

Excitement? Ducks even topped Garo

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Even though Oregon basketball is considerably better than it was last season, one thing remains the same. It's exciting.

In edging Washington, 69-65, Friday night, the Ducks supplied more action than a Garo Yepremian pass. Twenty-four hours later, the Webfoots supplied another shot of semi-high thrills before finally handling Washington State, 77-63.

Oregon lost an eight point lead Friday and had to go into overtime to get coach Dick Harter his first Pac-8 win ever. Saturday night the Ducks watched a 14-point lead disappear prior to securing the weekend's second win.

Harter's Saturday post-game chat with reporters was quite a contrast to the week before, when Oregon was nipped by USC by a point. "It was a good weekend," Harter said between hand shakes and back slaps. "Good for everyone, the players, the team, the crowd."

Another hand shake. "How about those crowds? It was great the way they stayed with us when we were down and didn't get on us too much."

Although Harter didn't put a point value on the worth of the crowd he was glad to have them on his side Friday. The Ducks needed every plus it could manage in staving off the Huskies.

Oregon hit a paltry 32.9 per cent the first half but stayed in the game and even managed a 36-30 first period lead by hitting 13 of 16 field goals from the 15 to 25 feet range.

At 17:49 of the second half Doug Little picked up his fourth foul and Washington came out with a press in hopes of fouling out the Cowboy. The Huskies didn't eliminate Little but it did limit Ron Lee, the freshman picked up his fourth foul four minutes later.

Between that 17 minute mark and the ensuing nine minutes Washington had great success working the ball inside and by 8:31 had tied the game at 53-53. Doing the damage underneath was the Huskies' 6-10 center Lars Hansen. The freshman scored nine points in that stretch. "Hansen hurt us, really hurt us," said Harter.

Even though Harter gambled and left Lee and Little in the game the Huskies kept scoring and had a three point lead, 63-60, as late as 2:36. But a Bruce

Coldren jumper and three foul shots by Little, compared to but two free throws by Washington guard Louie Nelson tied it up and sent it into overtime.

The Ducks shutout the Huskies in overtime. Oregon hit no field goals themselves, but built up a lead with free throws. Little hit one of two at 2:02, Gerald Willett one of two at 1:31 and Lee put it away with a pair with only 54 seconds remaining.

The Washington State contest, while not as tight, still gave Oregon some anxious moments. The Ducks jumped out to a 13-4 lead and coasted in at halftime with a 41-27 advantage. Oregon got their points off an effective fast break. The Cougars were stifled by a combination of cold shooting and a tough Oregon man-to-man defense.

Again the Ducks had trouble in the final period with the opponents big man underneath and Washington State closed to within four, 45-51, by 14:34. As Harter put it, "We weren't playing defense at the start of the second half. Then we started playing some defense and the offense picked up. It always does when we play defense."

Held to but four points the first six minutes 40 seconds of the last half, Oregon regrouped and put through 11 straight points. Lee lead the spurt with six of those points.

The Ducks kept up the onslaught and had a 22 point lead late in the game.

While Lee had 23 points against the Cougars, and Little 21, the standout performances came from forward Billy Ingram and guard Paul Halupa. Ingram had five points but played fine defense. Halupa hit for 10 points and played with confidence he hasn't displayed since he was on the frosh team in 1970-71.

"Ingram and Halupa turned the tide," said Harter. Billy did so many things defensively. He was reacting tonight, better than he has all season. There was such a difference between his play this game and what he did against Washington.

"Paul played well because he's made the adjustment of not starting. It bothered him at first but he's conquered that now and I'm sure he'll be steady from now on."

The two wins evened Oregon's Pac-8 record at 2-2 and put them in a tie with Oregon State for third place, behind UCLA and USC, both 4-0. The Ducks' season record is now 9-5.

Harshman claims Huskies were given 'screw job'

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Washington Coach Marv Harshman and his Huskies found out what kind of "Pit" Mac Court really is. After he watched his team's chances for the Pac-8 title stolen away by the scrappy Ducks, Harshman had to agree that Mac Court is really a snake pit.

Stunned by the successful dive-scramble-shoot style of the Ducks, losing 69-65 in overtime, Harshman struck back wielding a spiteful, if not puerile tongue in the locker room after the game.

Deeply embittered by his team's two straight losses to Stanford and Oregon, a couple of teams that weren't supposed to figure into the Huskies' chances at the conference title or the NIT tournament berth, Harshman struck out at the game referees, the time keepers, and even lashed out at Oregon coach Dick Harter.

'Biggest screw since Texas'

"We just got the biggest screw since down in Texas," Harshman crudely pronounced. "They turn the heat up in our locker room at halftime. They take a 20-minute halftime without telling us about it. Those crazy nuts at the scorers' table even held up the buzzer at the end (of the regulation game) so Oregon could get an extra tip."

Needless to say, the "extra tip" didn't go in. With three seconds left on the clock in the regulation game, Ron Lee started to drive but suddenly stopped and pumped up a 15-foot shot. Willett went up for the rebound and attempted to tip the ball in. He got one chance and it failed, sending the game into overtime.

'Whole thing unbelievable'

"We played as hard as we could. Yeah, we made too many errors," Harshman lamented, "but we Oregon Daily Emerald

played hard. Our defense in the second half was our best all year, but the whole thing was just unbelievable."

