### **FRIDAY**

GOLF LPGA Tour,	Time	TV
Diamond Resorts Tournament of Champions	9 a.m.	Golf
PGA Tour, The American Express	noon	Golf
PGA Tour Champions,	4	C 10
Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai European Tour, Abu Dhabi HSBC Championship	4 p.m. midnight	Golf Golf
HORSE RACING	mianignt	GOII
America's Day at the Races	10 a.m.	FS2
OCCER		
ONCACAF League, Deportivo Saprissa vs. Arcahaie	2 p.m.	FS2
Nomen's International Friendly, U.S. vs. Colombia	4 p.m.	ESPN2
SYMNASTICS	2.20	ECDAIII
Vomen's college, Minnesota at Michigan	2:30 p.m.	ESPNU SEC
Vomen's college, Kentucky at Missouri Vomen's college, Auburn at Alabama	4 p.m. 5:30 p.m.	SEC
BASKETBALL	3.30 p.111.	JLC
Vomen's college, Utah at Arizona	3 p.m.	Pac-12
Men's college, Ball St. at Ohio	4 p.m.	CBSSN
Nen's college, St. Peter's at Siena	4 p.m.	ESPNU
Nen's college, Michigan at Purdue	4 p.m.	FS1
IBA, Boston at Philadelphia	4:30 p.m.	ESPN
Vomen's college, Washington St. at Oregon	5 p.m.	Pac-12
Men's college, Fresno St. at Boise St.	6 p.m.	CBSSN
Леn's college, Visconsin-Milwaukee at Cleveland St.	6 p.m.	ESPN2
VISCOTSTITEMENTALINEE AT CIEVEIAND ST.	7 p.m.	ESPN
Nomen's college, UCLA at Stanford	7 p.m.	Pac-12
Men's college, San Diego St. at Air Force	8 p.m.	FS1
HOCKEY	•	
ollege, Michigan St. at Notre Dame	3:30 p.m.	NBCSN
VRESTLING	6 n m	Dia Ton
College, Iowa at Minnesota SAILING	6 p.m.	Big Ten
America's Cup Prada Challenger Series 2021	6 p.m.	NBCSN
SATURDAY		
BASKETBALL		
Men's college, Houston at Temple	9 a.m.	CBS
Men's college, Connecticut at Creighton	9 a.m.	FOX
Men's college, Kansas at Oklahoma	9 a.m.	ESPN
Nen's college, Auburn at South Carolina	9 a.m.	ESPN2
Men's college, Virginia Tech at Syracuse	9 a.m.	Root
Men's college, George Mason at Saint Joseph's	9:30 a.m.	NBCSN
Men's college, Arkansas at Vanderbilt	10 a.m.	SEC
Men's college, Baylor at Oklahoma St.	11 a.m.	CBS
Men's college, Maryland at Minnesota Men's college, NC State at North Carolina	11 a.m. 11 a.m.	Big Ten ESPN
Nen's college, Ne State at North Carolina Nen's college, Florida at Georgia	11 a.m.	ESPN2
Men's college, SMU at UCF	11 a.m.	ESPNU
Men's college, Providence at Villanova	11:30 a.m.	FOX
Men's college, Army at Navy	11:30 a.m.	CBSSN
Men's college, La Salle at Richmond	11:30 a.m.	NBCSN
Men's college, Clemson at Florida St.	noon	ABC
Men's college, Texas A&M at Ole Miss	12:30 p.m.	SEC
Men's college, Ohio St. at Wisconsin	1 p.m.	CBS
Men's college, Duke at Louisville	1 p.m.	ESPN
Men's college, West Virginia at Kansas St.	1 p.m.	ESPN2
Men's college, Utah Valley at St. John's Men's college, Dayton at VCU	1 p.m. 1:30 p.m.	FS1 CBSSN
Nen's college, Dayton at VCO Nen's college, UCLA vs. Stanford	2 p.m.	FOX
Men's college, San Diego at Portland	2 p.m.	NBCSNW
Men's college, LSU at Kentucky	3 p.m.	ESPN
Nomen's college, Texas at Iowa St.	3 p.m.	ESPN2
Men's college, Mississippi St. at Alabama	3 p.m.	SEC
Men's college, DePaul at Marquette	3 p.m.	FS1
Men's college, Northwestern at Penn St.	4 p.m.	Big Ten
Men's college, Saint Mary's (Calif.) at San Francisco	4 p.m.	CBSSN
Men's college, Santa Clara at Loyola Marymount	4 p.m.	Root
Men's college, Colorado at Washington St. Men's college, USC at California	5 p.m. 5 p.m.	ESPN2 Pac-12
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Women's college, Arizona St. at UCLA 2 p.m. Pac-12 **HOCKEY** College, Ohio St. at Michigan St. Big Ten 1 p.m. **BOXING** 

