

Sports

Nebraska outwits Ducks, 67-62

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The negatives outweighed the positives for the Ducks Saturday night as the Oregon men's basketball team went down to its third straight defeat, 67-62, to Nebraska at



Tony Hargain

McArthur Court.

The Ducks, still minus Anthony Taylor and Keith Balderston, were coming off a rough two-game road trip in which they were humiliated by both Purdue (88-62) and Lamar (75-53).

Oregon, 2-3, was glad to be back in the friendly confines of The Pit, and the Ducks put up a better fight against the Cornhuskers, but untimely turnovers and ragged play on defense gave Nebraska its fifth win of the season, boosting its record to 5-4.

Tony Hargain's 15-foot jump shot gave Oregon a 22-16 lead with 5:20 left in the first half, but Nebraska reeled off eight unanswered points, six from reserve forward Pete Manning, to pull out in front 24-22.

Oregon regained the lead, 27-24, when Jeff Crawford drilled a three-point shot at the 1:10 mark, but Beau Reid's short jumper in the key with five seconds left in the half gave Nebraska a 30-27 halftime advantage.

The Ducks' Frank Johnson said a big part of the problem was Nebraska's press defense.

"We were prepared for them but not their press," said the junior guard. "We wanted to win real bad. They're a good team. I thought we matched

up very well with them, but we just weren't executing the way we should have."

Oregon came out in the second half on fire, but for every bucket the Ducks scored, the Cornhuskers answered with a deuce of their own.

Rick Osborn, shooting at a 39 percent clip on the season, broke out of his slump and hit four of five shots in the game, including a three-pointer early in the second half to tie the score at 36-36.

The Ducks had the crowd of 7,141 on their feet when Hargain took a pass from Osborn and hit a 16-foot shot from the right side to give Oregon its first lead of the half.

Hargain, the Ducks' part-time quarterback in football, completed six of 10 shots for a career-high 14 points to lead the Ducks.

Oregon coach Don Monson was pleased with Hargain's efforts.

"I thought Hargain and (Brett) Coffey both played well. Hargain came in and helped us. It was a little ragged and out of control at times, but the guy just finished with football a couple of weeks ago so you can't be too critical."

Coffey had a career-high 12

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Women hoopsters end trip 4-2

The Oregon women's basketball team ended its five-game road excursion, splitting a pair of nail-biting games in the Pepperdine Tournament this weekend.

Oregon slipped past Kent State 79-78 Saturday night in front of a paltry 75 people in the consolation game, moving its record to 4-2. Friday night, host Pepperdine trimmed Oregon, 67-66.

Brooke Allen and Vonda Anderson, a pair of freshmen, scored career-high 25 and 16 points respectively, in the win over Kent State. The rookie guards also combined for 17 of Oregon's 29 field goals, and Allen made the all-tournament team.

"Allen was the key to our success, and Vonda Anderson did a very good job," Oregon coach Elwin Heiny said.

The Ducks also claimed the win despite only playing one senior — Sheila Sattiewhite — a substantial number of minutes.

"Usually young teams make mistakes; Saturday night we did not make the mistakes and came away with the win," Heiny said.

"If we would have had Kris Glidden we would have probably won. She is a key rebounder and we could have used it," Heiny said.

While Allen and Anderson led the way, one of Oregon's mainstays, six-foot-seven center Stafanie Kasperski, contributed little because of foul problems — at least that's how the officials saw it.

The West German scored nine points and pulled down four rebounds in only 14 minutes because of quick whistles. Heiny received a rare technical.

I don't know if I have ever seen officiating that bad. It was ridiculous," Heiny said.

OREGON (79)

Sattiewhite 4-12 0-0 8, Kasperski 3-5 3-4 9, V. Anderson 7-11 2-2 16, McCartney 2-5 2-3 6, Allen 11-19 3-6 25, Petterson 1-2 3-4 5, Semenik 0-1 6-6 6, Bourn 1-2 0-0 2, Gleck 0-2 2-2 2, Totals 29-59 21-27 79.

KENT STATE (78)

King 3-6 1-3 7, Mayo 0-5 2-3 2, Grandstaff 3-12 4-4 10, Norwine 3-8 6-7 12, Bukovac 10-19 4-6 24, Slowikowski 2-2 3-4 7, Froe 2-5 0-0 4, Banks 2-9 2-2 6, Hosinski 1-6 4-5 6, Sullivan 0-0 0-0 0, Watson 0-0 0-0 0, Totals 26-70 26-34 78.

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