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Southern Cal's Don Carfino had the night of his life, stuffing over Duck's Dan Hartshorne and gaining the fascination of the Mac Court crowd.

Sports analysis

Carfino laughed

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Saturday night, 10,000 people could have been doing their laundry. They could have been watching "Love Boat" or they could even have been learning how to crochet.

Instead, those 10,000 people paid to watch USC slaughter the Duck basketball team 87-64 in McArthur Court. Had the fans been prewarned of the outcome, the athletic department would have had to pay them to attend. It was that bad.

"It was not a performance I want to remember," said Oregon coach Jim Haney.

Football coach Rich Brooks would probably like to forget it too. He brought his potential football recruits to the defeathering. Certainly the high school guests were wondering why the fans began choruses of "We want Hayes," then "We want Marv," and even "We want Carfino."

Carfino? USC guard Don Carfino became the hero of Mac Court, and everytime he touched the ball the fans went wild. He responded with a two-handed backward dunk with 30 seconds left, and his new fans screamed their approval as he waved to them.

Now that's entertainment.

Haney didn't think so, though. "I felt it was just a carnival." The fans had a right to make it a carnival.

They paid to get in, and the Ducks sure didn't give them anything to cheer about.

After the Ducks fell behind 10-2, you could have heard a pin drop in Mac Court, once the home of rabid — and loyal — Ducks fans. For the last five minutes the fans just amused themselves to the delight of a flamboyant USC player, and at the expense of the Oregon players. "The whole scene tonight was not what Oregon basketball and Mac Court are all about," said Haney.

Fans who have faithfully cheered center Dan Hartshorne for the last three turbulent years suddenly booed him when he entered the game with 1:07 left in the game.

The allegiance of the fans, it seems, has disappeared with the realization that the Ducks are losers.

With a 3-8 conference record, Oregon is still in last place, and the USC game proved it is no fluke. Sure, the Ducks did beat California, Stanford and Arizona, but they played even better against UCLA and Washington State — and still lost.

Against USC, the Ducks found out what happens when they play poorly. They get beaten badly, and they get abused by the fans.

"Our pride was hurt. That was the biggest disappointment," said guard Stu Lyon.

This season has been one disappointment right after another for both the players and the fans, and on Saturday night the dam burst.

Women stay perfect, Win two on the road

The University women's basketball team responded to the pressure of playing its first league games outside the state of Oregon this weekend by defeating both the University of Montana and Montana State.

The Ducks, now 7-0 in the Northwest Women's Basketball League and 14-0 overall, had a tough time in Missoula Friday against the Montana Grizzlies' 2-3 zone defense. They even trailed 41-40 with eight minutes gone in the second half. However, guard Julie Cushing began to hit from the outside, while center Claudia Eaton broke through the zone for some easy layups to give the Ducks a 10-point lead and an eventual 64-52 victory, their narrowest of the season.

Montana's defense held Oregon to only 31 percent shooting from the field, though the Ducks controlled the rebounds by a 58-32 margin.

Things went much easier Saturday in Billings, where the Ducks downed Montana State, 82-55. Oregon, shooting 47.8 percent from the field, took command early and raced to a 20-point lead midway through the first half.

Julie Cushing again led the Ducks' scoring with 20 points while Bev Smith grabbed 17 rebounds and Suzanne Washington had eight assists. Smith is the league's leading rebounder, grabbing an average of 14.2 caroms each game.

The ducks held a slight edge in both rebounds — 55-52 — and turnovers — 22-25.

The next game for the women's team is Wednesday at Mac Court against the South Korean national team. Game time is 7:30 p.m.

Wrestlers surprise Cougars once again

The Brigham Young wrestlers have got to be wondering what kind of jinx the Oregon Ducks have on them. The Cougars came to Mac Court Friday night ranked 12th in the country and for the second straight year Oregon upset them, this time 29-15.

The Ducks' big win of the night came at 167, where Jeff Steubing pinned Billy Boyd at 1:56. Entering the match, BYU was on top 12-11, but Steubing's win put Oregon ahead 17-12.

At 177, Mike Miller fought the

Cougars' Brad Hansen, rated number one in the country, to the very end, losing just 12-11.

The Ducks then got a pin from Donny Brown at 190 and a forfeit at heavyweight to wrap up their tenth win of the year.

Oregon's other wins came from Mike Erb, Jim Hildebrand and Scott Bliss, who won 21-6.

On Saturday the Ducks had an easier time of it, whipping Southern Oregon State 22-9 in Ashland. The win upped Oregon's season record to 11-7.

Flying Ducks upset in triangular match

The Oregon Flying Ducks, ranked second nationally, suffered some unlucky breaks Saturday in Berkley, Calif. on the way to a 218.5-217.8 defeat at the hands of the California Bears. San Jose State finished last in the three-way meet with 199.50 points.

Cal's All-American Long captured the all-around title with a 56.15-point total to help the Bears give Oregon its first loss.

Luck didn't favor the Ducks, as freshman Kelly Crumley and sophomore Gordon Hocking fell off the pommel horse and cost the Ducks valuable points. Cal led by 2.5 points going into Oregon's strongest event, the high bar, but even a 9.55 performance by Randy Beard failed to overcome the existing deficit.

Next action for the Flying Ducks will be a two-day dual meet against Washington Friday and Saturday at Mac Court.

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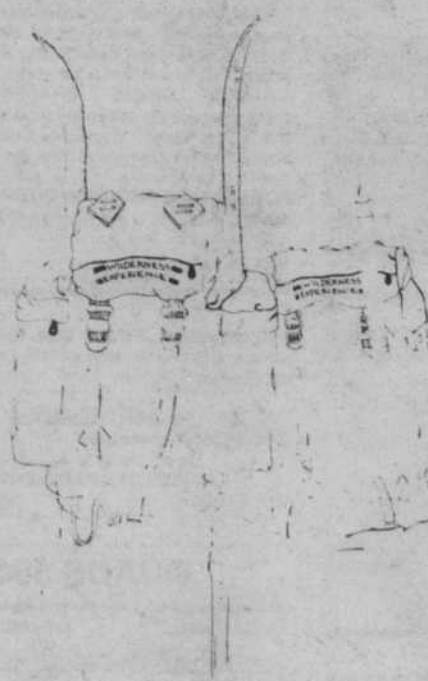
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Today's IFC Budget Hearings:

3:30 ESCAPE
6:00 Sailing Club
6:30 Incidental Fee Committee
7:30 People and the Oregon Coast

Tomorrow's agenda will include: Physical Education Undergraduate Coalition, Forensics, the Oregon, CSOCEPM, Action Now.

All students are invited to participate in these hearings. It's \$100 of your money!

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