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Huskies turn defensive to trip Ducks

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SEATTLE — The Washington Huskies were too big and too strong on the defensive end of the court for Oregon, which dropped its fourth straight Pac-8 game, 58-52, here Thursday.

Marv Harshman's Huskies, who now stand 3-3 in the conference, combined the play of two centers in the second half to catapult themselves from a 28-28 tie at half-time. Seven-foot-two Petur Gudmundsson and 6-8 James Woods proved too much for the Ducks, forcing Oregon out of their range in the second half.

The offense was supplied by Oregon high school product Stan Walker. Walker shot a measly two-for-six in the first half, but hit them when they were needed at the end of the game. He finished as top man for the Huskies with 17 points and nine rebounds.

Both teams started off the first half in shaky fashion, trading baskets and turnovers for the first four minutes. It didn't last long though, as Washington got rid of the butterflies, and scored three buckets to go on top 12-6.

Dan Hartshorne then came in to stop the Huskies' Wood, who had scored the last two straight buckets. Hartshorne quickly hit a 10-footer; John Murray hit two howitzers; and the Ducks were back even at twelve.

It was then Washington's turn to turn soft as the Ducks clamped on their defense. Oregon was also executing on

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	W	L	Pct.		W	L	Pct.
UCLA	5	0	1.000	California	2	4	.333
Oregon State	4	2	.667	Oregon	2	4	.333
Southern Cal	4	2	.667	Washington State	2	4	.333
Washington	3	3	.500	Stanford	1	5	.166

Thursday's scores

Washington 58, Oregon 52 UCLA 104, Stanford 64
Washington State 63, Oregon State 58 Southern Cal 87, California 81

their offensive end of the court, as Mike Drummond hit Hartshorne with two straight passes in the middle to put the Ducks up by four, 16-12.

Washington then turned the tables again, as 6-4 guard Steve Matzen hit a two-footer, a free throw, and then a lay-in to put the Huskies back on top 17-16.

The Huskies managed to keep the lead until just before intermission, but never by more than four points. The Ducks drew even at 28 with 50 seconds remaining by way of a 20-footer from Drummond — the only shot he took in the first half.

And then came the second half and Washington's defense. While the Ducks are usually the ones noted for outmuscling their opponents, it was to be the opposite in the second half.

"I was very pleased with Petur's and Woodie's work inside," said a happy Harshman. "With them playing as mobile and aggressive in there on the boards, it really makes us big inside."

Gudmundsson was the biggest surprise. The freshman from Iceland played his best this year according to Harshman. He scored seven points, grabbed four rebounds and blocked four Hartshorne shots in only 17 minutes of action.

It was a Gudmundsson turn-around banker from the left of the key that pulled the Huskies to within one point of the Ducks with 8:02 remaining, 42-41. Starting center Woods followed with a tip-in of a Walker missed shot the following time down the court to put Washington on top for good, 43-42.

The Ducks didn't let the Dogs out of their sight, until freshman guard Bob Fronk — also an ex-Oregon high-schooler and a teammate of Walker's at Sunset of Beaverton — hit an 18-foot jump shot at 2:08.

The Ducks were frustrated in the second half by a tough Washington zone, and couldn't get an open shot at a desirable range. And while Oregon couldn't find the time to get a shot, they also couldn't steal the ball from a spread Husky offense.

Oregon (52)—Clark 6, Small 7, Hartshorne 19, Drummond 2, Sealey 4, Barner 6, Murray 4, Davis 4, Mack, Lyon.

Washington (58)—Walker 17, Griffin 2, Woods 8, Matzen 14, Scott 3, Vaughn, Gudmundsson 7, Fronk 6, Hess 1.

Tough foes face wrestler in weekend action

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It seems like nothing is ever easy for Oregon's wrestlers.

This year, Ron Finley's squad has traveled to the nation's finest wrestling areas to take on the finest wrestling teams. In most of those cases, the young Oregon squad has come out a little humbled, but also a better wrestling team.

Those tough matches should prove important to the Ducks, Finley believes, especially as the league and national championships get closer.

If close matches are good for

Oregon, Finley's team ought to get a lot of good out of this weekend.

Tonight, because of the international gymnastics meet here, the Ducks travel to Silverton High School, not to take on the Silver Foxes, but to wrestle Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo. Saturday, it's Washington in McArthur Court.

"They've got a tough lineup," said Finley of the California school. "Cal Poly is a very, very balanced team. They're good in almost every weight class."

Cal Poly is currently ranked thirteenth in the country, two spots ahead of the Ducks. Their placing, said Finley, is well deserved.

Vaughn Hitchcock will bring in a squad that finished 22nd in the nation last year, though they were expected to finish much higher. Steve, the coach's son, is a top-notch 150-pounder and should provide Oregon's Scott Bliss with a stern challenge in Bliss' drive toward a school win record.

Other top wrestlers for Cal Poly are 134-pounder Benjie Williams, 167-pounder Scott Heaton and Greg Weise, 177.

Friday's match will be especially crucial, because the Salem area, of which Silverton is a part, is historically a strong wrestling area.

"I think a good performance will

certainly help us in recruiting in that area," Finley said.

At 2:30 Saturday afternoon, the Ducks face the Huskies.

"Saturday's match against Washington will be extremely close in scoring," said Finley. "If we can't get some falls they'll beat us."

Women hoopers on road for conference games

Fresh off a victory over Portland State last weekend, the Oregon women's basketball team travels to face Washington State and Boise State in games Friday and Saturday night.

The Ducks are off to their best start ever, with a 10-1 season record and a 4-1 league mark. Washington State and Boise State are currently the top two teams in the Mountain division of the Northwest Women's Basketball

League. WSU is 8-2 on the season while BSU is 10-2.

"I think it will be one of our tougher road trips," said coach Elwin Heiny. "I'm sure we'll be out for some tough games."

Heiny said he hopes what happened on the road trip to Seattle doesn't happen again this weekend.

"At Washington we didn't meet our expectations. We have good players, we just have to execute. We just have to hope that everyone is not cold at once. I hope this night out we don't have an off night." Last weekend against Portland State, the Ducks shot 56 percent from the floor, 13 points better than their average. Julie Cushing led the team with 20 points on 9 for 11 from the floor shooting while teammate Kerry Clawson made 7 of 8 from the floor and netted 19 points. Clawson had a fine all-around game gathering in nine rebounds and blocking six shot.

Heiny said that he hasn't seen either Boise State or Washington State play this year. He said the next time Oregon could see either of the teams would be in the regional playoffs.

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