

83-68 win biggest in 25 years

# Ducks regroup, thrash 11th-ranked OSU

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Dat old black magic worked again.

Oregon State came to Eugene Saturday seeking its fifth straight Pacific-8 victory, a win that would have given the Beavers a nice cushion for the tough conference stretch ahead.

But the McArthur Court spirits, including chief sorcerers Danny Mack and Ron Lee, put the hex on as the Ducks knocked off the 11th ranked Beavers, 83-68—Oregon State's fourth straight loss at The Pit.

Oregon hasn't beaten Oregon State worse since 1951, when the Ducks ripped the Beavers, 72-45. In 1970, the Ducks also won by 15, 79-64.

Oregon's magicians worked their incantations with surprising skill. Mack weaved such a spell on OSU's hot-shooting guard George Tucker the Beaver standout had but one assist and one point. Lee, when he wasn't floating in bombs or slipping through for layins, threaded passes down the baseline to Greg Ballard with such finesse, you wondered just where the ball was coming from.

Most of the time, the Beavers did too.

Oregon State coach Ralph Miller was less than pleased with his club, which suffered its first conference loss this season.

"Our defense was terrible," said Miller. "We went to sleep and they got 10 to 12 easy shots. The Ducks played a fine game; they executed better than we'd expected. They haven't played a better game against us in the last three or four years."

The key to that success, according to Oregon coach Dick Harter, was some unusually tough preparation.

"We practiced harder this week than we ever have before," said Harter. "The amount of work we put in paid off. We got good effort from everyone through the entire game."

The game plan was to cool off Tucker—and Mack did just that.

"The plan was to play Tucker solid, not let him score," Harter noted. "Mack's job on him was excellent. He shut Tucker right down."

Although "a little tight" at first, Oregon put the game away in the second half. Down 39-35 at halftime, and the closest Oregon State ever came again was with 19 minutes left when behind by one, 41-40.

One person who had much to do with the Duck win was Greg Ballard, who had a career-high 29 points.

The coaches felt one player didn't have a good week in practice—Stu Jackson. Although he was the only Duck not to see any action in the game, Harter chose not to elaborate on the matter, other than to say Jackson "didn't practice very well."

Surprise starter Geoff Nelson and Gary Nelson did a solid job on Lonnie Shelton. Shelton was plugged up all night and while he got 21 points, seven were from the line and none of his field goals came easy.

Another substitute, Greg Graham, turned in a super effort, hitting three-for-four from the field, two-for-two from the line with five rebounds and three assists.

The Ducks now have a light breather from the grueling Pac-8 race. Tonight they'll meet Seattle University and Thursday face Oregon State—for the third time—in Portland.

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## UO whips two foes, braces for Beavers

Most fans lingering in the aftermath of Oregon's decisive 22-12 triumph over ninth-ranked Minnesota would have thought Ron Finley would be bobbing around somewhere near cloud nine.

No way. Finley had other things on his mind, namely Oregon State, which sends its powerful wrestling team to McArthur Court Tuesday night.

"To beat Oregon State it will probably take the difference of a superior decision," Finley said. "We're going to have to score at least eight points and get a fall somewhere. We're definitely the underdogs."

Saturday against the Gophers, the Ducks got surprising wins from Dewey Travis (126), Randy Robinson (142) and Tim Strobel (177). "That's probably the best match Dewey's wrestled all year," said Finley.

The Ducks failed to upend the Gophers' two top wrestlers—Mike McArthur beat Oregon's Steve Hart at 118, 8-1, and Evan Johnson dominated Bob Bragg, winning 12-2.

Oregon beat 13th-ranked Portland State 21-15 Friday night as Bragg's superior decision gave the Ducks a 17-15 edge and heavyweight Greg Gibsen put away the win with a 7-1 victory over Phil Cam.



Monday, Jan. 26

Men's basketball, Seattle University at Portland, 8:05 p.m. (No TV). Men's gymnastics, Portland State at McArthur Court, 8 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 27

Wrestling, Oregon State at McArthur Court, 7:30 p.m. Women's basketball, Portland State at B-54 Gerlinger Annex, 8 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 28

Men and women's swimming, Southern Oregon State College at Ashland.

