

Wrestling: Ducks continue season Sunday against ASU

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Bakersfield, Calif.

Although Stanford and Oregon have had similar seasons thus far, the edge in the dual goes to the Ducks, who feature two nationally ranked wrestlers, a possible four-dual winning streak and the home crowd at McArthur Court to boot. Webster said Stanford should not be taken lightly, however.

"They are a tough team every year," he said. "They got a bunch

of tough guys that do their thing and take care of business."

Webster will most likely wrestle junior Imad Kharbush of Stanford, who qualified for last season's NCAAAs and took home a Pac-10 title in the 174-pound weight class.

The Ducks continue their season Sunday when they face Arizona State (5-4-1, 2-0) at Mac Court at 2 p.m. The Sun Devils have had an impressive season so far and have been a menace for other Pac-10 teams.

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something that we have to get mentally ready for."

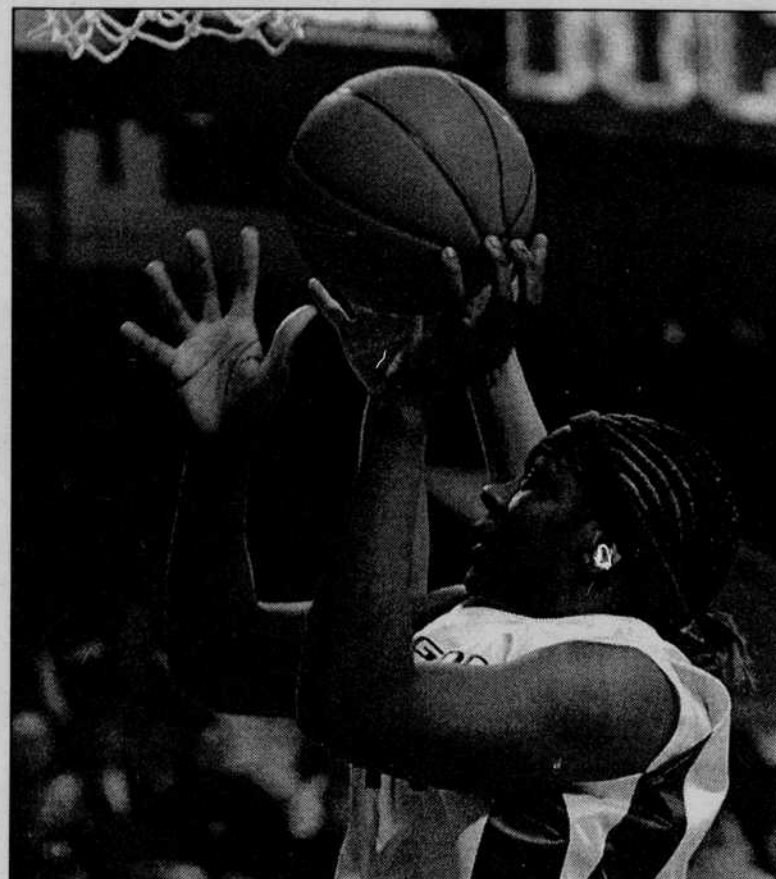
Creating turnovers is not the only thing the Bruins do well. In the teams' last meeting, UCLA held Oregon to a season-low in both points (54) and shooting percentage (33).

"(Offensively) I think our focus is the same in terms of we have to get good shots and get the ball inside," Smith said. "Obviously you have to take care of the ball and look after the ball, and UCLA is a team that will run different things at you — they'll trap out of their man-to-man (defense), trap out of the zone. So you have to make some adjustments."

UCLA's pressure defense is spearheaded by the combination of junior guard Nikki Blue and fellow junior Lisa Willis. The duo has recorded 107 steals between them. In addition, Blue and Willis are averaging 13.2 and 15.2 points per game, respectively.

"UCLA is certainly guard dominating and you have to be ready to deal with them and not let their inside game surprise you," Smith said.

For Oregon, the duo of seniors Cathrine Kraayeveld and Andrea Bills will be important factors. Bills is coming off a 2-of-6 shooting, four-point performance against the Bruins earlier this month.



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Oregon senior Andrea Bills is averaging 11.6 points, 6.7 rebounds and 1.2 assists per game through the first half of the Ducks' conference season. The second half of their conference slate begins tonight when they face UCLA at Mac Court.