A comforting Seattle sportswriter brought to Harshman's attention that Doug Little and Ron Lee each played the final 14 minutes with four fouls. Harshman immediately retorted with, "Yeh, and ten others they didn't call."

"That one ref (Dan Sherwood) wasn't going to call anything against the home team, never will. The one guy (Mel Ross) tried to call a good game, but Sherwood had his mind made up ahead of time."

'The kind of horseshit you get around here'

Harshman then explained the situation around the longer halftime. "You're supposed to get 15 minutes. To go longer, you have to get permission from the visiting team and from the league. We weren't told until our manager came down to tell us when there was eight minutes left. It had no real bearing on the game, but it's just the kind of horseshit you get around here, just the way you get treated."

Harter refused to reply to Harshman's accusations. He simply stated, "I don't want to get into an argument with Marv." When told of Harshman's attacks on the officiating and timekeeping, Harter grimaced and looked away. He stressed, however that he didn't want to get into a media war with Harshman, and left the impression he hardly agreed with Harshman's judgments.

An unusually high amount of fouls were called during the game by Ross and Sherwood. A total of 48 were called in the game, each team whistled down an equal 24 times.

Harshman left little doubt that he held Harter responsible for the entire controversy, "You know their guys wanted to win a ball game, and sure he wanted to win, but we don't need this type of thing in basketball. There is a certain amount of ethics in the game, or at least there was."

JV Basketball

Ducklings lose 2

While their varsity counterparts were enjoying their most successful weekend to date, the JV basketballers at Oregon dropped two defeats at the hands of the Washington Huskie JV's and Claudia's AAU squad. The JV's are now languishing in the throes of a three game losing streak, after starting out the season with four straight wins.

The competition the junior Ducks faced over the weekend will probably be the stiffest they will see the entire season. Washington's junior varsity team was unbeaten until a Saturday night loss at Oregon State, and its second half spree in Friday a 68-53 victory was their tenth consecutive victory.

There were two main reasons why Washington was able to pull away from the Duck upstarts in the second half. First, the Oregon JV's were only to score a measly four points in the first ten minutes of the second half, and secondly, Washington held the talented Bob Catchings to four points, his lowest point production of the season. The freshmen was previously scoring at a 28.3 points per game clip.

Claudia, an AAU team from Portland made up of former collegiate players, were even more impressive in whipping the JV's, 90-72. They enjoyed a scoring night where they could shoot at will against the stiff JV defense, hitting .571 on Saturday night. Claudia was led by Jim Marsh, a former USC Trojan, who hit on fourteen of his eighteen shots to tally 31 points. Marsh, who moonlights as a Portland Trailblazer radio announcer, had, at one time, hit on eight straight shot attempts. Dan Beeson, Claudia's center, could only find the range on seven of eleven shots in scoring 17 points.

Bob Catchings broke out of his one night scoring slump, making up for lost ground with a stellar 30 point performance. Catchings hit on better than 50 per cent of his shots, and more importantly, worked hard on defense, even late in the game when the issue was never in doubt. Mark Carver, a non-starting forward who is starting to see more playing time, had a strong game, scoring 13 points.

The Oregon JV's will try to get untracked against Clark College in Vancouver, Washington this Wednesday night. They will return to action here in Eugene next Saturday, hosting the Oregon State JV club in the preliminary game starting at 5:45.

Swimming

Cards win, 66-47

Don Van Rossen's swimming team was hardly intimidated by Stanford — fifth-ranked in the nation and possessor of the world's two fastest breaststrokers in Brian Job and Don Hencken.

The Ducks went down to defeat, 66-47, but led the Cardinals late in the meet Friday and didn't fall out of it until, appropriately, the breaststroke.

Oregon set two school records and diver Peter Allis came up with a lifetime best in the one-meter diving. That's the way Van Rossen's squad went after Stanford.

Highlights included Gary Devereux's victory over Hencken in the 200-yard freestyle and John Topar's win over Stanford's Frank Sutton in the 200-yard butterfly.

Topar's time of 1:55.91 was good enough to make the NCAA qualifying standard and Tony Ciochetti also made the NCAA mark when he swam to a 1:59.68 in taking the 200-yard individual medley.

Gymnastics

Vikings defeated

Bill Ballester thought the score should have been higher, but Oregon's high-flying gymnasts still cruised past Portland State 145.50 to 117.30 Friday night at Portland.

Horizontal bar specialist Greg Maxwell came up with the Ducks' most outstanding performance when he scored 9.20 and Oregon either tied or won five events in easily defeating the Vikings.

(See additional swimming, gymnastic details in Tuesday's Emerald)

Wrestling

Huskies in rout

They're touting Washington as a possible NCAA wrestling champion.

Oregon's Ron Finley is a believer after the Ducks' 36-2 drubbing at the hands of the Huskies Saturday night. Powerful Washington won every match but one — where Mike Oilar managed to draw with Huskie Brad Jacot at 126 pounds.

Friday the Ducks clobbered Seattle Pacific 31-15 Friday as Oilar continued his unbeaten string.

Finley's team will have its hands full again Thursday night when Oregon State comes to town for a 7:30 match at Mac Court.

The Beavers, fresh off a convincing drubbing of third-ranked Oklahoma, are ranked right behind defending national champion Iowa State and currently are unbeaten.