Arsenal vs. West Ham United 4 a.m. (Sun) **NBCSN** Listings are the most accurate available. The Bulletin is not responsible

## **SPORTS BRIEFING**

Men's college, Missouri at Tennessee

Men's college, Pepperdine at BYU

Men's college, Pacific at Gonzaga

America's Day at the Races

America's Day at the Races

Pegasus World Cup Invitational

PGA Tour, The American Express

Women's college, Arizona at Utah

Angelo Leo vs. Stephen Fulton

FA Women's Super League,

Italian Serie A, Juventus vs. Bologna

for late changes made by TV stations.

PGA Tour Champions,

**GYMNASTICS** 

**SOCCER** 

Diamond Resorts Tournament of Champions

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European Tour, Abu Dhabi HSBC Championship

**HORSE RACING** 

**GOLF** 

LPGA Tour,

LPGA Tour.

Men's college, Oregon St. at Oregon

## **FOOTBALL**

**Ducks WR Redd returning for 5th season** — Oregon Ducks wide receiver Jaylon Redd will return for a fifth season, according to a source. Redd, a senior in 2020, is taking advantage of the NCAA not counting last season against players' eligibility because of the impact the COVID-19 pandemic had on the college football season. Redd, signed as part of the 2017 recruiting class, has started three out of his four seasons with the Ducks. In 37 games, the slot receiver has caught 118 passes for 1,238 yards and 14 touchdowns. He's also carried the ball 21 times for 148 yards and five touchdowns. Redd has scored a touchdown every 5.3 times he has touched the football on offense. Redd's best season came in 2019 when he caught 50 passes for 465 yards and seven touchdowns, including the game-winning score at Washington from five yards out that gave the Ducks a 35-31 lead with 5:10 remaining. Last season in seven games, Redd caught 25 passes for 281 yards and one touchdown while rushing for 53 yards and a score.

— Bulletin wire report

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### **FOOTBALL**

**NFL** playoffs CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Tampa Bay at Green Bay, 12:05 p.m.

NFL Conference Champ

Open Current O/U Favorite Sunday **PACKERS** 

#### **BASKETBALL**

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	W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct
UCLA	8	0	1.000	12	2	.857
Oregon	4	1	.800	9	2	.818
Southern Cal	5	2	.714	11	3	.786
Arizona	5	3	.625	11	3	.786
Colorado	5	3	.625	11	4	.733
Stanford	4	3	.571	8	5	.615
Oregon St.	3	3	.500	7	5	.583
Washington St.	2	4	.333	9	4	.692
Utah	2	5	.286	5	6	.455
California	2	7	.222	7	9	.438
Arizona St.	1	4	.200	4	7	.364
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Thursday's Games Southern Cal at Stanford, ppd. Arizona 84, Arizona St. 82 No. 24 UCLA 61, California 57

No. 24 UCLA at Stanford, 2 p.m. Colorado at Washington St., 5 p.m. Southern Cal at California, 5 p.m.

