

## Ducks 'roar' past Cal

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The McArthur Court crowd roared for the regional telecast, and the Ducks roared back on their way to a 74-59 win over California Monday night.

Before the Bears could come out of hibernation, the Ducks had a 15-4 lead, and behind Kelvin Small's 16-point, 11-rebound effort, the Ducks held off the Bears for the remainder of the game.

"I thought we played awfully good basketball, and this is the first weekend we have played two good games," said Oregon coach Jim Haney.

The Ducks did play well. As a team they had 15 assists, and shot 57 percent. And for the second game in a row they held down the turnovers (to 10).

"We executed really well," said Small, "we made good, sharp cuts and we just played extra hard."

Playing hard and with newfound confidence has accompanied the Ducks' two-game winning streak. Forward Phil Barner found his shooting eye (five-for-nine from the field and five-for-six from the line) and scored 15 points.

"I've really been trying to get back to where I was when I first came here," said Barner. "Now I'm really confident in my shooting, and my overall game, and I feel that the team is playing like that too."

Confidence is what the Ducks need, as they move into their toughest home stand of the season—against UCLA and USC on Thursday and Saturday.

When they take on the Bruins, the Ducks will be at least in a three-way tie for eighth place in the Pacific-10 Conference. If USC beats Washington tonight, Oregon

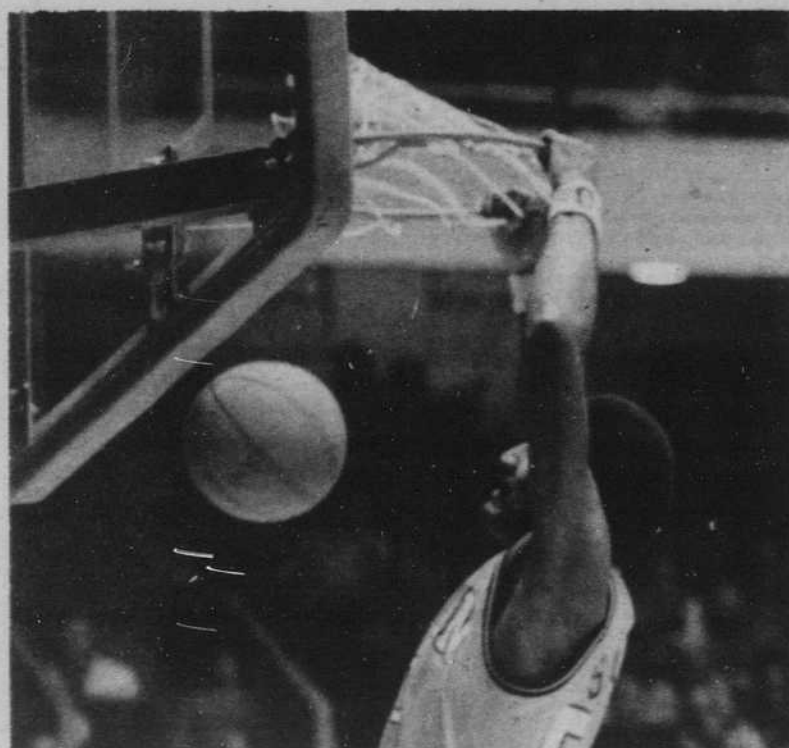


Photo by Patrick Sullivan

Oregon gave the Bears fits late in the game by playing its delay game to perfection. With only 2:43 left and the Ducks already up by 11 points, Kelvin Small broke under the Cal basket for this resounding dunk and an even more resounding cheer from the Mac Court crowd.

will be in a four-way tie for seventh with California, Stanford and Washington.

Monday night though, the Ducks looked more like a first-place team. "If we go out and play our game, we can beat anybody," said Barner.

Haney agreed, and said offensive rebounding was a big factor. "We were pumped up with enthusiasm early, and when we go to the offensive boards it changes the whole approach of the game," said Haney.

Oregon out-rebounded Cal 30-28, but more importantly made 24 of 34 foul shots. The Bears only made five of nine free throws.

It seemed as though every

time the Bears made a comeback, they were whistled for a foul. Even when the referees were silent, Small was there to pick up the slack.

Playing the center position for most of the game because of Dan Hartshorne's knee injury, Small made seven of 12 shots, including a dunk off of the circle offense with 2:43 left in the game.

"I know I can play well at either position (forward or center) because I can get into position to make the plays," said Small.

Small will have to be in position Thursday, against the bigger and quicker Bruins, as the team seeks their third consecutive win.

Bev Smith leads the way

## Women win again, end Seattle streak

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but then just drops off."

Monday night's women's basketball game between Oregon and Seattle University had been billed by some as a showdown between the top two teams in the Northwest, but the Ducks handled the opposition with ease as they dealt the Chieftains a 79-49 defeat at MacArthur Court.

"I don't think they expected the kind of defense we gave them," said junior guard Suzanne Washington, who combined with forward Bev Smith for 39 points and eight steals. "Everyone was alert to the ball."

Seattle's aggressive man-to-man defense forced several Oregon turnovers and gave the Chieftains an early 8-5 lead, but Smith kept the Ducks even with three jump shots midway through the half.

Then, after Seattle's Kim Manion cut the Ducks' lead to 17-16 with 10:23 left in the half, Oregon took control of the game. Led by Washington's 5-for-7 shooting from the field, the Ducks scored 19 unanswered points and took a 41-20 lead into the locker room.

"The timing was off on our offense early in the game," said Oregon coach Elwin Heiny after the game, "but we started playing better defense. Their press didn't affect us, because it comes at you

The Chieftains' entire game dropped off early in the second half as Oregon turned the show-down into a mockery. The Ducks' press continued to wear down Seattle, forcing 33 turnovers for the game while holding the Chieftains without a field goal for over seven minutes. By the time Bethany Ryals scored on a rebound for the visitors, Oregon already owned an unbeatable 59-23 lead. The Duck substitutes took over at that point, leaving the starters to ponder another one-sided victory.

"I'd like to play some teams who'd give us a bit more trouble," said Washington. "It's hard to play all out when you're leading by forty points."

The win left the Ducks with a 6-0 Northwest Women's Basketball League record and a 12-0 mark overall, while Seattle, a newcomer to the NWBL, fell to 12-3. The Ducks have now outscored their opponents by an average of 31.2 points per game.

Nonetheless, national recognition, in the form of a top-20 ranking, has still not come to the Ducks, but the team will try to make a stronger case for itself when it travels to the University of Montana Friday and Montana State on Saturday. Both games will begin at 8 p.m. Mountain time.

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