

Another one-pointer as Ducks lose 53-52

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CORVALLIS—"I'm concerned about the league, not Oregon State in Portland." With that, Oregon Coach Dick Harter summed up his feelings about the Ducks' Wednesday rematch with the Beavers in the Rose City's Memorial Coliseum.

But it was a drained Harter that slumped outside the visitor's dressing room just after Rocky Smith deflected Rob Closs's baseline shot with two seconds left to give Oregon State a 53-52 win in Gill Coliseum, Saturday afternoon.

It was a hard loss for the Ducks — partly because they fell out of a

bushel of free throws to a 10-point lead, 47-37. With 9:11 left, it was time for a miracle.

And Ballard almost provided one. As OSU tried to play a control game, GB led the charge and the Ducks forced four turnovers, taking most of them in for baskets. Shaken up by Oregon's 12-2 scoring barrage that left it 49-49, the Beavers called a timeout with 4:25 left.

Oregon State scored the last points of the game when Smith hit two free throws after being fouled by Rob Closs. Down by one, Oregon worked the ball down-court, called timeout at the :11 mark, and tried for a shot.

"With a zone, the first man has to take the shot," said Harter. "We tried to get it inside, but got crowded. Robby had to get it up."

OSU coach Ralph Miller had an answer for that strategy.

"We went from a zone to a man-to-man the minute they went to one side of the court," he said. "You know they'll try and go to Ballard. With a man-to-man, they can't pass the ball around."

It was the fifth time in the last eight meetings the Civil War had been decided by two points or less. For any Beaver fan in attendance or watching the West Coast regional telecast, it was a fitting answer to last year's game in Gill when a guard named Ronnie Lee put in a jumper in the last seconds to give Oregon a one-point win.

The Ducks now get a much needed rest from their adrenalin-filled Pac-8 schedule, traveling to the East Coast to meet St. Johns next weekend after the game in Portland.

After that? A trip to California, and back to more conference concern.

Pacific-8

	W	L	Pct.	GB
UCLA	3	1	.750	—
Washington	3	1	.750	—
Washington State	3	1	.750	—
Oregon	3	2	.600	½
Oregon State	3	2	.600	½
Stanford	1	3	.250	2
California	1	3	.250	2
Southern Cal	0	4	.000	3

first-place tie in the Pacific-8 with a 3-2 record — but more so because at one time in the battle, it looked like a sure Oregon defeat.

After a 27-27 half-time tie, the lead bounced back and forth until OSU freshman center Steve Johnson muscled in a three-point play with 4:52 gone in the second half to put the Beavers ahead by five.

Then the roof fell in for Oregon. In the next six minutes, the Ducks got just four points, Ballard and John Murray picked up their fourth fouls, and Oregon State rode a

Oregon women dump two weekend hoop foes

With Cathy Aiken leading the way each time, the Oregon women's basketball team added two victories to its record over the weekend. Saturday Coach Elwin Heiny's Ducks bombed Southern Oregon College 82-67 in a game in Ashland. On Sunday, Oregon came home to edge Dr. Bernards, an AAU team out of Portland, 64-58 at McArthur Court.

Aiken, a freshman from South Salem High School, led the Ducks in scoring in each game, hitting for 15 points to top a balanced Oregon effort against Southern Oregon before exploding for 28 counters against Dr. Bernards.

Providing most of the help Saturday were Shannon Kelly and Jean Masters. Kelly poured in 12

points and grabbed 13 rebounds against Southern Oregon while Masters tallied 12 points. Julie Cushing claimed runner-up honors in the scoring category Sunday with her 13 markers.

The pair of wins lifts Oregon's mark to 4-2 and 3-2 against college competition. The win over Dr. Bernards won't count on the official Duck record.

Grapplers win five; now stand at 12-2

Oregon's wrestlers completed a five-meet California sweep here Saturday, whipping the University of British Columbia, 44-6, and edging California, 22-18.

The Ducks had defeated the top Division II school, Cal State-Bakersfield, 30-15 on Thursday, the number-five Division I club, Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo 20-12 on Friday and Fresno State 33-14 on Saturday.

The Ducks, 12-2 have won 11 out of their last 12 meets, including four wins over nationally ranked opponents.

Oregon will return to action at McArthur Court Friday night when it hosts Central Washington State College.

The Ducks defeated the Bears 28-13 earlier in the season, but had to have some top clutch performances down the stretch and some help from the hosts to gain their fourth straight win over California.

Trailing 9-0 after the first two weights, Oregon got a big lift from 134-pounder Susumu Hagihara, who recorded a super-superior decision, 22-4 over Cal's Wayne Pouncey.