**TOP 25 SCORES** Thursday's Game

## PAC-12 CONFERENCE

	Conference			All Games		
	W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct
Stanford	8	1	.889	11	1	.917
Arizona	8	2	.800	10	2	.833
UCLA	6	2	.750	8	2	.800
Oregon	7	3	.700	9	3	.750
Washington St.	5	3	.625	7	3	.700
Arizona St.	3	3	.500	7	3	.700
Colorado	4	5	.444	6	6	.500
Southern Cal	4	5	.444	6	6	.500
Utah	2	8	.200	3	8	.273
Oregon St.	1	4	.200	3	4	.429
Washington	1	5	.167	4	5	.444
California	0	8	.000	0	11	.000
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Colorado at Arizona St., 2 p.m. Utah at No. 10 Arizona, 3 p.m. Southern Cal at California, ppd. Washington St. at No. 13 Oregon, 5 p.m. No. 6 UCLA vs. No. 5 Stanford, late Washington at Oregon St., ppd.

> **TOP 25 SCORES** Thursday's Games

No. 1 Louisville 67, No. 23 Syracuse 54 No. 3 UConn 67, No. 25 Tennessee 61 No. 17 Ohio St. 81, No. 11 Michigan 77 No. 12 Kentucky 76, Auburn 71 No. 16 Indiana at Michigan St., ppd. No. 18 DePaul 80, Butler 66 No. 20 Gonzaga vs. San Diego, ppd.

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Sunday's Games NFC

Buffalo at Kansas City, 3:40 p.m.

America's Line

(Home team in CAPS)

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	W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct	
UCLA	8	0	1.000	12	2	.857	
Oregon	4	1	.800	9	2	.818	
Southern Cal	5	2	.714	11	3	.786	
Arizona	5	3	.625	11	3	.786	
Colorado	5	3	.625	11	4	.733	
Stanford	4	3	.571	8	5	.615	
Oregon St.	3	3	.500	7	5	.583	
Washington St.	2	4	.333	9	4	.692	
Utah	2	5	.286	5	6	.455	
California	2	7	.222	7	9	.438	
Arizona St.	1	4	.200	4	7	.364	
Washington	1	7	.125	2	11	.154	

Utah at Washington St., late Saturday's Games

Oregon St. at No. 21 Oregon, 7:30 p.m.

Indiana 81, No. 4 Iowa 69

## Women's college

	Conference All Gar					nes
	W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct
Stanford	8	1	.889	11	1	.917
Arizona	8	2	.800	10	2	.833
UCLA	6	2	.750	8	2	.800
Oregon	7	3	.700	9	3	.750
Washington St.	5	3	.625	7	3	.700
Arizona St.	3	3	.500	7	3	.700
Colorado	4	5	.444	6	6	.500
Southern Cal	4	5	.444	6	6	.500
Utah	2	8	.200	3	8	.273
Oregon St.	1	4	.200	3	4	.429
Washington	1	5	.167	4	5	.444
California	0	8	.000	0	11	.000
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No. 4 South Carolina 62, No. 22 Georgia 50 No. 7 Maryland vs. Iowa, ppd.

#### NBA **EASTERN CONFERENCE** GB Phila. .615 Boston Milwaukee .600 .571 .563 .500 .500 .467 .467 .462 .429 1½ 1½ 2½ 2½ 3 3 3 3½ Brooklyn Cleveland Atlanta New York

Orlando Charlotte Chicago Toronto .429 .357 Washington .273 .214 Detroit WESTERN CONFERENCE **W** 12 L.A. Lakers L.A. Clippers .733 .714 .615 .571 .571 .538 .533 .500 Utah Phoenix Golden State Portland Memphis San Antonio Dallas Denver Oklahoma City .462 .385 New Orleans Sacramento

Minnesota Wednesday's Late Games Phoenix 109, Houston 103 L.A. Clippers 115, Sacramento 96

Golden State 121, San Antonio 99

Thursday's Games
L.A. Lakers 113, Milwaukee 106 New Orleans at Utah, late New York at Golden State, late

Friday's Games Chicago at Charlotte, 4 p.m. Houston at Detroit, 4 p.m. Orlando at Indiana, 4 p.m Boston at Phila., 4:30 p.m. Brooklyn at Cleveland, 4:30 p.m Miami at Toronto, 4:30 p.m Atlanta at Minnesota, 5 p.m. Washington at Milwaukee, ppd Dallas at San Antonio, 5:30 p.m. Denver at Phoenix, 7 p.m Memphis at Portland, ppd New York at Sacramento, 7 p.m

Oklahoma City at L.A. Clippers, 7 p.m.

