

## Sports

# Women end shy of Raider trophy

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Whatever Oregon's women's basketball team gained in their 90-65 win over Western Kentucky in Friday's opener of Texas Tech's Cellular One Red Raider Classic, they quickly lost in the championship game to Grambling State.

The Ducks, ranked 24th, appeared ready to take the tournament championship Saturday. After all, Oregon beat the Lady Tigers 84-81 in last week's Auburn Dial Classic and defeated the Lady Toppers convincingly on Friday, a team that was in the NCAA Final Four in 1986.

However, Grambling State posted a 38-31 halftime lead and then turned the game into a rout to post the win.

The Ducks fell to 3-2 on the season, playing their fifth straight road game. Head coach Elwin Heiny felt the time the Ducks have spent on the road, coupled with last week's win over the Lady Tigers, contributed to the defeat.

"We did not have much intensity tonight," Heiny said. "We played tired and sluggish."

"We came in overconfident. We beat them last week and I felt that might happen. I tried everything to get them to play and to not take them lightly but it didn't work," Heiny said.

Leading the way for Grambling State was Karman Paul and Tarcha Hollis.

Paul led all scorers with 26 points and hit eight of 10 shots

from three-point land. Meanwhile, Hollis went inside to score 13 points and grab a game-high 18 rebounds.

Stefanie Kasperski led the Ducks with 22 points and seven rebounds and was named to the all-tournament team. She had 24 points and 13 rebounds in Friday's win.

Trina McCartney also had a good game for Oregon with 11 points and 12 rebounds, but forward Staci Wallenborn, who scored a career-high tying 19 points in Friday's victory, was held scoreless against the Lady Tigers.

The Ducks had an early 20-19 lead in the first half against Grambling State, but the Tigers went on a 19-11 tear the rest of the half.

After trailing by seven at intermission, Oregon pulled within 44-43 with 14:20 remaining, but the Lady Tigers iced the game with a 21-6 run to go ahead 65-49.

Saturday's game with

Grambling State was a complete opposite of Friday's contest with the Lady Toppers as Oregon was in control from beginning to end.

Wallenborn scored eight of the Ducks' first 10 points, and Oregon shot out to an 11-2 lead with 14:55 left in the first half.

The Ducks utilized a pressing defense to force 10 first-half steals and led 44-30 at the break.

Oregon continued to cruise in the second half, building a 53-32 lead early in the half as they rolled to the victory.

Besides getting 24 points from Kasperski and 19 from Wallenborn, McCartney

chipped in 15 points and freshman point guard Vanessa Selden added 14 points, six assists and five steals.

The Ducks close out their six-game road trip on Tuesday when they travel to Las Cruces, N.M. to face New Mexico State. Oregon's home opener is Dec. 17 with Northwestern.



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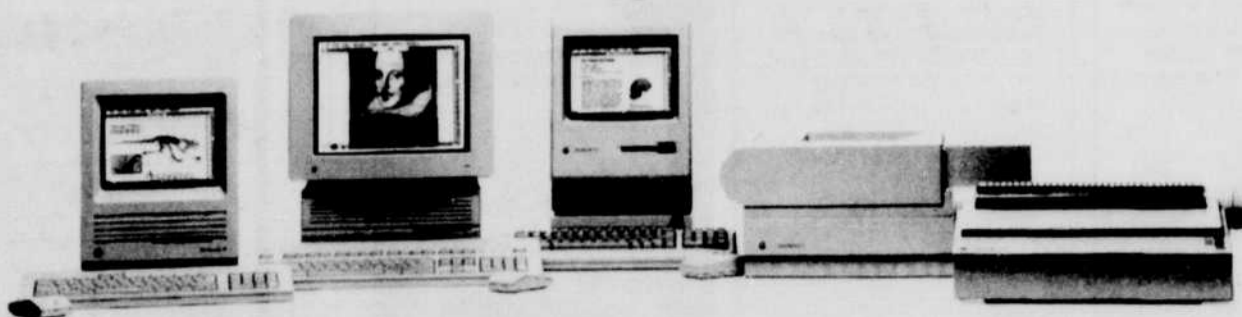
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