

# Another sweet, sweet defeat

Saturday night a sellout crowd of 10,099 piled into McArthur Court in anticipation of a happening that hasn't occurred since 1979.

No it is not the second coming of Jimmy Carter, or a roll-back in consumer index prices. What the crowd was hoping to see was the Oregon Ducks beat those tough guys from up the highway — the Oregon State University Beavers.

Well it didn't happen, and after 15 straight losses at the hands of those dastardly looking fellows in orange and black it might seem to an Oregon basketball fan that it is not meant to be.

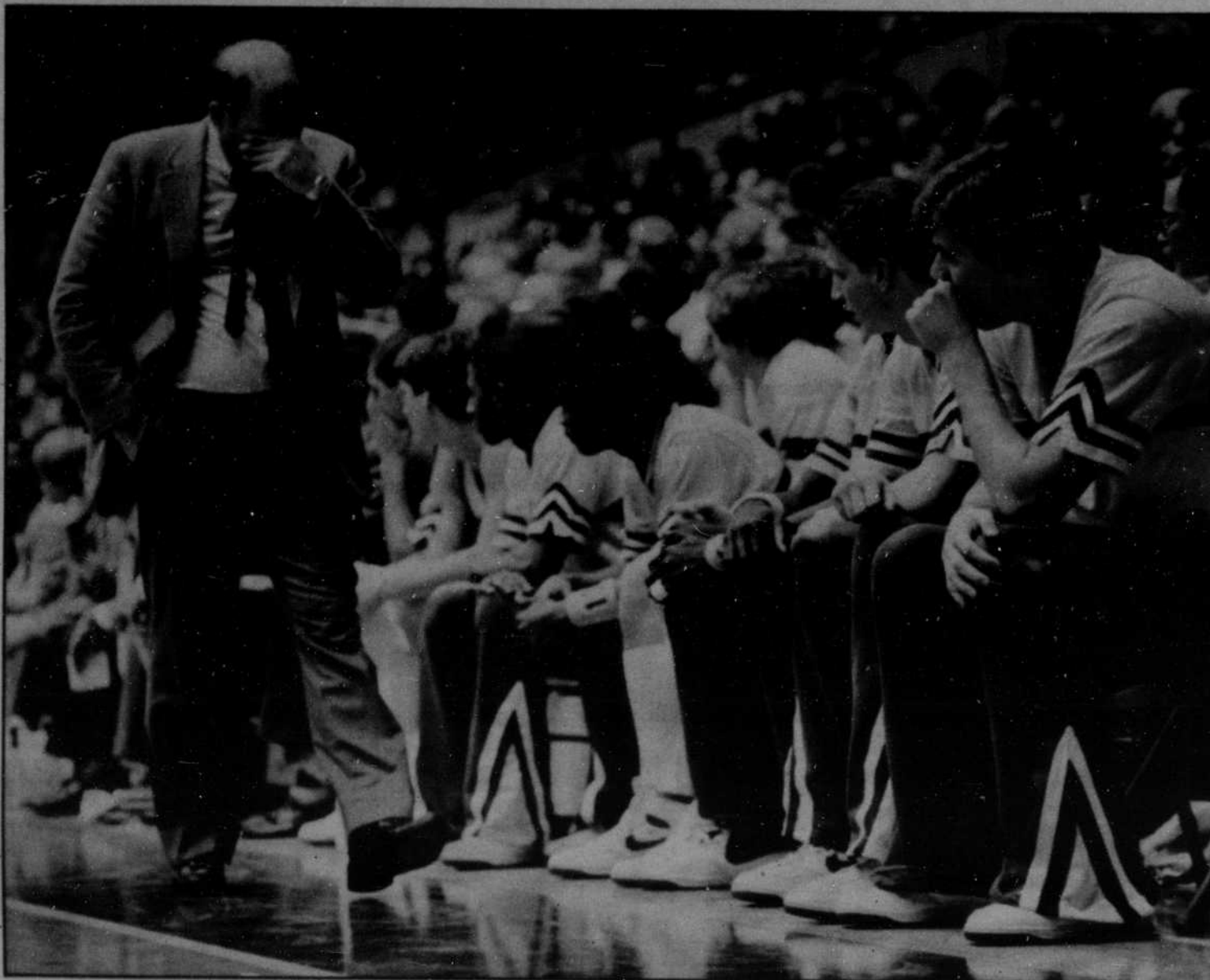
The frustration of the whole matter didn't mar an otherwise enjoyable evening, as those who went to the game were treated to an exciting and well-played Pac-10 basketball game.

The fans also received a surprise when they got to their seats in McArthur Court — a green and yellow pompon. The pompons helped the fans root for the home team and also turn the Pit into a sea of green and gold.

