropping the ball

A loss to UCLA on Tuesday leaves Oregon with a 2-2 Pac-10 record after starting 2-0

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For the second straight game, turnovers sabotaged the Oregon women's basketball team's chance for victory.

The Ducks committed 13 first-half turnovers — 20 for the game — but still carried a two-point lead at halftime before surrendering 44 points in the second half to fall to UCLA 70-54 at Pauley Pavilion.

Oregon's loss drops them to 9-4 overall, 2-2 in conference and into a tie with Washington. With its

win, UCLA (9-3, 3-0) sits in the top spot and remains the only unbeaten in conference play.

For the first time since the 1992-93 season, the Ducks were swept by the two Southern California schools away from McArthur Court. Oregon split the series with the LA teams for the last 13 years.

Much the same as their game against USC on Sunday, Duck turnovers turned into easy buckets for the Bruins. Many of the points

in the first half came off turnovers, which buoyed a UCLA offense that went 11 of 40 shooting and only managed 26 points.

"I think we were playing better on defense in the first half to hold UCLA to 26," Oregon head coach Bev Smith said. "We just need to focus on just a couple of things during the game, not the whole big picture."

The Ducks used 13 first-half points off the bench from guard Brandi Davis to take a six-point lead with a 1:40 left in the first half.

UCLA responded with two quick baskets in the last thirty seconds and kept that momentum going early in the second half. The Bruins regained the lead on a three-pointer by guard Lisa Willis.

Oregon never got the lead back and watched UCLA go up by as many as 16.

"I think we kept going," senior Andrea Bills said of her team's second-half defense. "We can't just trade baskets with them and give them open looks."

While UCLA heated up on offense in the second half, Oregon struggled shooting the ball the entire game.

Senior Cathrine Kraayeveld led the Ducks in scoring for the ninth time this season, contributing 16 points and nine boards.

"Offensively, we were out of sync," Kraayeveld said. "We have to keep our heads (in that situation)."

Oregon shot 20 of 60 from the field and 7 of 25 from the three-point line for the game. Its 54 points was the lowest output of the year.

Junior Chelsea Wagner, coming off tying a career-high 21 points against USC, only managed to score six points on two three-pointers while playing under the weather.

Also struggling was Bills, who managed only four points in 27 minutes of action. Bills was held scoreless for much of the game.

Senior guard Corrie Mizusawa led the Ducks in assists with five.

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■ Pac-10

OSU sits one up on rival Oregon in Pac-10 play

After a loss to UCLA Sunday, the Ducks are currently ranked third in the conference

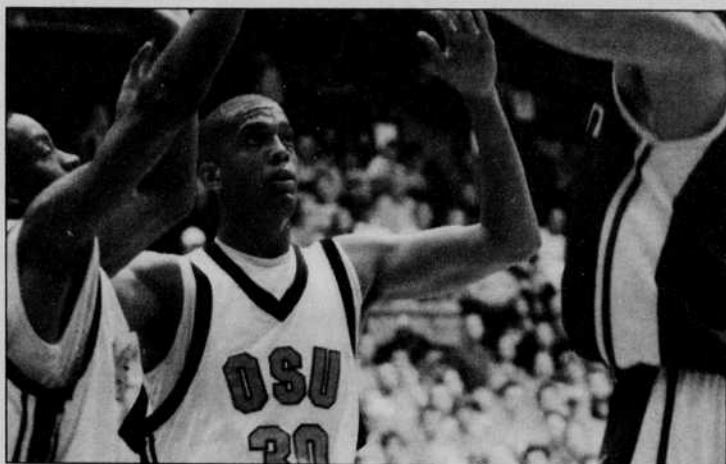
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A men's basketball team from the state of Oregon sits atop the Pacific-10 Conference with a 2-0 record.

And no, it's not that young, talented team from Eugene.

Oregon State opened conference play with victories against UCLA and Southern California and shares the top spot in the Pac-10 with Washington. The Beavers are off to a 10-3 start overall, their best mark after 13 games in 15 seasons.

Oregon State's success of late can be attributed to the return of senior forward David Lucas. The Tigard High School product missed the team's first 10 games after surgery repairing the tendon in his big right toe, but



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Oregon State's David Lucas earned Pac-10 Player of the Week honors and averaged 19 points a game against UCLA and USC last week.

he didn't need long to return to form. He is averaging 17 points per game since returning to action, including 19 points per Pac-10 contest.

Lucas' 21-point effort against the Bruins and 17-point performance against the Trojans earned him Pacific-10 Conference Player of the Week honors.

"It feels great to win this award," Lucas, the son of former Portland Trailblazer forward Maurice Lucas, said. "It shows that I actually helped the BASKETBALL page 10