Kraayeveld and Bills are the only two Ducks to average double figures in points for the season. With the loss of junior Chelsea Wagner for the rest of the year, the Ducks will need consistent scoring from the likes of freshmen Kaela Chapdelaine, Gabrielle Richards, and Kristen Forristall to

help shoulder the load.

"It's a big opportunity for us," Bills said. "It's kinda the feeling on our team that we are starting the Pac-10 all over again. We just have to play really hard and want to win."

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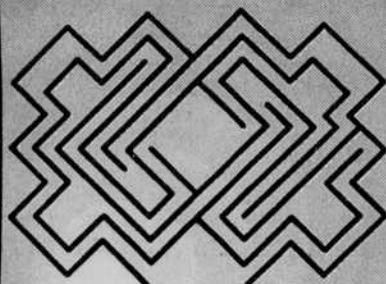
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like, 'Ashley's a normal kid, she's just a lacrosse player, she just can't hear.'"

After admitting to her teammates she was having a hard time communicating, her lacrosse sisters took it upon themselves to bridge the gap.

"Seven girls decided to take an (American Sign Language) class and it really improved ... our communication," Beghtel said. "It was really meaningful."

Like any rookie athlete at the Division I-A level, Beghtel is fighting for playing time in a new system. An attacker in high school, Beghtel has been moved to defense to take advantage of her size.

"At first it was really awkward

because defense requires a lot more hearing," Beghtel said, but admitted the less glorious part of the game suits her better.

"It's just ... heart that's involved and I'm aggressive and that's what makes me a defender," she said.

Similar to the rest of her teammates, Beghtel is excited about building the foundation for Oregon lacrosse.

"We're really proud to be the first team," she said. "People will remember that we were the team that started the program."

Beghtel's heart and soul are the defining characteristics of her life.

"You can teach a kid skill but ... heart comes along once in a lifetime," Anderson said.

Beghtel, who has yet to officially declare a major, said she wants to go into education and teach kids similar to herself.

"I believe that kids should have no limits," said the former 4.0 high school student. "I want to show them they can do anything. I hope that people understand that they can be included, it doesn't matter what situation, if it's work, or school or sports."

Beghtel, who still has a hard time expressing herself to her new teammates, was extremely clear following a recent workout.

"Don't put limits on anybody," she said. "You can still work hard and overcome all your obstacles."

Men: Cal will attempt to expose Ducks' recent shooting woes

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been tremendous ... If we can get through with some success in these next couple of ball games and you start the second half of the season, it's going to be really good for the freshmen because now they've seen everything.

"You can talk about the Pac-10; (the freshmen) don't understand it," he added. "You can talk about how good the players are; they don't understand that. You can talk about how hard they play; they definitely don't understand that. But having gone through it now, I think they can make the necessary adjustments because they're smart kids and smart basketball players."

Like Oregon, Cal (9-8, 2-5) doesn't have a senior on its roster. The Bears are led by junior point guard Richard

Midgley. The Burgess Hill, England, native is averaging 15.1 points per game and is shooting nearly 41 percent from three-point range.

Junior Rod Benson has also stepped up for Cal, averaging 12.6 points and a team-high 5.5 rebounds per game. The lanky 6-foot-10 forward started seeing more playing time at the end of last season and has continued to improve.

Defensively, Cal will likely zone Oregon after the Ducks' 4-of-34 performance from three-point range against Arizona State. The Ducks realize every team they face is likely to force them into perimeter shots until they prove they can knock them down.

"We looked pathetic (against the zone)," Oregon freshman Malik Hairston said. "We looked

back and it's probably the worst thing we've seen all season in terms of us finding openings and us playing basketball."

Players also stressed the importance of getting the ball inside to post players. Forward Mitch Platt has been a reliable scoring option down low when he gets more than one or two touches and Ian Crosswhite and Maarty Leunen can also produce inside.

Kent said he was undecided as of Tuesday whether he would start Crosswhite or Leunen tonight against Cal. Crosswhite came off the bench Saturday against Arizona State for only the second time in two years.

The game will be televised on Fox Sports Net starting at 7:30 p.m.

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