

Ducks' 6-game slide ends, tables turn on Huskies

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After a month of thirst, the Oregon basketball squad brought their league victory drought to an end on Saturday night.

The Ducks handed the Washington Huskies a 64-60 loss at McArthur Court winning their first Pac-8 game in a month, lifting their conference record to 3-6 and their overall count to 13-9.

The difference for the Ducks Saturday night was an improved ability to move the ball on offense. In weeks past they had shown snail-like qualities while moving the ball around and through an opponent's zone defense. But that wasn't the case against Washington.

Husky head coach Marv Harshman agreed the Ducks handled his zone quite easily — the same zone which Washington had used just nine days previously when holding Oregon to a shooting percentage of .219 in the second half, but he gave his own reason as to why that was so.

"They shot the ball better and from further out tonight than what they did last week," explained Harshman. "That's one of the reasons why I hate to play zone on the road."

Meanwhile the scene at the Ducks' dressing room was a little different than what it had been in the past few weeks. While waiting for a radio interview, Oregon head coach Dick Harter joked to one reporter that he'd almost forgotten how to smile. Music blared from the stereo system and players recognized friends and acquaintances by faces instead of shoes.

"The first 10 minutes were outstanding," explained Harter. "That was as hard as we've played since I've been at Oregon."

And they needed to play that hard too, as the game turned out to be a typical Washington-Oregon battle. The furthest the Ducks could get away from the Huskies in the first half was six points as Andra Griffin and Steve Matzen of Washington kept their team in the game with accurate outside shooting. Each of them had eight points at

halftime, with the Ducks leading 33-28.

Oregon opened that margin to 10 points at the start of the second half with Phil Barner hitting a three-point play and Rich Davis following with a short jumper in the lane. Then came a five-minute stretch that had Harter wondering why the second half had ever been invented.

Reminiscent of recent games, when they've come out for the second half acting like they'd been chosen for the KUGN "loot-shoot" contest, Oregon allowed the Huskies to creep within four points and right back into the ballgame.

Freshman Mike Clark finally broke the ice for the Ducks, hitting a 10-foot banker from the right side and moments later with a twenty-footer. Fellow freshman

Felton Sealey then got back into the act after being forced to the bench because of fouls. The 6-4 Sealey's seven-foot jump shot and subsequent free throw after being fouled, gave Oregon a four point lead, 46-42.

Washington closed to within three, 49-46, with 5:27 remaining, but five straight points by Sealey on one field goal and three free throws gave the Ducks breathing room once more.

"Felton and Mike Clark hit the big buckets down the stretch for us," said Harter about his two starting forwards. Sealey, in one of his best overall games as a Duck, finished as game-high scorer with 17 points.

Washington (60) — Matzen 11, Neil 4, Vaughn 8, Scott, Griffin 14, Walker 6, Woods 7, Fronk 6, Gudmundson 2, Hartman 2.
Oregon (64) — Drummond 6, Lyon 2, Barner 12, Sealey 17, Clark 7, Small 8, Hartshorn 8, Davis 4.



Photo by Steve Schneider
Washington's Stan Walker (32) Steve Matzen (10) and Andra Griffin watched Felton Sealey (35) and Mike Clark take charge in Oregon's 64-60 win Saturday.

Injuries hurt Oregon in weekend split

BY MARK STEWART
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Plagued with injury and illness, the Oregon women's basketball team split a pair of games last weekend, beating Western Washington 78-60 Friday and losing to Washington 72-50 Saturday.

With his roster looking more like the roll call for a hospital ward, Oregon coach Elwin Heiny said after the loss to Washington he may activate some junior varsity players for games this week against Southern Oregon and Portland State.

He may only be able to suit up six healthy (or nearly healthy) players for Tuesday's game with SOSC, possibly losing Debbie Adams (foot injury) and Ann Doherty (nose) because of incidents in the Washington game.

Oregon came out blazing in the second half

against Western, limiting them to only one field goal in the first eight minutes while scoring 20 points of its own to put the game away for keeps.

Julie Cushing led Oregon scorers with 18 points. Kerry Clawson turned in her fourth solid game in a row, netting 10 points, grabbing 10 rebounds, blocking six shots and getting five steals. Metzger led all scorers with 30 points.

"The key," Heiny explained, "was we started playing defense in the second half." Oregon used a variety of zones that completely fooled Western. The 1-3-1 zone Oregon employed in the first half especially created problems. "They just didn't attack it well."

Oregon, however, was fooled the next night by a zone defense. After going up 21-14 in the first 11 minutes of the game the Huskies threw up a 2-1-2 zone that Oregon had a difficult time

penetrating.

"We really showed we were missing people like Becky (Paschke) — ankle sprain, and Debbie (Adams) didn't play against the zone. We got beat where we normally would have gone wild."

"Washington was tough on the boards. They played well where we would have had someone to play."

Washington continually burned the Ducks on alley-oop passes from the top of the key inside to their forwards for easy layups.

"We were not in proper position and not as sharp as usual," explained Heiny. "Basically we played six people."

Washington (72) — Wilson, Wittman 16, De Camp 10, Berry, Felton 12, Hanshaw 4, Johnson 2, Malcom, Smith 2, Nielsen 14, Norton 5, Bakken 7.
Oregon (50) — Adams 2, Doherty 1, Cushing 12, Hunt 9, Clawson 2, Kelly 16, Smith 8.

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