

# Women win 'scrimmage'

Seniors Adams, Towriss shine in final league game

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There is nothing like the "last" game to bring out the best in an athlete.

Oregon's women's basketball team, despite a few off moments, had one of its best all-around outings Saturday as the 12th-ranked Ducks blew Portland State off the court, 112-55, in their last regular season home game and gave two seniors a warm send-off.

Banners draped about the court nicknamed each player, said goodbye to Debbie Adams and Allison Towriss, and invited everyone back to Mac Court to see the Ducks in the AIAW final four.

The game, though, could be summed up in one word — "boring," said Oregon coach Elwin Heiny. "We won the scrimmage."

A scrimmage or not, it was still the last regular season game for Oregon's seniors. Despite playing only 23 minutes each, the two ended up in the money.

Debbie Adams shot 92.3 percent from the floor for 24 points — only 20 points away from moving into second on the all-time scoring list.

Allison Towriss again tied the single-game assist record, handing out 11 against the Vikings and nabbing four steals.

A standing ovation greeted the two Ducks as they left the floor. Adams, appropriately, sank the ball at the 3:54 mark for points 99 and 100 on an assist from Bev Smith.

"It was nice, everybody clapping," said Towriss, downplaying the standing ovation. "Debbie's the one that had the great game."

Despite mistakes by the Ducks, it was a lopsided game in which Oregon scored two points for every one by the Vikings. Only a PSU basket in the final seconds kept the Ducks from blanking their foes for the final four minutes.

"It was a blowout," said Towriss, who fouled out for the third time in her life (the others were in high schools and at Laurentian University in Canada). "We had fun, but there was some sloppy play."

"But most of the game, we rose above them, playing to our



Photo by David W. Zahn

Senior Allison Towriss tied the single-game assist record with 11 as Oregon easily outdistanced Portland State, 112-57.

level instead of theirs."

That, said Towriss, will be important to get through regionals and to the AIAW final four.

The Region 9 tournament in Missoula, Mont. next weekend stands directly in Oregon's way. The Ducks, 23-5 this season and 12-0 in the league, return to zero since only the tournament winner is guaranteed a berth at nationals.

"We have tougher things to look forward to," said Heiny.

In preparation for the future, Oregon practiced its zones against the outmanned Portland State squad, which shot only 30.1 percent (22-73). Oregon shot 64.6 percent from the floor (51-79) and 76.9 percent from the line (10-13).

"We still need to work on them (zones)," said Heiny. "It's important that we establish ourselves in these games working on things that will

help us later."

"We might surprise teams because we've never played a zone before," said freshman center Allison Lang, who finished with 15 points and four blocks. "We use it a lot in practice, the vets against the freshman — we beat them every time."

Oregon's freshmen had a few moments of their own to show off. With nine minutes left in the second half, five Duck freshman took to the floor and added another string of points against PSU.

Diane Hiemstra made every shot she attempted to add 10 points and MaryAnn Stoican added 13 to the Duck total.

Junior Bev Smith scored a game-high 25 points and contributed six assists, four blocks and four steals to the Duck totals.



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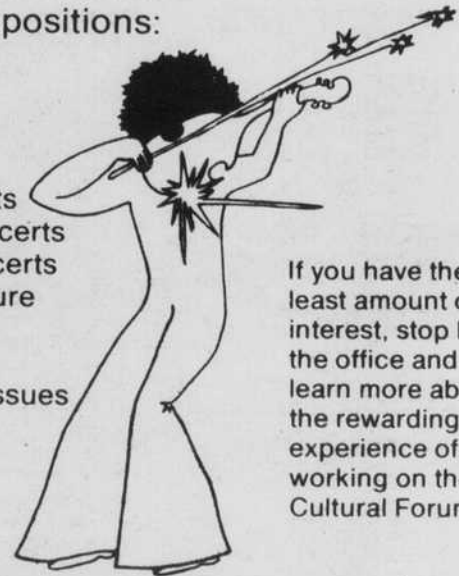
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