

Ducks two, Los Angeles zip

Trapp's 18 spells doom for SC

By Doug Levy
Of the Emerald

What a weekend it was for Greg Trapp. The 6-7 junior put his past problems behind him Saturday, scoring 18 points, grabbing ten rebounds and rejecting two shots to lead Oregon's basketball team past University of Southern California, 52-47, at the Sports Arena in Los Angeles.

The win over USC did more than give the Ducks an 8-3 mark in the Pac-10, two games behind first-place Washington, 10-1, and one-half game back of Oregon State, 8-2.

Victory also gave Oregon, 13-8, a road sweep of the Los Angeles schools following a dramatic 87-83 overtime win against UCLA Thursday night. One has to go back to Dick Harter and 1977 to find the last time the Ducks blanked USC and UCLA in the same weekend.

Much of the credit for the sweep had to go to Trapp. He scored 16 points in the second half to keep the Trojans at bay, matched his career-high point total set against Colorado, and gave the Ducks an outlet with center Blair Rasmussen plagued by cold shooting.

In one sequence, Trapp checked a shot by USC's Derrick Dowell on the defensive end, grabbed a rebound at the other end, and found Rasmussen underneath after hauling in a second offensive board.

The performance against Troy, of course, has to take a back seat to Thursday night and 'The Shot' that burned the Bruins. All Trapp did was retrieve a Gary Gatewood miss, leap two feet over the

baseline, corral the basketball with one hand and simultaneously flip it skyward. He got nothing but twine, and David Brantley went on to score eight points in overtime to silence the stunned Bruins. Pac-10 officials ruled Trapp's shot a legal one the next day.

Despite Trapp, Oregon had all it wanted from Southern Cal. With Dowell and Wayne Carlander pounding away inside, USC shrugged off 24 percent first-half shooting and trailed just 25-20 at intermission.

The Ducks broke out to a 37-28 lead to open the second half, but the Trojans rallied. Kevin Steward's follow shot brought SC within 41-39, and things looked shaky for coach Don Monson's gang.

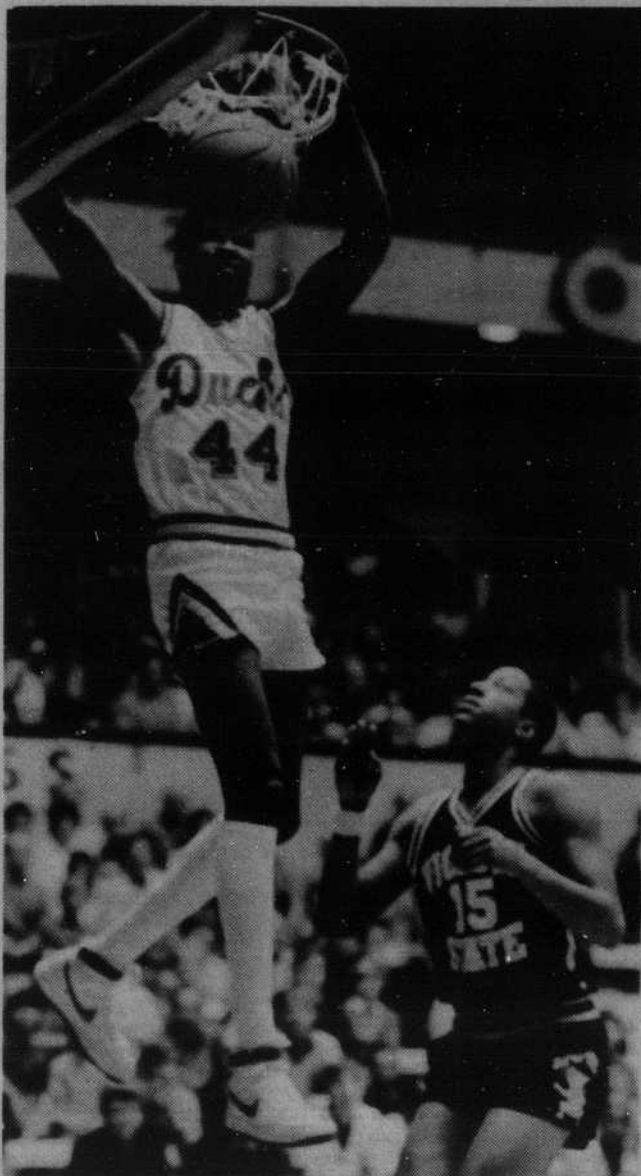
It was a game past Oregon teams may have lost. Not this one. Trapp nailed a 15-footer, dropped in two free throws, and the Ducks survived.

"We had a job to do after beating UCLA, and we did it against USC," said Oregon guard Chris Harper, who had 13 points Saturday.

Now the question is whether Oregon can play with the big boys, Washington and Oregon State. The Ducks, with their fate in their own reach, entertain the Huskies Saturday and get a crack at the Beavers in Gill Coliseum March 3.

Many are assuming Washington enters sweep country on its road trip to Corvallis and Eugene this week, but Monson isn't so sure.

"People keep thinking they'll (the Huskies) lose both games, but what they forget is that they're playing with a lot of confidence right now," Monson said.



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Oregon's Greg Trapp rose to the occasion Saturday against USC, scoring a career-high 18 points to pace the Ducks to a 52-47 win.

Lang's first, so are Oregon women

By Todd Fletcher
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Alison Lang became Oregon's all-time scoring leader, and the Ducks celebrated their homecoming by moving into sole possession of first place in the NorPac Conference with a sweep of California and San Jose State Friday and Saturday night at McArthur Court.

The wins, a 97-65 field day over Cal and a 66-58 struggle against San Jose State, boosted the Ducks to 7-1 in league play with 12 points. Oregon State, which swept the same two schools in Corvallis, trails the Ducks by a point.

The Cal game, previewed as a tough showdown for first place and the right to host the NorPac tournament March 9-10, was anything but that.

Oregon, fired up by 1,500 fans after playing 19 of its 21 games on the road, jumped on the

Bears early. The Ducks took a 16-6 lead six minutes into the game and hit an 63 percent of their first-half shots.

The women's hot shooting touch was aided by numerous fast break layins against a flat and half-asleep Bear defense.

"We broke well tonight," said guard Lauri Tennant, who turned in a team-high 19 points to go with seven rebounds and seven assists. "Heather (McDuffie, on the receiving end of several fast break scores) and I complemented each other well. We were ready to play."

Tennant's 19 and McDuffie's 14 were not the entire scoring show, however.

Lang added a subpar 13 points, but that was enough to move her ahead of Bev Smith on the school's all-time scoring list. With 25 points against San Jose State, Lang's career total is

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Lauri Tennant (above) paved the way for Oregon's rout of California Friday night with 19 points

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