

Sports

Ducks stop Payton — in first half

Beavers rally to post 69-67 win

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If there's anything certain in the world of Oregon basketball, it's that the Ducks, no matter how well they play or where they play, can't beat Oregon State.

The Ducks continued their streak of futility against the Beavers with an emotional 69-67 loss Saturday in McArthur Court.

Including the loss to the Beavers in the Far West Classic two weeks ago, it was Oregon's fourth straight Civil War basketball loss and their 23rd in the last 25 games with the Beavers, who improved to 5-0 in Pacific-10 Conference play.

"I thought it was a great college game, a great atmosphere and a great crowd," Oregon coach Don Monson said. "I'm just very sorry and disappointed we couldn't win. It's very disappointing for my players. I think they deserved better."

"I thought my kids played well," Monson said. "I have no regrets at all about the way they played or how they played or anything. Give Oregon State credit. They did what they had to do at the end to win it."

The Ducks, who dropped to 2-3 in the Pac-10, came out hot against the Beavers, playing nearly flawless basketball through much of the first half. Oregon forward Keith Reynolds scored in the lane to give the Ducks their largest lead at 20-8 with 11:20 left in the half.

But Oregon State, led by seven points from senior forward Earl Martin and six from sophomore center Scott Haskin,



Gary Payton drives against Oregon guard Terrell Brandon on the way to a 69-67 Oregon State victory Saturday night at McArthur Court.

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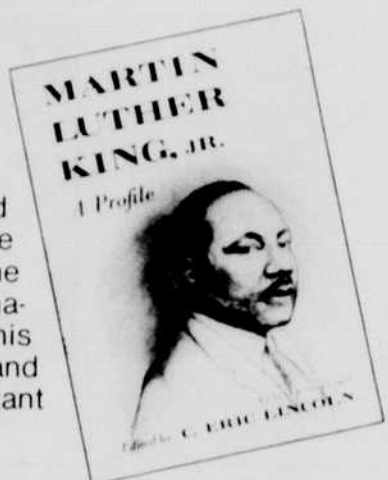


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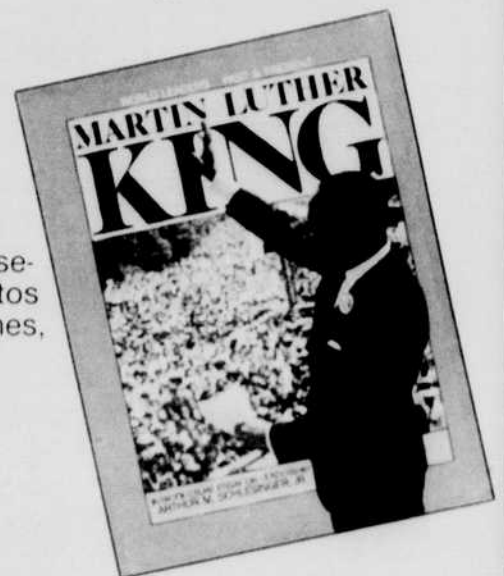
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