

Ducks win hard; 76-74 OT over OSU

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PORTLAND—Enough of this 15 point stuff.

Oregon and Oregon State settled down to a good ole fashioned Civil War game Thursday night and when the dust had cleared, when the last elbow had been thrown and the last technical called, the Ducks had their second straight over the Beavers, a 76-74 overtime win.

Non-conference it was. But who could ask for more than a game with an overtime, two technicals and—if you're yellow and green—Ronnie Lee scoring 28 points?

With little over a minute left and Oregon leading 66-60, however, it looked like overtime was out of the question. But quicker than Lee could steal a pass, Oregon State scored six points to tie it up.

Lee's 25 footer with :02 seconds left was short off the rim, and bingo—overtime.

Both teams scored eight points in the overtime, and with 1:35 left it was 74-74. Then Stu Jackson, who let it be known is back to the same Stu Jackson, was fouled and netted both ends of a one and one.

Oregon State died with :27 seconds left when Rocky Smith drove the key and the ball, batted loose by Lee and Mark Barwig saved it

from going out-of-bounds.

Composure, said Dick Harter, was the key. "We played intelligent basketball the last 30 seconds." The Ducks also kept then cool early in the game by battling back from a 9-0 deficit.

"We weren't ready to play," said Harter. "It's that simple. We could have gotten blown out after a start like that, but we kept control."

Consider that the Ducks, after missing their first five shots, his .773 percent of their field goals in the remainder of the half. Lee got things going, ramming in three straight field goals, but with 10:50 left in the half, Oregon still trailed by seven, 20-13.

And then it happened. When Lonnie Shelton trudged to the bench with his third foul, a fellow by the name of Jackson—you remember the guy with the white spots in his hair and the wicked 13 foot jumper—came off the bench.

With a good portion of the 12,000 fan crowd chanting a hearty Stuuuu, Jackson scored 12 out of Oregon's next 19 points and the Ducks led 41-35 at the half. Oregon outscored Oregon State 41-26 once it found the range, Lee 8-12, and 17 points, Jackson 5-5 with 12.

But in a game of shifting momentum, Oregon State diligently battled back in the second half—Lee no longer hitting the shots he got in the first half—and

Paul Miller's swish from the top of the key tied things up 45-all with 14:05 left.

Oregon built its lead back up to four, but George Tucker knotted things up again with back-to-back lay-ins and soon the Beavers were sporting a three-point advantage.

At which point, Lee decided things had gone too far. With the score tied 60-all and 3:27 remaining, he stole a ball and passed to Danny Mack for an easy criddle, then stole again and zoomed in for a lay-in himself.

"He made the big steal that turned things around for us," said Harter. "He played solid all the way."

"Jackson also gave us an excellent performance."

Ballard put the Ducks up 66-60 and the wild finish followed.

In the end, you remember Lee. He scored 28 points, had seven assists, five steals and has now scored 95 points in his last three games.

"A couple of years ago, Oregon State didn't respect Ronnie Lee," said Harter. "I think they do now."

It was that kind of game. It started with Oregon State looking like a cinch winner and ended up with Miller shaking a nasty finger in referee Charlie Moffett's face and Duck cheerleaders slashing the nets.

Again.



Ron Lee, Oregon's top career scorer

Wrestlers try comeback tonight

Oregon's wrestling team is looking for a big win over the University of Washington at 7:30 tonight in McArthur Court.

The Ducks have been put through difficult practices the last two days after a humiliating 21-11 defeat at the hands of Oregon State Tuesday night.

No doubt Ron Finley would like to see a big crowd such as the one that witnessed the end of the Duck's 10 straight dual meet win streak.

Finley, displeased with the performance of his team Tuesday, has been hospitalized the past two days, and most likely will miss tonight's match. Assistant coach Bill Bragg will assume the coaching responsibilities.

"We're going to have some challenge matches this week," said Finley from his Sacred Heart hospital bed. "I have never said that we've done as well as we can all season."

The coach announced that Joe Sade, the team's top 126-pounder, will be back in the line-up. "He just wasn't ready for the Oregon State meet," explained Finley.

Washington's two top wrestlers are probably Toshi Oonishi (134) and Tom Brown (158).

"We may change (Shuichi) Shoji and put him at 142 and bring Randy Robinson down to 134," said Finley.

The Duck coach hinted that Terry Shanley may break into the line-up at 177.

Expecting the Duck wrestlers to be at their best, Finley exclaimed, "They'd better be after the practices we've had this week. We're going to have to wrestle better tonight."



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