### **GOLF**

#### **PGA Tour** American Express Score Thursday at La Quinta, Calif. Stadium Course: 7,147 yards; par 72 Nicklaus Tournament Course: 7,181 yards; par: 72 First Round

Brandon Hagy	31-33—64
Byeong Hun An	33-32—65
Si Woo Kim	33-33-66
Martin Laird	33-33—66
Max Homa	34-32—66
Charl Schwartzel	34-33—67
Sam Ryder	34-33—67
Michael Thompson	33-34—67
Tyler Duncan	33-34—67
Doug Ghim	34-33—67
Maverick McNealy	32-35—67
Alex Noren	33-34—67
Andrew Putnam	34-33—67
Ben Martin	35-32—67

James Hahn, 34-34—68. Josh Teater, 36-32—68. Jamie Lovemark, 32-36—68. Adam Long, 34-34—68. Austin Cook, 35-33—68. Anirban Lahiri, 34-34—68. Kevin Streelman, 34-34—68. Adam Schenk, 32-36—68. Kyoung-Hoon Lee, 34-34—68. Kristoffer Ventura, 36-32—68. Chris Kirk, 35-33—68. Rory Sabbatini, 35-33—68. David Hearn, 34-34—68. John Huh, 35-33—68. Cameron Davis, 35-33— 68. Mark Hubbard, 32-36—68. Patrick Reed, 35-33—68. Sungjae Im, 34-34—68. Nick Taylor, 36-32—68. Brendan Steele, 38-30—68. Tony Finau, 34-34—68. Cameron Tringale, 34-34—68. Abraham Ancer, 34-35—69. Camilo Villegas, 36-33—

Brian Harman, 35-33—68. Aaron Baddeley, 31-37—68.

69. Emiliano Grillo, 35-34—69. Luke List, 34-35—69. Jimmy Walker, 36-33—69. Francesco Molinari, 36-33—69. Troy

Merritt, 34-35—69. Satoshi Kodaira, 35-34—69. Patton Kizzire, 36-33-69. Richy Werenski, 35-34-69.

Patrick Cantlay, 35-34—69. Tyler McCumber, 34-35—69. Rob Oppenheim, 33-36—69. Vincent Whaley, 34-35—69. Patrick Rodgers, 35-34—69. Grayson Murray, 35-34—69. Russell Knox, 36-33—69. Lanto Griffin, 34-35—69. Joel Dahmen, 36-33—69. Hank Lebioda, 34-35—69. Roger Sloan, 36-33—69. Joohyung Kim, 36-33—69.

### **LPGA Tour**

**Diamond Resorts Tournament of Champions Scores** Thursday at Lake Buena Vista, Fla. Yardage: 6,645; par: 71

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First Round	
Danielle Kang	31-33-6
Gaby Lopez	31-346
Jessica Korda	35-30-6
Nelly Korda	32-33-6
Brittany Lincicome	33-33-6
Stacy Lewis	32-346
Lexi Thompson	33-346
Brooke M. Henderson	32-35-6
Angela Stanford	32-35-6
Sophia Popov	31-37-6
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Celine Boutier, 33-36—69. Austin Ernst, 35-34—69. Annie Park, 34-35—69. Cheyenne Knight, 33-36—69. Ally Ewing, 33-37—70. Pernilla Lindberg, 35-35—70. Mel Reid, 35-35—70. Georgia Hall, 34-36—70. Mi Jung Hur, 35-36— 71. Hee Young Park, 32-39—71. Jasmine Suwannapura, 35-37—72. Bronte Law, 32-41—73. Madelene Sagstrom, 33-40—73. Cydney Clanton, 35-40—75

