

Women cagers fall to Washington Ducks without three players on road trip

Karen Deden scored a game-high 26 points, including 16 in the second half, and grabbed a game-high nine rebounds while Traci Thirdgill and Amy Mickelson chipped in 14 each to lead 10th-ranked Washington to an easy 73-57 over a short-handed Oregon team.

The loss dropped the Ducks to 2-2 in the Pacific-10 Conference and 10-5 overall. Washington is now 4-1 and 13-2.

The game was played before 2,684 spectators in Washington's Hec Edmondson Pavilion.

The Ducks were without backup center Marne Smith because of an injury and without Staci Wallenborn and Vonda Anderson for disci-

plinary reasons. Wallenborn and Anderson have been suspended from the team indefinitely for undisclosed reasons.

Wallenborn and Anderson, both sophomores, average 9.3 and 7.4 points per game respectively for the Ducks.

Washington controlled the game from the opening tip, grabbing a quick 10-0 lead in the game's first six minutes. Oregon didn't score until 13:08 left in the first half when Trina McCartney hit a free throw to make it 10-1.

Washington led by 18 at 34-16 with 3:18 left in the half. But Oregon, led by five points by Vanessa Selden and four by senior center Stefanie Kasperski, went on a 12-6 run late in the half to creep withi-

12 at halftime at 40-28.

Washington put the game virtually out of reach with a 10-3 spurt in the first four minutes of the second half to go up 50-31. The Ducks could draw no closer than 12 points at 67-55 with 3:24 left.

For the game, the Huskies outshot the Ducks .438 to .400 from the field and out-rebounded them 41-38. In addition, the Ducks committed 20 turnovers compared to 12 miscues for Washington.

Selden led the Ducks with 21 points followed by Kasperski's 19 points. Kasperski was held to only six rebounds.

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"Playing Dion didn't drain me," he said. "He's a good post-up player who is hard to defend, but I thought if they lobbed the ball to him I would be able to jump up and get it."

Brandon then took over the offensive workload, hitting two consecutive three-pointers as the lead increased to 58-46 with 5:15 left. However, the Huskies refused to die.

Mike Hayward and Meekins converted three-point plays, and a 12-footer from Hayward brought Washington back within 60-54 with 2:18 to go.

From there, Brandon once again took over during crunch time.

He stole the ball with 1:10 left and canned one free throw with 56 ticks on the clock. On Washington's next possession, he picked off a pass and went coast-to-coast, sealing the game with a dunk.

Brandon finished the game with 21 points to tie Reynolds for game-scoring honors. He also had nine assists and one can tell that Brandon is the biggest difference from this year's team and the one that was 3-15 in the Pac-10 and 8-21 overall last season.

"He can take over at the end of the game," Reynolds said. "Even though this is his first year he's not scared to control things at the end and if you don't have that type of guy you can be in trouble."

"He can score and dish off to the open guy when he's not open," he continued. "I like playing with Terrell because he's a good passer and you know he'll get you the ball."

That, after all, is a point guard's job and Brandon has been doing it night in, and night out.

And on this night, in perhaps a game Oregon would have lost in the first half last season, it made Reynolds' performance much more spectacular.

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