

Beavers humble Ducks, 62-48

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It has become a tradition that any basketball game between Oregon and Oregon State be a hard-fought affair. And Saturday afternoon's Pac-8 conference action at Mac Court was no exception as the Beavers defeated the Ducks 62-48.

"I don't need to say anything," said relieved Beaver head coach Ralph Miller after the game. "We

won and that's what we came down here to do."

Miller praised his team for the job they did in the second half, pointing to the poise his youngsters showed at the free throw line as a major reason for beating the Ducks in McArthur Court.

"In the second half they came out and played a complete game," Miller said about his players. "I was proud of 'em."

And it was the second half that proved to be the deciding factor of

the game. After both teams went to the locker rooms at halftime tied at 25, the Beavers came back out ready while the Ducks never came out.

OSU, now 4-1 in Pac-8 play, took the lead for good just two minutes into the half with Brian Hilliard popping in a 12-foot jumper over the guard of Mike Drummond. Then by capitalizing on a number of Oregon turnovers and switching defenses back and forth from zone to man-to-man, the Beavers soon found themselves on top by 11 with 10 minutes left.

Perhaps Oregon's most indicative statistic was that Kelvin Small's lay-up with 11:45 left in the half was the Ducks first field goal of the period and only their fifth attempt.

"We talked at halftime about coming out and playing hard, but we didn't," Oregon coach Dick Harter said quietly after meeting with his players for 40 minutes following the game.

"I thought we were playing soft and that's why we took those two timeouts (both came within the first 1:17 of the half)," Harter said. "Maybe we should have taken three or four because we never started playing strong."

Oregon who fell to 2-3, did manage to scramble their way back to a four point deficit with 2:53 remaining, 46-42. But a back door lay-in by Ray Blume off of the Beaver's spread offense, followed by four straight OSU free throws, quickly sealed the Ducks' fate.

"We were going for the steals down the stretch," explained Harter about the Ducks' last gasp efforts to close the gap. "It's very difficult to foul the guy you want to foul and they were all good foul shooters that were in there besides."

One aspect of the game that marred the Beaver's jubilation of taking over sole possession of second place in the Pac-8 was the re-injury of senior captain Ricky Lee. Lee, who has had a back problem since the opening weekend of conference play, was escorted to the OSU locker room with 53 seconds remaining after a