### **HOCKEY**

		N	HL				
East	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Philadelphia	5	3	1	1	7	19	16
N.Y. Islanders	4	3	1	0	6	9	6
Washington	4	2	0	2	6	15	14
New Jersey	4	2 2 2 2	1	1	5	9	11
Boston	4	2	1	1	5	9	9
Pittsburgh	4		2	0	4	14	18
N.Y. Rangers	3	1	2	0	2	8	8
Buffalo	4	1	3	0	2	11	12
Central	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GΑ
Tampa Bay	3	3	0	0	6	13	5
Florida	2	2	0	0	4	10	6
Nashville	3	2 2 2	1	0	4	10	7
Carolina	3	2	1	0	4	9	6
Detroit	4	2	2	0	4	9	10
Columbus	5	1	2	2	4	10	16
Chicago	4	0	3	1	1	9	20
Dallas	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
West	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Vegas	4	4	0	0	8	16	7
Minnesota	4	3	1	0	6	11	9
St. Louis	4	2	1	1	5	10	15
Colorado	3	2	1	0	4	12	6
San Jose	4	2	2	0	4	13	14
Anaheim	4	1	2	1	3	6	10
Arizona	4	1	2	1	3	12	16
Los Angeles	3 <b>GP</b>	0 <b>W</b>	1	2 <b>OT</b>		GF	11 <b>GA</b>
North Montreal	4		<b>L</b> 0	2	Pts 6	<b>GF</b>	13
	4	2	1	0	6	13	10
Winnipeg	5	3	2	0		15	
Toronto	3	3 3 2	0	1	6 5	15	15 6
Calgary Edmonton	5	2	3	0	4	13	16
Vancouver	5	2	3	0	4	15	21
Ottawa	5 4	1	2	1	3	11	14
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Wednesday's Late Games San Jose 2, St. Louis 1, SO Vancouver 6, Montreal 5, SO Minnesota 3, Anaheim 2

Thursday's Games Boston 5, Philadelphia 4, SO N.Y. Islanders 4, New Jersey 1 Winnipeg 4, Ottawa 1 Tampa Bay 3, Columbus 2, OT Florida at Carolina, ppd.

Friday's Games Buffalo at Washington, 4 p.m. Edmonton at Toronto, 4 p.m. N.Y. Rangers at Pittsburgh, 4 p.m Detroit at Chicago, 5 p.m. San Jose at Minnesota, 5 p.m Nashville at Dallas, 5:30 p.m. Vegas at Arizona, 6 p.m. Colorado at Anaheim, 7 p.m.

Montreal at Vancouver, late

Colorado at Los Angeles, late

### **DEALS**

**Transactions** BASEBALL Major League Baseball

American League
TAMPA BAY RAYS — Announced Dan Moeller to add operations manager at Charlotte Sports Park to his existing responsibilities. TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Agreed to terms with RHPs

Kirby Yates and Tyler Chatwood on a one-year contracts.

Designated RHP Anthony Castro for assignment.

National League
MILWAUKEE BREWERS — Named Theresa Lau assistant athletic trainer/physical therapist. Agreed to terms with INF Daniel Robertson on a one-year contract. FOOTBALL

National Football League
ATLANTA FALCONS — Named Dave Ragone as offensive coordinator, Dean Pees as defensive coordinator and  $Marquice \ Williams \ as \ special \ teams \ coordinator. \ Retained$ 

marquice williams as special teams coronilator, netained Dave Brock as wide receivers coach.

GREEN BAY PACKERS — Signed CB Tramon Williams to the practice squad. Released P Ryan Winslow.

JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS — Promoted interim Trent

Baalke to general manager.

