

OSU whips Oregon as brawl ends contest

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PORTLAND — Oregon State left no doubt as to who is the better team in the state Wednesday night as it led the whole non-conference game in beating Oregon, 64-53, for the second straight time.

But the intense rivalry that used to be the trademark of Civil War games erupted again in the Memorial Coliseum with 16 seconds left as both benches cleared in a brawl started after OSU's Ricky Lee sent a left flying to the jaw of Oregon guard John Murray.

Murray had been called for a foul, and the two exchanged

words just before the fight that left players from both teams swinging at each end of the court.

And to make matters worse, a technical was called on Duck head coach Dick Harter when the smoke had cleared.

"Yes, the technical was on me," said Harter. "It happened right after I was informed by a referee that John was not hit (because no official saw it happen)."

It was the third straight loss for Oregon, now 12-5. But according to Harter, the final score was a good indication of how his team played. Despite the efforts of Senior Greg Ballard, who scored 15 of Oregon's 19 first half points

to finish the game with 29, defensive lapses and bad shooting, put the Ducks into an early hole that they couldn't climb out of.

Ahead 24-19 at the end of the first half, the Beavers scored six points in the first three minutes of the second to take a 30-19 lead. Although Oregon quickly came back with a jumper at the top of the key by Mike Drummond and two baskets by Ballard, OSU proceeded to match the Ducks point for point, never letting its lead slip to less than five until the 8:40 mark.

It was then that the Ducks made their final attempt to get back in the game. Following a Greg

Graham breakaway layin, Ballard scored from underneath and Kelvin Small took advantage of a Tom Glanders foul to sink two free throws and bring the score to within three, 46-43, with 6:56 to go.

This time, however, OSU was determined to not let its lead slip away like Saturday in Corvallis. Rocky Smith put the cushion back to five with a layin and Small fouled Lee underneath with 3:29 left. Although the Beavers didn't hit another shot from the field the rest of the game, they sank 16 of 19 free throw shots as Oregon was forced to foul during OSU's ball-control offense.

The two Oregon schools are likely to be even more unhappy when the gate receipts are totaled. Scheduled mainly as a moneymaker, the annual Portland non-conference game drew but 7,357 fans, down considerably from last year's near-sellout crowd of 12,055.

OREGON (53) — Ballard 29, Kent 9, Drummond 4, Graham 4, Nelson 3, Closs 2, Small 2, McCloud, Murray, Mack, Moreck.
OREGON STATE (64) — R. Smith 21, Lee 13, Tucker 12, D. Smith 6, Johnson 6, Glanders 3, Hilliard 2, Allen 1, S. Smith.
Oregon 19 34-53
Oregon State 24 40-64
Total fouls—Oregon 26, Oregon State 17.
Fouled out—Oregon, Closs, Oregon State, Johnson.
Technical—Oregon, Harter.
Attendance—7,357.



Portland State freshman Sue Smith shoots a short jump shot over an Oregon opponent as teammate Karen Strong (25) watches. Smith scored eight points in the undefeated Vikings' 66-57 overtime win over the Ducks, Wednesday night.

Photo by Dan McGinnis

Ducks' miracle comes up short

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Almost as if it were the object of divine guidance, Oregon erased a four-point Portland State lead in the final ten seconds of regulation play, but there were no miracles in overtime and the scrappy Duck women's basketball team finally succumbed to the undefeated Vikings 66-57 at McArthur Court Wednesday night.

Coach Elwin Heiny's club was virtually assured of its third defeat against an equal number of wins when Deborah LeBer stepped to the foul line for a one-and-one opportunity with 22 seconds left and PSU leading 54-50. LeBer missed but Portland State maintained possession until only 14 seconds remained. At that point Oregon finally gained the ball but seemingly far too little time remained to defeat a veteran squad like Portland State. Then something of a minor miracle occurred.

Sophomore Sally Bickie pumped in a five-foot shot with eight seconds left to narrow the score to 54-52. Then Portland State threw the ball away on the inbounds pass. Bickie recovered and had just enough time to cast off a 15-foot prayer. This prayer was answered and as the Oregon team mobbed Bickie, a stunned Portland State suddenly found itself forced into overtime.

Once into the extra minutes, some poor shooting and costly turnovers conspired with a mysterious technical foul call to do in the Ducks.

Oregon, which had trouble finding the hoop all night but made up for its errant shooting with determined play, was totally out of luck in overtime. After Portland State broke ahead 57-54, Becky Paschke dropped in a bucket to close the margin to 57-56. Julie Cushing then came up with a steal to

give Oregon a chance to go ahead, but instead the Ducks had to watch Joanne Keup shoot a free toss as Oregon was assessed a technical foul, charged to its crowd.

Keup made the technical shot and it seemed to mark a turning point in the overtime. The Ducks came back to close the score to 58-57 on a Bickie free throw, but were never really in contention after the "T."

Coach Heiny preferred to cite Oregon's turnovers and poor shooting as the key factors in the loss, saying, "Technical fouls hurt, but we missed our opportunities too."

Oregon's comeback effort was all the more impressive because it was accomplished without the services of leading scorer Cathy Aiken. The standout freshman retired to the bench with five fouls and 11 points with more than four minutes left in regulation play.

"Losing Cathy definitely hurt because we rely on her so much for points," remarked the Oregon mentor.