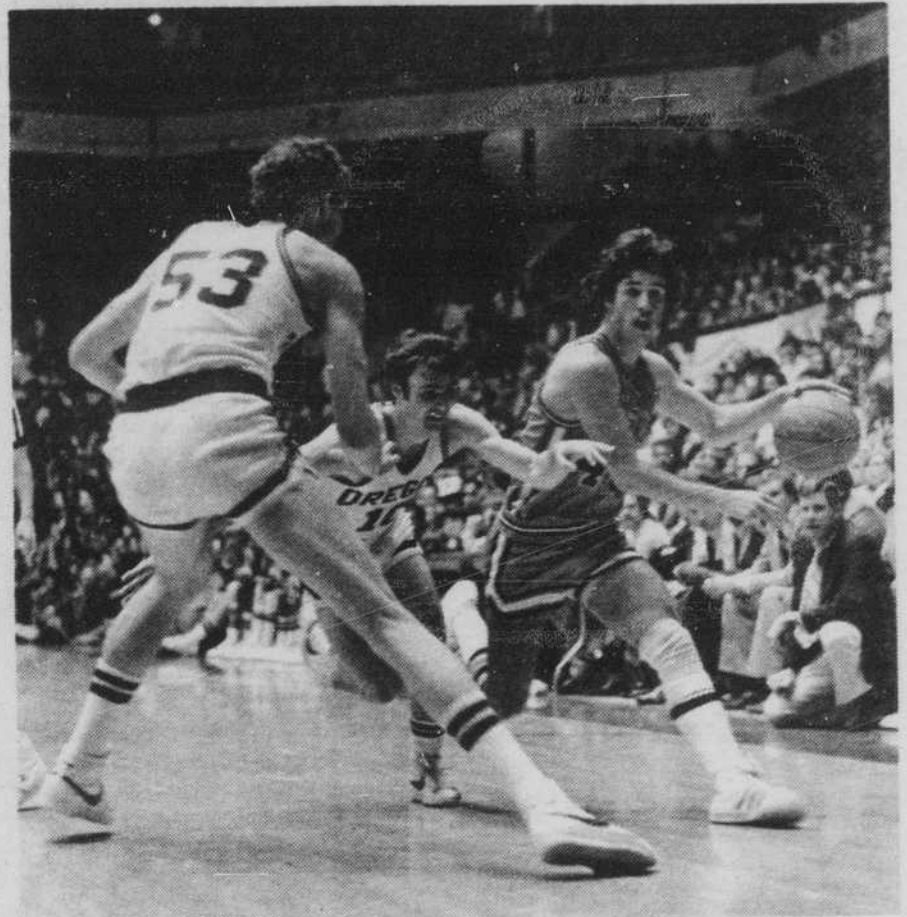


Photo by Steve Schneider

Oregon spent a lot of the second half beating itself Saturday en route to a 62-48 conference loss to OSU. Here center Rich Davis cuts off teammate Mike Drummond, who pursues the Beavers' Brian Hilliard.

scuffle with Oregon's Mike Clark.

Clark and Lee had become tangled up under Oregon's basket and neither enjoyed the other's ensuing efforts to undo himself. Referee Frank Bosone managed to step between the two, but not before Lee had thrown Clark to the floor. Clark quickly got to his feet and dove on both Bosone and Lee, who had stumbled backwards and out of bounds along the baseline.

Both benches emptied and by the time all of the pushing and talking was brought to an end, Hilliard was shooting a technical that had been assessed to Clark, and Lee was downstairs, lying face down and in pain on a training table.

Oregon State (62)—Radford 6, Hilliard 10, Lee 6, Allen 6, McShane 9, Blume 15, A. Campbell 2, Smith 8.
Oregon (48)—Drummond 6, Murray 6, Sealey, Small 9, Hartshorn 4, Lyon, Barner 6, and 4, Clark 12, Davis 1.

Women key on defense to dispatch Oregon State

By MARK STEWART
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The Oregon women's basketball team, on the strength of a ball-hawking defense in the first half, beat the cold-shooting Oregon State women 67-48 Saturday afternoon.

Julie Cushing, the Northwest Women's Basketball League's leading scorer, led all scorers with 20 points, canning 10 of 19 shots from the field.

Betty Collings led Oregon State with 10 points, the only Beaver in double figures.

"I played all right," said Cushing. "The team played well together. The team was too high at the beginning. When we settled down, we started beating them."

Oregon coach Elwin Heiny echoed Cushing's thoughts.

"I thought we played well," said Heiny, "but we could have played better. At the start we were too 'up' for the game—we didn't take advantage of their turnovers."

Oregon State had 26 turnovers in the game compared to 17 by the Ducks. Oregon had 13 steals in the game.

Oregon State took a 12-11 lead with 8 minutes gone in the first half. Oregon then tightened up on defense, started picking off errant Oregon State passes and allowed the Beavers only 2 points in the next 5½ minutes while reeling off 10 to take a 21-14 lead. The Ducks never looked back, taking a 37-24 lead at half time.

"When we concentrated on defense," said Heiny, "we were quite effective. We did switch between a man-to-man and a zone. We played a man-to-man early and it didn't work at the beginning."

Cushing began the second half on fire—she scored 12 of the Ducks' first 14 points, while the Beavers could only score 8, and it put the game out of reach.

The next six minutes saw the Ducks limit the Beavers to only 6 points, keeping the Beavers out on the perimeter for long shots that didn't go. The Beavers shot a paltry 28 percent for the game. Heiny thought the man-to-man defense broke down in the second half and thus switched to a 2-1-2 zone for the last seven minutes of the second half.

"If our defense had worked," Heiny said, "they (OSU) would probably have stayed out on the perimeter."

The Oregon bench played a strong game—though outscored by starters 38-29, the bench out-rebounded the starters 36-20 while playing fewer minutes. The bench also had just 1 less steal than did the starters.

Coming off the bench, Becky Paschke was the second leading scorer for the Ducks with 10, and Shannon Kelly the leading rebounder with 9.

"I'm trying to get the whole team involved," said Heiny.

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