LOS ANGELES RAMS — Agreed to terms with Raheem Morris as defensive coordinator, Joe DeCamillis special teams coordinator and John Bonamego senior coach-

NEW YORK GIANTS — Signed DE Breeland Speaks to a reserve/futures contract. Announced Gary Kubiak, offensive coordinator/assistant head coach, will retire. SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS — Re-signed CB Ken Webster

to a one-year contract.
TENNESSEE TITANS — Signed WR Mason Kinsey to a

## reserve/futures contract. **HOCKEY**

National Hockey League
BOSTON BRUINS — Recalled Cs Jack Studnicka and
Trent Frederic from the minor league taxi squad. BUFFALO SABRES — Reassigned G Dustin Tokarski from Rochester (AHL) to the taxi squad. Loaned F Rasmus Asplund to the taxi squad.

CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS — Waived LW Brandon Pirri.
DALLAS STARS — Loaned G Colton Point to Texas Stars
(AHL). Designated C Rhett Gardner and D Julius Honka for assignment to taxi squad

NASHVILLE PREDATORS — Designated D Ben Harpur, Cs Philip Tomasino and Michael McCarron for assignment to taxi squad. Assigned LW Cole Smith to Chicago (AHL).

NEW YORK RANGERS — Designated C Morgan Barron and D Matthew Robertson for assignment taxi squad at Hartford (AHL). rtioid (Anl.). TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING — Designated G Spencer Mar TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS — Designated D Mikko Lehtonen for assignment to taxis squad.

Brooks from the minor league taxi squad and RW Joey Anderson from Toronto (AHL). WASHINGTON CAPITALS — Designated C Connor Mc-

Michael for assignment to taxi squad. Recalled G Craig Anderson from the minor league taxi squad. WINNIPEG JETS — Recalled D Ville Heinola and LW Kristian Vesalainen from the minor league taxi squad.

ATSUAN VESAIAINEN TOM the minor league taxi squad.

SOCCER

Major League Soccer

ATLANTA UNITED — Traded the No. 5 and No. 32 overall picks in the 2021 MLS SuperDraft to D.C. United in exchange for General Allocation Money (GAM) and the 31st possell pick. 31st overall pick.
AUSTIN FC — Acquired GAM from Colorado Rapids.

D.C. UNITED — Traded the No. 31 overall pick in the 2021 MLS SuperDraft to Atlanta United in exchange for the No. 5 and No. 32 overall picks, in addition to GAM for the 2021 and 2022 season.
LOS ANGELES FC — Traded GAM to Philadelphia Union
in exchange for homegrown rights to G Tomas Romero.
NASHVILLEFC — Traded MF Derrick Jones to Houston

in exchange for GAM.

ORLANDO CITYSC — Acquired the No. 8 selection from Portland Timbers in exchange for GAM in 2021 and 2022. PHILADELPHIA UNION — Acquired GAM from Los

Angeles FC.
SEATTLE SOUNDERS — Exercised their option of transfer for MF Joaq Paulo from Brazilian club Botafogo, Traded 2022 second round pick for Miami's 37th overall selection (Round 1) of the 2021 MLS SuperDraft. VANCOUVER WHITECAPS — Announced the club has

acquired a 2021 international roster slot, the 46th overall selection (Round 2) of the 2021 MLS SuperDraft and GAM from Nashville SC in exchange for GAM and the 36th overall selection (Round 2) of the 2021 MLS SuperDraft; addi tional GAM will be based on performance benchmarks of the player selected by Nashville SC. COLLEGE

SYRACUSE — Named Terrence Samuel as wide re-

## **Ducks**

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**Continued from B3** 

This weekend offers the Cougars a shot at redemption and further validation in their quest ment for just the second time in program history.

"I didn't think we were going to be the 12th place team in the league, even though there's some awesome teams and it's hard to beat anybody in this league, but I knew on the outside world looking in I knew it was a good pick for us because no one understood," Washington State coach Kamie Ethridge said. "We lost four players and probably 90% of everything, so why wouldn't you be picked last in this league? I knew what we had. I knew we had a transfer player that was really at the level in Krystal Leger-Walker, a fifthyear player that was in the gym all year and I knew her sister Charlisse was the real deal. I'm shocked she was under the radar as much as she was."