Oregon rarely led in the contest against the tall and talented Vikings, but were always within striking distance. Much of the Duck success against the 7-0 Northerners was attributable to Julie Cushing. In addition to scoring 12 points, Cushing drew the tough assignment of covering PSU all-star Strong. Despite being five inches shorter, Cushing did what Heiny termed an excellent job on the 6-3 center, limiting her to 15 markers.

PORTLAND STATE (66) — Strong 15, Keup 13, Gillies 11, Smith 8, Hannam 6, Yoder 7, LeBer 6.
OREGON (57) — Cushing 12, Paschke 12, C. Aiken 11, Kelly 6, Briot 4, Bickie 5, N. Aiken 5, Bonn 2, Hunt, Rees.
Portland State 12-66
Oregon 3-57

Face Huskies next

Oregon dunks Raiders — again

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It seemed that Oregon's men and women's swimming and diving team just dove into Leighton Pool Wednesday night for a leis-

Skiers net third place

MT. BACHELOR — Maria McClain finished third in the women's slalom to lead the Oregon women's ski team to a second place finish behind Mt. Hood Community College on Jan. 22.

The women finished second in cross country to Central Oregon Community College as Sandy MacFarland and Aven Switzer finished fourth and fifth.

The men finished fifth in cross country and slalom competition. Leading individuals were Jamie Rines's fifth in cross country and Dan Kidd's fifth in slalom.

The ski team's next competition will be this weekend at Spout Springs, 40 miles from Pendleton.

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urely dip as they swamped Southern Oregon State College for the third straight time with a combined score of 158-77.

The Oregon women defeated the Red Raiders, 82-49, with Michelle Menkens picking up three firsts, and Megan Riddle and Robin Wheeler also adding two apiece.

Coach Virginia Van Rossen was particularly pleased with the victory because many of her swimmers were tired and the win provided "a great morale booster."

"Everybody except Michelle and Tacky (Rathis) got season's bests," she said.

Wednesday's win is an extra stepping stone for the women because Friday they face the swimming powerhouse from the north, the University of Washington.

In the men's column, the Ducks blasted SOSC right out of the water, 76-28. Oregon collected eight first places, and three Duck swimmers set season's best marks: Tom Gamble in the 200-yard individual medley, 2:05.84; Scott O'Brien in the 100-yard, 1:01.87; and Jay Evans

in the 500-yard freestyle, 4:55.45.

At the springboard end of the pool, John Lloyd won both the one- and three-meter diving events for the men, and Sam Nixon picked up a second in the three-meter board.

The women divers also showed their dominance as Lynne Wallack grabbed firsts in both boards, and Jo Steinseifer grabbed seconds.

Both the men and women face turbulent waters this weekend as the two squads challenge Washington in Seattle, Friday. Saturday the men take on Simon Fraser in Vancouver, B.C. while the women meet Pacific Lutheran in Tacoma. The women come home after PLU, but the men continue their road trip against Puget Sound Monday in Tacoma.

Grapplers 14th

Oregon's wrestling team moved from 16th to 14th in this week's national college wrestling poll.

1. Iowa State. 2. Iowa. 3. Oklahoma State. 4. Wisconsin. 5. Lehigh. 6. Arizona State. 7. Cal Poly. 8. Oklahoma. 9. Michigan. 10. Minnesota. 11. Oregon State. 12. Penn State. 13. Kentucky. 14. Oregon. 15. Brigham Young. 16. Northwestern. 17. Cleveland State. 18. Clarion State. 19. Syracuse. 20. Rhode Island.

Drummond still in lead; Ducks first in defense

Oregon guard Mike Drummond continues to pace the Pacific 8 in field goal percentage and the Ducks are still way ahead in team defense, according to this week's conference statistics.

Drummond is 45 of 66 from the field for .682, well ahead of Oregon State's Steve Johnson's .630 (109 of 173). Drummond also leads in conference games with .750 (18 of 24).

Not counting last night's game against Oregon State, Oregon has given up just 56.4 points a game to lead the league. Washington State is second with 63.5, and Washington is third with 68.7.

In other statistics, UCLA's Marques Johnson leads the conference in scoring with 20.8 a game as Washington's James Edwards and Southern California's Greg White are tied for second with 19.9. Oregon's Greg Ballard is sixth with 17.9.

UCLA's David Greenwood and Johnson run one-two in the rebounding race with 10.6 and 10.5, respectively. Ballard is sixth with 9.2.

Ballard is also third in free throw percentage as he's hit 59 of 71 for .831. California's Ray Murry leads

with .881 (52 of 59) and Oregon State's Rocky Smith is second with .879 (51 of 58).

Don Read goes to OIT

Don Read, former Oregon head football coach for three years, was hired Tuesday as head coach at Oregon Institute of Technology.

Read succeeds Neil Garrett, who resigned after seven years to devote more time to teaching in the school's physical education department.

A total of 85 candidates applied for the job, and Read was one of three finalists. The other two were Al Akins of Southern Oregon State and Jim Birmingham of Iowa Lakes Community College.

Read was fired from Oregon in November after compiling a three-year record of 9-24-0. Before taking the head coaching job at Oregon, Read was an assistant at Oregon under Dick Enright for two years.

He was head coach at Portland State for four years, was an assistant at Humboldt State for two years and also coached at Placer and Peteluma high schools in California.