

# Oregon men jinxed by Cal, Stanford

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The Bay Area jinx continues to play havoc on the Oregon men's basketball team.

The Bay Area schools — Stanford and California — made their season sweeps complete over the Ducks over the weekend. Stanford beat the Ducks 79-76 in overtime Friday, while California had an easier time defeating Oregon 70-60.

The California game on Saturday night was typical of the Ducks' season this year.

The Ducks let the Bears go ahead and then had to claw their way back into the game at the half. Then, the bottom fell out for Oregon in the second half, as California lifted its record to 10-9 on the season and 4-6 in Pac-10 play. The Ducks fell to 3-8 in the conference.

In the first half, the Bears

rolled to an eight-point lead four times. Then, with 4:12 left in the half, California stretched its lead to nine, 29-20, on two Butch Hays free throws.

But the Ducks hung tough. Paul Bain connected on a 20-footer, Jerome Williams nailed a shot off the glass, John Greig scored on a fastbreak, Barry Walker hit a 22-footer and Williams put in an offensive-rebound basket.

Just as quickly as Cal had taken a nine-point lead, the Ducks had a one-point lead of their own at 30-29 with 1:47 left in the half.

The story was different in the second half, though, as Cal broke away from a 54-54 deadlock with 5:25 left in the game to a 63-54 lead with 1:03 remaining. And that spurt sealed the win for the Bears.

"I felt like we were getting what we wanted," Cal Coach Dick Kuchen said. "We are a

good shooting team. We have some great individual shooters on this club, and we just got our shots tonight."

How right he was. The Bears hit on a sizzling 25-of-41 from the floor for .610 while the Ducks sank 25-52 shots for .481.

The big gun for Cal was center Mark McNamara. All the 6-10 Bear did was sink nine-of-nine from the floor, five-of-seven from the line and grab 11 rebounds to go with his 23 points. All of this coming when the Ducks were double-teaming the potential all-American.

"I had to make some adjustments in the second half because of the defense they were playing on me," McNamara said. "I was just running baseline and they (John Greig and Blair Rasmussen) were fronting me. So in the second half I started to veer my cuts a little bit more. It just

opened up the holes."

"When they were playing defense on Mac (McNamara) like that, it's up to the other guys to take the shots," Kuchen said. "I think Darrell Haley (14 points) played his best game of the season."

With the Ducks sagging off of Haley to cover McNamara, Haley had open 15-foot jumpers the entire game. But it wasn't until the second half that he found he could begin to hit them.

"I think they had planned to leave me open," Haley said. "I was kind of happy to see that situation."

Oregon Coach Jim Haney saw the difference in the game as a matter of the Ducks not being able to hit the open shots.

"Tonight it was simply a matter of our getting tremendous shots in the second half and then missing them," Haney said. "You have to make those shots to win, and we didn't make them."

"The difference in our shot selection between halves was dramatic. We had perimeter shots in the first half. But we just didn't put the ball in the hoop."

The Ducks were led by Williams' 17 points, while Greig added 13. Rasmussen continues to show improvement on the court, as he scored 10 points and grabbed a team-high five rebounds.

McNamara's 23 led the Bears, who outrebounded the Ducks, 24-20 for the game.

Kuchen was pleased to start his State of Oregon road trip with a victory in The Pit.

"We haven't won here since 1976, so it feels kind of nice," said the Bear mentor. "We created a lot of chances for ourselves tonight. We reacted and responded well — that shows a lot of guts and character."

Friday night, the Stanford Cardinals came calling and the Ducks dropped their second game of the season to the team from Palo Alto.

It was an overtime contest, one which the Ducks almost didn't get to lose in overtime, but in regulation. Trailing by three with 49 seconds left, Oregon's Fred Cofield hit a 12-footer and was fouled on the play by the Cards' Brian Welch.



Photo by Bob Baker

One of the few highlights of the weekend — Gary Gatewood's slam against the Cardinals.

Cofield sank the free throw and the game went into the extra session.

Stanford jumped out quickly in the overtime, scoring the first four points. But Oregon responded with two Greig free throws and a Cofield baseline jumper.

Stanford's John Revelli made it 76-74 on a bank shot and Cofield tied it back up with two free throws. With four seconds left, the Ducks fouled Revelli, who was wide open under the basket. He proceeded to sink one of two and the Ducks still had life.

But an inbounds pass by Blair Rasmussen to Cofield fell astray and Stanford walked away with the victory.

Greig led the Ducks with 28 points — including a 14-of-16 showing at the free throw line. Revelli led Stanford with 23.

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