The Leger-Walker sisters are the reason why WSU is a threat this season. Charlisse, a freshman, leads the Cougars with 19.7 points and Krystal, a senior, is averaging 12.2 and they both bring down 5.5 rebounds and dish out over four assists per game.

Oregon coach Kelly Graves

referred to them as superstars. "The two sisters are excellent," Graves said. "Their inside game is coming as well. They have a bunch of kids that know how to play. They don't

"We're not excited with where we've been. We've taken a hit; I'm not going to lie to you — it happens.... You take a hit and it kind of rocks you for a second and you've got to regroup and fight your way through it."

- Kelly Graves, Ducks women's basketball coach

make a ton of mistakes, they get good shots each and every time down, they have the ball in the right peoples' hands. They're a good team, they really are. They defend well, they scout well. You can tell their kids stick to the scout."

No. 13 Oregon (9-3, 7-3 Pac-12) is trying to right itself after losses in three of its last four games, all to ranked opponents. Graves is tightening the team's personnel rotations as the Ducks continue to find their way.

"We're not excited with where we've been," he said. "We've taken a hit; I'm not going to lie to you — it happens. Stanford is going to discover that; I'm sure they've already discovered it this week. You take a hit and it kind of rocks you for a second and you've got to regroup and fight your way through it. It's just human nature.

"This is something that's new to everybody involved in our program right now outside of



the coaching staff who our first



Sean Meagher/The Oregonian/TNS file Oregon coach Kelly Graves reacts during a game against Portland in November. The Ducks host Washington State on Friday in Eugene. The Ducks have dominated the Cougars historically, but WSU has had a strong season and lost to UO by just four points in December.

couple of years we had some ups and downs. We'll see on Friday. We'll see. Win, lose or draw hopefully we look better, play harder, play with some more passion."

Turnovers have been a greater issue for Oregon this season and whether it's the team's youth and inexperience, the volume of players rotating into the lineup or a combination, it's proving costly.

The Ducks committed 16 turnovers against the Cougars and narrowly escaped with a win, but gave it away 23 times in last weeks loss at Arizona.

Ethridge isn't sure her squad is built to speed up Oregon in the same way Arizona did, but UO's issues with defensive pressure are known.

yet," Ethridge said. "I think Or-

"None of us are built perfect

egon is pretty close to perfect, just young and inexperienced and maybe getting a little bit exposed to not having as many ball-handlers on the court and therefore pressure has hurt

"Oregon is still such a threat in every phase of the game, inside out, but their 3-point shooting — if they're on the 3-point shooting range I don't think you have a chance. You've got to disrupt what they want to do a little bit and chase them off the 3-point line and hope you can match some baskets.

Next up

Washington St. at No. 13 Oregon **When:** 5 p.m. Friday **TV:** Pac-12



# **NFL**

Continued from B3

I've spoken many times to Lapchick, a trailblazer in race issues in sports, about the NFL's hiring practices. I've listened as he's become increasingly exasperated that the Rooney Rule instituted more than a decade ago continues to fail in its main purpose — which is actually

getting Black coaches hired. "It's not like there are no

qualified candidates," Lapchick said last year. "These people are out there and ready."

Of that there is no argument. Example No. 1 around the league is Bieniemy, the offensive coordinator of the Chiefs who has interviewed with almost every team that had a vacancy this year. With just the Texans job open, none has yet to take the counsel of Kansas

City coach Andy Reid. "I mean everybody knows what I think of Eric and what kind of head coach I think he'd be," Reid said. "Whoever gets him I think is a very lucky organization, one of the few people that I've come across with the leadership skills that he has, the ability to lead men in this crazy game that we're in and for those guys through his leadership to play at a Pro Bowl level. °

Here's hoping Bieniemy gets the last available job, which would mean Black coaches

won't get totally shut out this year. His credentials speak for themselves and, besides, the Texans can use the help. The bigger issue, though, is

that NFL efforts to diversify the head coaching ranks simply haven't worked.` Once hailed as trailblazing, the Rooney Rule now seems al-

most irrelevant.

Interviews are great, for what they're worth. Some actual hires would be even better.