

Ducks still in tourney picture after 70-56 win

Original Kamikazes leave the Pit in style



Barwig (22) and Nelson were Kamikazes til the end.

Photo by Greg Clark

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Oregon's 70-56 win over Washington State Saturday night may be remembered as a sad occasion—after all, Ron Lee, Bruce Coldren and Geoff Nelson will be gone, and the rest of the Pacific-8 won't have Mark Barwig to complain about anymore.

But it's doubtful that anyone will be giving up their tickets to McArthur Court next year when the

from the free throw line. He took only two shots from the field.

"We played Puidokas very well," said Harter. "All of our big guys did a good job on the inside."

While Oregon had a good overall effort, at least one Duck wasn't satisfied with his last night in the Pit.

"It was great, going out with a win," said Ron Lee, "but my own play could have been a little better. The second half, I wasn't looking to shoot the ball—my shots just wouldn't go in. The fouls weren't being called, so it was just better to pass the ball."

Oregon will have its chance to beat the heat again Thursday against Oregon State. The Beavers, who many thought would lie down and play dead after losing Lonnie Shelton, have done nothing of the sort and are presently in sole possession of second place in the Pac-8.

An Oregon win, however, coupled with a Washington State victory over Washington in Pullman, could theoretically give the Ducks an NCAA tournament spot. The chances are slight—but still shooting for that goal is Ballard. "Beating Oregon State is important to us," said Ballard. "They're a good ball club that plays intelligent basketball. If we get by them, we've still got a chance for the NCAA's if Washington State wins."

Harter, however, is keeping with his season-long policy—being cautious.

"We came off an excellent ball game," said Harter, "but we have a tough one Thursday. The state of Oregon's got something to be proud of—two good teams playing at the end of the year."

Pacific-8

	W	L	PCT.	GB	Overall
UCLA	11-2	846	—	22-4	
Oregon State	10-3	796	1	18-8	
Oregon	9-4	692	2	18-10	
Washington	9-4	692	2	22-4	
Washington State	7-6	538	4	17-8	
California	4-9	308	7	12-13	
Stanford	2-11	154	9	8-18	
Southern Cal	0-13	000	11	11-15	

Saturday's Results

Oregon 70, Washington State 56
Oregon State 73, Washington 64
UCLA 120, Stanford 74
California 96, Southern Cal 94 (OT)

likes of Greg Ballard will still be around.

The Cougars tried two men in an effort to stop Ballard—Norton Barnhill and Ron Davis—but the two WSU wingmen could have stayed in Pullman for all the good it did. Ballard scored 35 points, got 11 rebounds, and held Davis, an 18-point-a-game average shooter, to seven total points.

"Just super," said Oregon coach Dick Harter about Ballard's performance. "He played well on both ends of the floor, and was fantastic on defense, on the boards, and when shooting the ball."

It took the Ducks a while to get going in the first half. When they finally got the lead with 10 minutes left in the half on an 18-footer by Ballard, Oregon caught fire and went on to a 36-29 lead at intermission.

Harter felt that it was the first half that set the pace of the game.

"Basically, not one person hurt us," he said. "We took all of them out early—we didn't let them get a run in the second half."

One Cougar who was shut down was Steve Puidokas, WSU's 6-11 center. Although Puidokas totaled eight points in the first half, five of those were

OSU stops Ducks again

CORVALLIS — Oregon State made a clean sweep of the Oregon wrestling team Friday night, whipping the Ducks 18-12. The Beavers had previously beaten Oregon in a dual in Eugene and edged the Ducks by 1/4 point in the Pac-8 Championships last week.

Oregon was down 15-3 but battled back with decision wins by Randy Besaw, Buck Davis and Bob Bragg to make it 15-12. As in the Pac-8 meet, it came down to the heavy weight match and OSU's Larry Bielenberg again handled Greg Gibson, this time 10-4.

The Beavers got a surprise win when Mark Evenhaus upset Kevin Kramer 10-4 in the 158-pound class.

Oregon now begins concentrating on the NCAA meet, set for March 11-13 in Tucson, Ariz. The Ducks will send Joe Sade (126), Kramer (158), Davis (177), Bragg (190) and Gibson (heavyweight).

Is Lou through?

Lou Soriano may have reffed his last game in the Pit—or anywhere, for that matter.

Soriano, a veteran among Pac-8 officials, is apparently retiring after this season, the Emerald has learned.

Soriano, along with Jerry White, officiated the Oregon-Washington State game Saturday night at McArthur Court.



Thursday, March 4

Men's basketball, Oregon State at Corvallis, 8 p.m. (tv live)
Men's gymnastics, Pacific-8 Championships at McArthur Court, 8 p.m.
Women's basketball, NCWSA Northern-Southern Regionals at Ashland

Friday, March 5

Men's gymnastics, Pacific-8 Championships at McArthur Court, 8 p.m.
Women's basketball, NCWSA Northern-Southern Regionals at Ashland

Saturday, March 6

Men's gymnastics, Pacific-8 Championships at McArthur Court, 8 p.m.
Women's basketball, NCWSA Northern-Southern Regionals at Ashland

Sportfolio

Menkens paces UO to third

PULLMAN, Wash. — Michelle Menkens won five events as the Oregon women's swim team placed third in the Northwest Collegiate Women's Sports Association Swimming and Diving Championships held this weekend.

Menkens won the 50-yard freestyle, 100-yard individual medley, 200-yard freestyle and the 100-yard freestyle, besides anchoring the winning Duck 200-yard freestyle relay team.

All of Menkens' wins were set in meet record times and met national qualifying standards.

The relay team, consisting of Tammy Lloyd, Robin Wheeler, Christy Bode and Menkens, also set a meet record and met qualifying standards.

Oregon's other individual winner was Wheeler, who raced to a win in the 50-yard butterfly by .01 of a second.

Banks, Rees shine in 63-54 win

Karen Banks and Peggy Rees combined for 33 points and 26 rebounds as the Oregon women's basketball team downed Alaska-Anchorage 63-54 Saturday at Gerlinger Annex.

The Duck JVs beat Oregon Institute of Technology 39-33.

Gymnasts sweep four-way

CORVALLIS — Despite competing without standout Wendy Halberg, the Oregon women's gymnastics team captured a four-way meet Saturday, scoring 95.85 to runner-up Oregon State's 88.20.

The Ducks won all four events and Anne Olson, Jan Model and Elaine Fisher swept the all-around.

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