

Sports

Second half effort nets 80-71 win

Oregon's women's basketball team came back in the second half Monday night against New Mexico State to pull out an 80-71 victory.

The Ducks trailed 34-32 at halftime, but shot 62.1 percent from the floor in the final 20 minutes to improve to 4-2. The Roadrunners fell to 3-3.

Oregon ended a six-game road trip with the victory behind 26 points and 14 rebounds from Stefanie Kasperski and got 12 points each from Jennifer Bourn and Staci Wallenborn off the bench.

The Ducks dug themselves into a hole early, shooting only 34.3 percent from the field (12 of 35) in the first half. However, Oregon shot much better in the second half and got a lot of help from the free throw line, making 15 of 20 shots (75 percent) compared to a four of six performance for New Mexico State.

While Kasperski was dominating inside, Bourn was very effective from the outside.

The 5-foot-5 junior guard scored a career-high by making all four of her shots from the field, all from beyond three-point land in only 13 minutes of action. Bourn's previous career-high was five points in last year's NWIT win over Toledo.

Forward Trina McCartney aided the inside attack, tossing in 19 points, hitting nine of 11 free throws and also pulling down eight rebounds.

Wallenborn, who was held scoreless in Saturday's 81-63 loss to Grambling State, came back in a big way, scoring 12 points and snagging 10 rebounds.

After the scintillating second half, the Ducks finished the game shooting 46.9 percent from the floor (30 for 64). The Roadrunners made 30 of 65 shots from the field, 46.2 percent.

Colette Flack led New Mexico State with 20 points while Tracey Goetsch chipped in 17 points and eight rebounds. Andrea Kabwasa added 10 points



Jennifer Bourn

for the Roadrunners.

The Ducks now have almost two weeks off before their home opener Dec. 17 against Northwestern.

Oregon fell out of the Associated Press Top 25 poll this week after Saturday's loss to Grambling State. The Ducks, who were 24th, received 79 votes to check in at 28th.

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