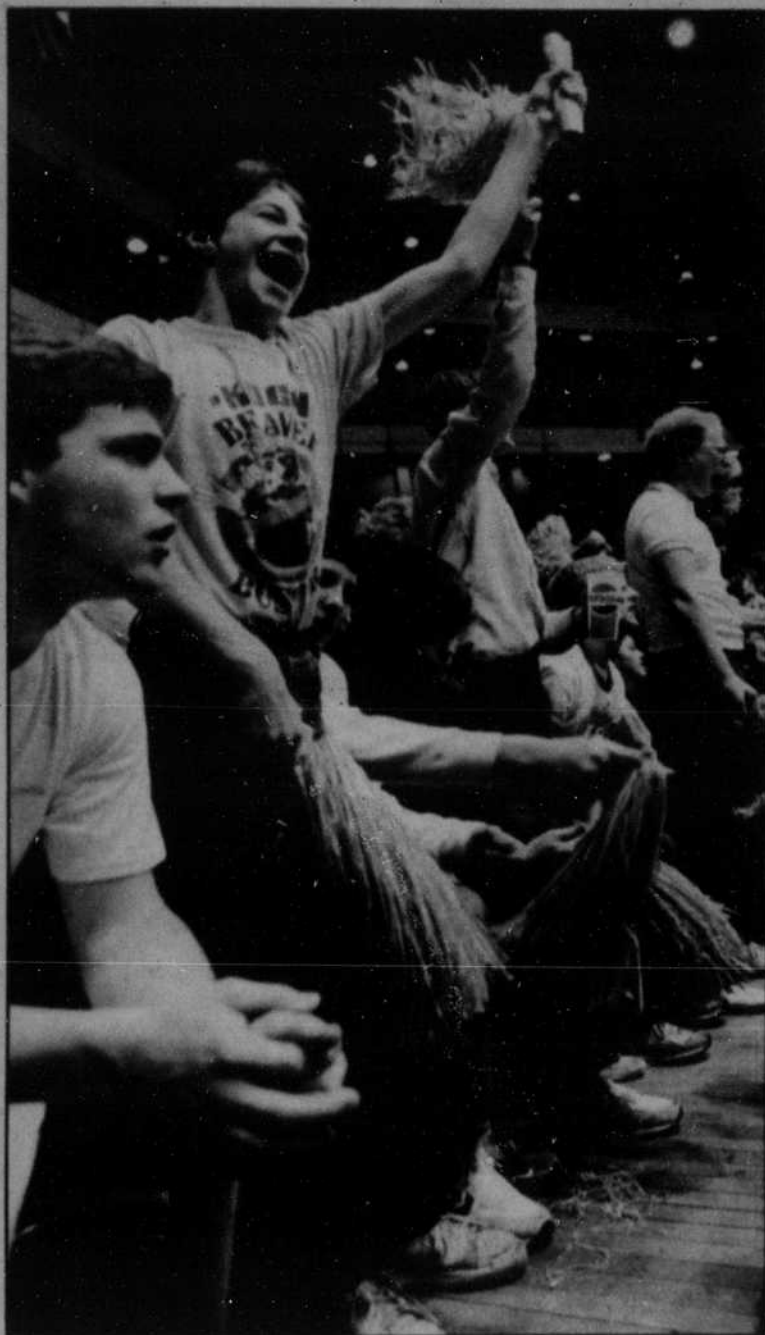
It seemed only fitting that the fans have a chance to show their allegiance to their favorite team, especially as the game was a sort of homecoming for the Webfoots, who hadn't played at home since Dec. 21.

"It was kind of nice to come home and see all those green pompons," Oregon guard Rick Osborn said. "It is to bad we couldn't win the game for them."

Well, if the law of averages ever catches up to this heated series, we just might get to see the good guys win sometime in the near future.



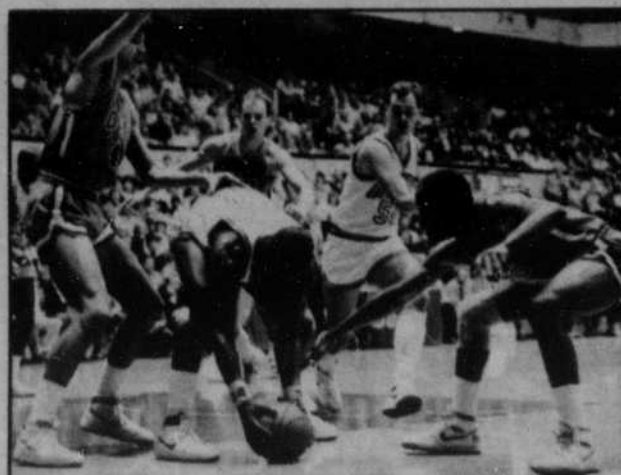
The picture says it all as Oregon coach Don Monson and his troops feel the disappointment of losing 15 straight.



Oregon fans got a surprise when they arrived at McArthur Court Saturday night — a green and yellow pompon of their very own. The rally better watch out.



Oregon's Rick Osborn and OSU Darryl Flowers (left) and Tyrone Miller took time out to practice their dance steps.



Jerry Adams tries to scoop the ball off the floor as Oregon's Keith Balderston (52) and OSU's Paul Weakley look on.

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A sellout crowd of 10,099 came in with hopes of the first Oregon win since 1979, but alas they went home disappointed.