

# Ducks drown in SoCal

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It wasn't a weekend that Oregon coach Elwin Heiny is likely to forget for a long time. The Oregon women's basketball team was shellacked by unbeaten USC 86-64 and by an improving UCLA squad 90-74 to give Heiny his worst weekend ever in coaching at Oregon.

"It was rough," understated Heiny. "We realize that we have a lot of work to do before we can play teams of their caliber competitively. The way we played and the way they played showed they were the better teams."

The USC loss was Heiny's second worst ever as a Duck coach, and the back-to-back losses were his first since early in 1979 when Oregon dropped a couple to San Francisco and Texas.

The ninth-ranked Ducks' play wasn't indicative of how good they really are, though. Against USC, Bev Smith, who usually plays her best in the big games, fouled out with over 16 minutes left to play with only 13 points and a single rebound to her credit. The Ducks, a power team inside, was beaten 39-11 on the boards in the first half and 76-30 for the game.

These things just don't happen to Oregon.

And then there were the McGee twins. Pam and Paula, a pair of 6-3 giants who are likely candidates for all-American honors, beat the Ducks at their own inside game to combine for 46 points and 32 rebounds.

"They are good — very good," said Heiny of the

McGees. "We do a lot of things well inside, but so do they. They have a lot of talent and they showed it."

UCLA, Saturday night, picked up where the Trojans left off, out-rebounding the Ducks 47-30. This time Oregon was still in the game 40-40 early in the second half, but the Bruins went on a 19-4 scoring streak, blowing the Ducks out of the game and out of Los Angeles.

"We went down there to learn to play against teams like these in circumstances like these. In the past we never played these teams until during the post-season tournament, so it was a good learning experience," said Heiny.

The Ducks definitely had to learn something about the officiating. Oregon was constantly in trouble with Alison Lang fouling out of both games. Smith was forced to leave early against USC and Chris Metzger had to do the same against UCLA. The usually mild-man-

nered Heiny even received a technical foul against UCLA when he asked for a clarification on a foul by Lang.

"We have to learn to play and adjust when things don't go well," said Heiny. "I was not real happy with the officiating, but we have to learn to adjust to it. The other players have to pick up the slack when we lose some people to fouls."

"We have a lot of young players who ended up playing because of fouls and others were forced to play who were just coming off injuries."

Metzger and Lisa Vetter were both coming off foot injuries, and despite Vetter's nine points against UCLA, they did not play up to their usual performance.

Oregon dropped to 13-4 on the season and can kiss its top-10 ranking goodbye. With the second-ranked Trojans' victory over the Ducks, coupled with No. 1 Louisiana Tech's loss to Old Dominion, probably boosted USC to the top spot.




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The Oregon wrestling team finished fifth in the Portland State Invitational wrestling meet Saturday. Cliff Porter (134) finished second, Barry Boyles (150) finished third and heavyweight Dan Cook finished fourth in the tournament.

The Oregon men's and women's bowling teams came away with narrow victories over Oregon State Thursday night in Corvallis.

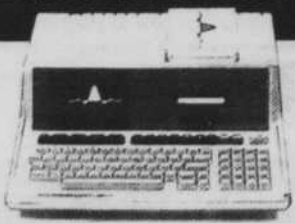
The women defeated the Beavers 11.5 to 9.5, as Marisa Dobby scored the high game for the night with a 205. The men's Alan Tanaka paced Oregon to an 11-10 victory with his game-high 250 and three-game total of 632.

Oregon faces Lane Community College 3:30 Thursday, Feb. 11 in the EMU.

Twenty-one men and nine women who have spent the past month running up hills at the crack of dawn are happy to return to the water as the Oregon crew team returned to its rowing exercises this week.

Tim Meyer, commodore for the men's crew is hoping that the crew's return to the will bring out some of the rowers who have been reluctant to attend the early workouts. He says the women's squad is particularly in need of more rowers.

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