

Lamar accepts Webfoot gifts to post victory

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Emerald Sports Reporter

The Christmas season is upon us, and the Oregon men's basketball team got into the spirit of giving early as they turned a ball game over to the Lamar Cardinals Tuesday night, 75-53.

A sparse crowd of 4,475 at Montagne Center in Beaumont, Texas saw Lamar (3-1) beat up on the short-handed Ducks with constant, harassing defensive pressure.

The non-conference loss leaves Oregon with a 2-2 record and concludes the Ducks' two-game road swing.

Oregon was without two key players, as senior guard Anthony Taylor missed his third straight game with a broken toe, and starting forward Keith Balderston sat out with a sprained right ankle, suffered against Purdue last Saturday.

The scoring was even for most of the first half, with the Cardinals' eight-point lead at halftime being the largest margin.

Randy Grant's alley-oop pass to forward Brett Coffey got Oregon out to an early 6-3 lead, but Lamar's Tyrone Gibson hit a three-point shot to tie it, and the Cards' big James Gulley scored off an offensive rebound to give

Turnovers continue to plague young cagers

Lamar a 10-8 lead.

The Cardinals outrebounded Oregon 40-39, but Lamar collected 15 offensive boards for repeated second and third opportunities.

Gulley, the Cards' 6-foot-8 senior center who averaged nearly 20 points and 10 rebounds last season, was a terror inside, grabbing a game-high 11 boards, seven on the offensive end.

Oregon fought back to within one point on six occasions, but never was able to break out in front, as turnovers continued to

hinder the Ducks' efforts on offense.

A free throw by Oregon's Steve Ranniger finally tied the score at 31, but Lamar reeled off eight straight points, including a steal and a length-of-the-floor drive by Gibson, to open up the 39-31 halftime advantage.

The Ducks also were pressured heavily against Purdue last week, but the Boiler-makers let up in the second half, while the Cardinals' Gibson and David Jones continued to pester Oregon up the court all night Tuesday.

How bad has it gotten? The Ducks have now turned the ball over 52 times in the last two games (23 against Purdue, 29 against Lamar).

Jones, the Cards' backcourt leader, scored on a layup after stealing a pass, then Gulley hit a turn-around jumper and Anthony Bledsoe converted a free throw to give Lamar its biggest lead of the night, 72-48.

The Cards simply ran out the clock from there, and the Ducks were beaten by more than 20 points for the second-straight game.

"We played well for a while early," Oregon coach Don Monson said after the game.

I thought (Mike) Helms did a good job, but (Frank) Johnson didn't handle the pressure any better than he has the last two games."

Johnson, starting his third straight game in place of the injured Taylor, scored nine points along with Ranniger to lead the Ducks, but also had nine turnovers.

Monson added, "In my 29 years of coaching, I've never had a team mentally as uncompetitive as this team was tonight. It's a frustrating situation. We were not a very good team tonight. We weren't assertive or aggressive enough."

Bledsoe led Lamar with 16 points, while Gibson, the 6-foot-2 freshman guard, came off the bench to add 15 points, including three three-point field goals.

OREGON (53)
Grant 1-2 0-0 2, Senior 2-2 1-2 5, Johnson 3-7 3-3 9, Osborn 2-5 0-0 5, Helms 4-13 0-1 8, Coffey 4-6 0-1 8, Lucas 1-1 1-2 3, Hargain 2-5 0-0 4, Crawford 0-2 0-0 0, Ranniger 3-9 1-2 9, Blair 0-3 0-0 0. Totals 22-55 6-12 53.
LAMAR (75)
Bledsoe 5-12 6-9 16, Jones 2-7 2-2 6, Williams 4-6 5-8 13, Bolden 1-7 2-2 4, Gulley 4-9 7-8 15, Prevost 0-0 0-0 0, Gibson 6-14 0-0 15, Lawson 0-0 0-0 0, Hebert 1-1 0-0 3, Johns 0-0 0-1 0, Wells 1-3 1-2 3, Taylor 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 24-61 23-32 75.
Halftime—Oregon 31, Lamar 39. Fouled out—None. Three-point goals—Gibson 3, Ranniger 2, Osborn, Hebert. Rebounds—Oregon 39 (Grant, Coffey 5), Lamar 40 (Gulley 11). Assists—Oregon 6 (Grant 2), Lamar 10 (Jones 4). Total Fouls—Oregon 21, Lamar 18. A—4,745.

Heinonen chosen coach of the year

Women's cross country coach Tom Heinonen, who led the Ducks to the National Collegiate Athletic Association title in November, has been selected national women's cross country co-coach of the year by the Women's International Cross Country Coaches Association for the second time, the Athletic Department reported Tuesday.

The Oregon coach shares the WICCCA award with Yale coach Mark Young, who guided his team to a surprising third-place finish at the NCAA meet. Yale entered the national meet ranked sixth.

Heinonen's Webfoot harriers edged North Carolina State 98-99 on Nov. 23, in Charlottesville, Va., to capture their second NCAA championship in five years.

The Ducks captured the Pacific-10 Conference and Region VIII titles enroute to the national crown, and Heinonen was chosen Pac-10 coach of the year last week.

This is the second time Heinonen has been cited by the WICCCA. He also won coach of the year honors in 1983, when the Ducks captured their first NCAA title.

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