



Get set. Forward Eshaya Murphy looks to make a pass against the Huskies. She finished with seven points and five rebounds for USC.

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Women: Five Huskies score double figures in loss

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"I don't think we played 40 minutes of defense," Trakh said. "We played 20 minutes of defense tonight."

"I thought we were a little bit more patient offensively," Washington head coach June Daugherty said, referring to the Huskies' ability to close the margin down the stretch. "We were able to break them down and get some good looks."

"We can't afford that at all," said Gipson, reflecting on the breakdown.

Although the Women of Troy did fall into what has become an almost routine field goal drought, they showed great improvement from Thursday night when they were extremely inconsistent.

"We hit baskets tonight," said Trakh, discussing the strong opening for the Women of Troy.

USC, now 16-6 and 10-3 in the Pac-10, completed a season sweep of the Washington schools for the first

time since 2000, beating Washington (9-14, 5-8 Pac-10) and Washington State (5-16, 1-11) at home and on the road.

USC defeated Washington in the season series, winning by a total of 15 points.

Now the focus shifts to the desert, where the second-place Women of Troy will face Arizona State (15-6, 7-5) on Thursday and Arizona (15-8, 7-5) on Saturday.

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KIM GIPSON
senior
women's basketball

— we'll match up well with (Arizona State)," Gipson said.

Earlier this season, the Women of Troy downed the Sun Devils and Wildcats at the Lyon Center.

Forward Eshaya Murphy totaled 33 points in those two games, earning Pac-10 Player of the Week honors in the process.

USC is holding on to a one-and-a-half game lead over Oregon (15-6, 8-4) and UCLA (14-7, 8-4) and still trails No. 2 Stanford (20-2, 12-1) by only two games in the Pac-10 standings.

Tired swimmers struggle up north

No. 7 USC ends its regular season with a 179-116 loss to the No. 2 Stanford Cardinal.

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After falling from the top of the ranks, the No. 7 USC men's swimming and diving team dropped a key meet to No. 2 Stanford (6-0, 4-0 Pacific-10 Conference), their last before heading to Long Beach for the Pac-10 Championship next month. The Cardinal defeated the Trojans by a 179-116 margin. USC ends the regular season 4-3 overall, 2-2 in the Pac-10.

"It was a rough meet," senior captain Paul Fahey said. "Stanford swam lights out, but I think a lot of us were tired from the Cal game. It was frustrating to see us swim like that."

USC coach Mark Schubert said he expected the team to perform bet-

ter against the Cardinal coming off the Trojans' 161-136 loss to No. 4 California on Friday.

"We were more emotionally prepared for Stanford," he said.

Despite the team loss, several Trojans recorded significant individual wins.

Sophomore diver Michael Hilde captured both the 1- and 3-meter springboard events. Sophomore Kenny Jenkins and senior Ray Vincent finished second and third for the 1-meter event, while Vincent came in second and Jenkins third in the 3-meter event to complete the USC sweep in both events.

USC's Olympians also fared well, as Larsen Jensen touched in first for his specialty, the 1650y free, and Ous Mellouli swam the 200y IM field in a personal record time of 1:48.16.

Against Cal on Friday, Mellouli also clinched the 200y free win in personal record time.

Australian swimmer Richard Gosper, in his first season with the Trojans, posted third place finishes in both the 100y fly and the 50y free. His 100y fly time was a season-best 49.84.

Stanford swimmers showed their

strengths by taking first in the backstroke and breaststroke events and the freestyle sprints. Hongzhe Sun won both backstroke events for the Cardinal while Gary Marshall won both breaststroke events. Ben Wildman-Tobriner took the 50y and 100y free and Andy Grant came in first in the 200y free for Stanford.

Schubert said that sophomores Viktor Bodrogi, a backstroker-specialist, and Mihaly Flaskay, whose forte is breaststroke, are "a little off their game."

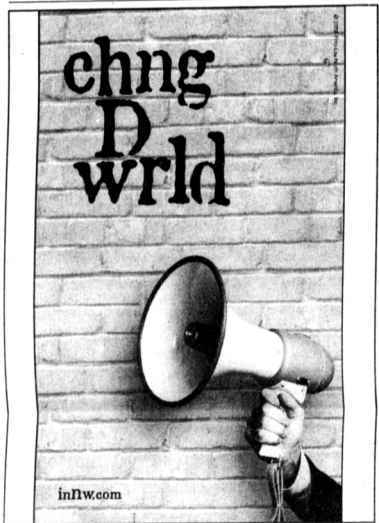
"One bright spot is Flaskay showed a little bit more of the form he had his freshman year," Schubert said. "But backstroke is hurting until Bodrogi gets back into form."

Fahey, who won the 400y IM Friday against Cal, attributed the Trojans' subpar showing to their exhaustive schedule.

"Unlike Stanford we haven't rested at all this semester," he said.

However, Schubert said his team would come out of its slump.

"Your performance in the middle of the year doesn't particularly reflect your training," he said. "It's a peak sport. Performances at end are what's important."



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BRIEFS

Additional signing brings total to 11 for USC soccer

The USC women's soccer team added another top soccer player, bringing its touted recruiting class to 11 players.

United States Under-19 National Team defender Meagan Holmes, from Timonium, Md., signed a letter of intent to play for the Women of Troy.

With the signing, nine of the 11 new recruits are listed in the Student Sports' National Top 100.

"It's always nice when you add a player who happens to be the nation's best defender," USC coach Jim Millinder said.

"We are excited to have Meagan join us and feel really good about the direction of this program."

Holmes is ranked as the No. 2 defender in the nation by Student Sports and the No. 5 overall player.

She won a bronze medal last year with Team USA in the Under-19 Women's World Cup in Thailand.

No. 15 Texas A&M upset No. 8 USC Men's Tennis team Saturday by a 4-3 score in front of 1,000 at College Station, Texas.

The match came down to No. 6 singles and the Aggies' Bryan Wooten came from behind to defeat USC's Adam Loucks, 5-7, 7-5, 6-4.

The Trojans (3-2) began the day by dropping the doubles point as the Aggies (3-0) won two of the three doubles matches.

USC would win three of the first five singles matches, with both Johan Berg and Kaes Van't Hof winning in two sets 6-4, 7-5 and 6-0, 7-6, (5), respectively.

The Trojans, who lost to Baylor on Thursday, can't dwell on their tough trip through Texas for very long, as they host cross-town rival and No. 2 UCLA this Friday.

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