Friday, Jan. 30

Wrestling, Washington at McArthur Court, 7:30 p.m. Men's gymnastics, UCLA Invitational at Los Angeles. Men's swimming, Puget Sound at Leighton Pool. Women's basketball, Lane Community College (JV) at B-54 Gerlinger Annex, 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 31

Track, Oregon Invitational Indoor at Portland, 7:30 p.m. (Developmental meet at 11 a.m.) Wrestling, Portland State Tournament at Portland. Men's gymnastics, Long Beach State and Brigham Young at Long Beach. Women's basketball, Dr. Bernard's AAU at Salem, 8 p.m. Women's gymnastics, Boise State and Montana State at Boise, 1 p.m.

## Third-ranked gymnasts host PSU Vikings tonight

Oregon's gymnastics team, rated third in the country behind Louisiana State and Penn State, hosts Portland State tonight at 8 p.m. at McArthur Court.

The Flying Ducks go into tonight's meet after keeping their undefeated streak going with a 204.45-200.15 win over Washington Friday night.

"We had a good meet, overall," said Coach Bill Ballester. "Scott Phillips was a little off, but other than that we did pretty good." Phillips tied for fourth in the parallel bars at 8.55.

Oregon won all six individual events but Washington's Bjorn Hermansson captured all-around honors with a 52.15 score.

"We still haven't plugged the hole yet," said Ballester, referring

to the loss of Randy Lary and the limited participation of all-around Bob Rikli.

Rikli, who bruised his heels early in January, still hasn't fully recovered, and is limited to two events—parallel bar and high bar.

"It's very hard to single out one gymnast," Ballester said of the Washington meet. "(Don) Lester, (Curt) Rodgers, (Scott) McEldowney and (Mark) Stone all did very well."

Lester won the floor exercise with 9.15, Rodgers took the pommel horse at 9.4, McEldowney triumphed in the rings with 9.35 and Stone won the high bar with 9.35.

Oregon's other winner was Mike Blumenstein, who tied for first in the vaulting event at 8.8.

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### McConnochie shines in swim meet

Duck swimmer John McConnochie took firsts in four events during the two-day Oregon Senior Association Championships held this weekend at Leighton Pool.

McConnochie won the 500-yard freestyle, the 200-yard backstroke, 400-yard individual medley and the 200-yard individual medley in the meet. Other standouts included Wilson High School's Ann Habernigg, who won four events, and David Douglas' Dennis Baker who placed first in the 100 and 200-yard butterfly and 1,650-yard freestyle.

### Gymnasts win triangular, lose to UW

The women's gymnastics team lost to Washington, 101.55 to 96.55, in a Friday night meet but came back to defeat two other schools in a triangular meet held Saturday at Forest Grove. Oregon had 93.49 points to Pacific's 87.93 and Oregon College's total of 82.49 in the Saturday meet.

### Women hoopers split four games

The women's JV basketball team split four games this weekend. In action Thursday at Monmouth, the Ducks beat OCE's JV team, 38-34. At the Oregon State JV tournament held Friday and Saturday in Corvallis, Oregon lost to Clark College, 62-39, beat Mt. Hood CC, 33-30 and lost to OCE, 43-25.

### Bowlers down Portland State

Oregon's bowling team beat Portland State 2374-2080 as Mariesa Dombay was high with a 527 game.

### IM cross country set Tuesday

Another IM cross country run will be held Tuesday on the intramural field behind McArthur Court. The race starts at 3:30 p.m. and is open to all faculty and students.

## ATTENTION:

**American Indian students attending the University of Oregon:** there will be a meeting of all Indians, Wednesday, Jan. 28, at 7 p.m., at the Long House at 1606 Colombia St.

- ◆ Free dinner; bring your family or come along.
- ◆ Get acquainted with the Indians on campus.
- ◆ Status report on current conflict between U of O President, Dr. William Boyd, and Oregon's Indian community.
- ◆ Information on social, health, and educational programs for Indians in this area.
- ◆ Status report on fund-raising for Indian legal actions seeking equal educational opportunities.