After a win by the Bears at 142, Dan Hollembaek came from behind to take an 8-7 triumph over Neil Dorow in the 150 clash.

Kevin Kramer tore-up Jean Pierre Duquay, 13-3, in the 158 bout to make the score 12-all.

California picked up wins in two of the next three matches, but Buck Davis countered with a default win in the 177 match to tie the score 18-18.

In the heavyweight match, Brian Dunagan came up with a sparking 13-4 superior decision over Don Alamanto clinch the win.



Photo by Tim Sweeney

Oregon State freshman center Steve Johnson goes up for a shot underneath between Oregon's Gary Nelson (55) and Danny Mack (34). Greg Graham (11) looks on during Oregon State's 53-52 win Saturday.

Flying Ducks remain unbeaten

The Oregon men's gymnastics team improved its record to 9-0 as it defeated Arizona State 211.40-206.50 on Friday in Tempe, Ariz. and Brigham Young 214.95-212.40 on Saturday in Provo, Utah.

Freshman Jim Vokurka helped propel the Ducks past Arizona State with a fourth place finish in all-around in his first varsity appearance. Vokurka compiled 49.45 while teammates Mike Moyal, 51.80, and Breck Grigas, 51.70, finished first and second, respectively.

Moyal didn't win an event, but captured thirds in rings (9.25), vaulting (9.15) and parallel bars (8.65). He also finished fourth in pommel horse with 8.25.

Other Oregon winners Friday were Curt Rodgers in pommel horse (9.4) and Scott McEldowney in rings (9.4). Against Brigham

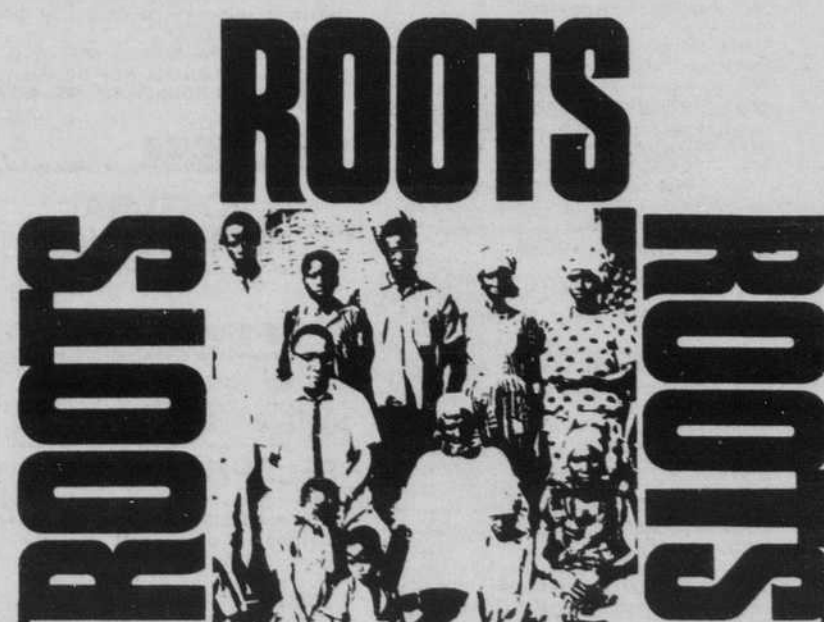
Young, McEldowney hit for 9.65 in the rings for a school record and the number-one ranking in the country. He won the event with teammates Jerry Bush and Grigas tying for second with 9.4.

Moyal finished fourth with a score of 9.15 to give Oregon a total score of 37.55, the highest for the rings in Duck history.

Other winners against the Cougars were Don Lester in the

floor exercise with 9.45 and Tom Truedson on the pommel horse with 9.4. Grigas finished second in all-around with 53.30 and Moyal was third in 53.05.

Oregon will be idle for three weeks when they host the Tournament of Champions on Feb. 12-13. After that, the Ducks will travel to Cheney, Wash. for the Pacific Northwest Championship. The Ducks' last dual meet is Feb. 25 at Portland State.



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Tuesday, Jan. 25

Women's Basketball—Oregon JVs vs. Clackamas CC in Oregon City, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 26

Men's Basketball—Oregon vs. Oregon State in Portland, 8:05 p.m. Women's Basketball—Portland State vs. Oregon at McArthur Court, 7 p.m. Swimming—Southern Oregon vs. Oregon at Leighton Pool, 7 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 28

Women's Basketball—Oregon JVs vs. Lane CC at Lane, 5 p.m. Swimming—Oregon vs. Washington in Seattle, 7 p.m. Wrestling—Central Washington State vs. Oregon at McArthur Court, 7:30 p.m.

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