

Outside shots give women convincing win over UCLA

Triple-teaming Kasperski backfires

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The perimeter shooting of Oregon's guards gave the women's basketball team a 80-66 Pacific-10 Conference victory against a tough UCLA squad Saturday night in McArthur Court.

Pac-10 Women			
	Conf	Overall	Games Behind
	W-L	W-L	
Stanford	8-0	18-0	—
Washington	6-1	15-2	1½
Oregon	5-2	13-5	2½
UCLA	5-2	10-7	2½
California	5-3	13-5	3
Washington St.	3-4	11-6	4½
Southern Cal	2-5	4-10	5½
Arizona St.	1-6	9-8	6½
Arizona	1-6	8-9	6½
Oregon St.	0-7	4-16	7½

Senior guard/forward Jacquie Semeniuk tied a career-high point total with 24 to lead the Ducks. Semeniuk shot 10 of 17 from the field and made four of five free throws.

Junior Jennifer Bourn came off the bench to light up the three-point line, canning four of six attempts. The 5-foot-5 guard added another bucket and two free throws to end with 16 in the game.

The three-point shot, which helped the Ducks to victory Thursday night against USC, is a weapon Oregon coach Elwin Heiny is quite aware of.

"I love the three-point shot. If you miss them or the other team is hitting them, they're

not so good," Heiny said. "It's a shot that can make you or break you. It's frustrating to play against and it's a thrill to see go in."

UCLA's tenacious defense forced the Ducks to take the long-range jumpers. Senior center Stefanie Kasperski has earned a reputation for using her 6-foot-7 size to score inside, and the Bruins knew that.

UCLA collapsed three players on Kasperski for most of the game, opening up the outside for the Ducks.

"[The Bruins] were definitely keying on Stefanie — double-, triple-teaming her — and we knew that we had to pick up the slack," Semeniuk said.

"They were giving us the perimeter shots and we had to shoot and rise to that challenge," Semeniuk said.

After UCLA jumped out to a 4-0 lead, the Ducks came back to tie at 5-5. Oregon grabbed a 12-5 lead at the 13:41 mark off a driving layup by sophomore Staci Wallenborn keyed by a pass from Bourn.

Semeniuk then caught fire scoring 12 of the Ducks' next 18 points. Freshman guard Vanessa Selden scored the other six as the Ducks ran off with a 30-16 lead with 4:45 left in the first half.

Bourn scored eight of Oregon's remaining 12 points in the half, including two three-pointers, to give the Ducks a 42-28 lead at intermission.

Semeniuk finished with 14 points in the first half while

Bourn had 11. The Ducks shot a perfect 8 of 8 from the free throw line in the half.

Kasperski, normally already in double figures at half time, did not even release a shot in the first half. The West German native was the first to admit that the UCLA game proves Oregon's offense does not revolve around her.

"I've always said we're not a one-dimensional team. Nobody really believed it," Kasperski said. "I thought Jacquie played the game of her life to-night. I thought every guard basically did. And that's fun. In the second half, it opened up the post."

The post did open up in the second half for the Ducks, but so did the Bruin offense led by sophomore transfer Rehema Stephens.

Stephens, a 1989 summer Olympic Festival star, poured in 12 second-half points to finish the game with a game-high 25.

The Ducks actually opened the half positively with Kasperski getting her first basket and junior forward Trina McCartney rolling in a driving layup.

That gave Oregon its biggest lead of the game at 46-28. The Ducks would again find themselves up by 18 points at 48-30 with 18:05 remaining in the game.

The next seven minutes belonged to the Bruins as Stephens led a charge that brought UCLA to within five at 52-47.



Photo by Kate Joost

Trina McCartney (44) battles for a rebound against UCLA's Michele Wootton (24) and Nicole Young (43).

A three-point play by Kasperski along with a layup on a feed by Semeniuk kept the Ducks up by six with 9:48 left on the clock.

Two free throws by Bruin se-

nior Michele Wootton and a tip in by Stephens cut Oregon's lead to two at 57-55.

Oregon rose to the challenge, however, and gradually pulled away from the Bruins.

Tennis team gets chilly victory

The Oregon women's tennis team braved sub-40 degree temperatures, wind and rain Saturday morning to take a 6-3 win over visiting Idaho.

Oregon won four of six singles matches and two of three doubles matches to take the win, which coach Tom Greider said could just as easily been a 5-4 win or even a loss.

"It's a big win for the program because we have to recruit against Idaho," Greider said. "I was really pleased with the intensity and the smart play we showed."

Oregon was quickly in a 1-0 hole as Idaho's Patricia Shanander beat Oregon's Kumi Nagamoto 2-6, 7-5, 7-6. Hilary Roberts answered for the

Ducks, taking a straight-sets win over Cathy Law by a 6-0, 6-3 score.

Amber Goheen took an easy win over Idaho's Marlene Forde 6-1, 6-1 followed by Idaho's only other singles win, a tough 5-7, 6-4, 6-4 win over Oregon's Margeret Fraleigh by Korina Heimburger.

Oregon freshman Shelley Brandt needed three sets to dispose of Idaho's Lynda Leroux 6-1, 4-6, 6-1. Oregon won the last singles match as Jackie Deford took an easy 6-1, 6-1 win over Karen Bladholm.

Idaho took the first doubles match with Law and Shanander taking straight sets from Nagamoto and Goheen by a 6-4, 6-1 score.

Roberts and Brandt came back for Oregon to take a 6-3, 6-2 win over Idaho's Bladholm and Heimburger. Deford and

Fraleigh ended the meet by taking a tough three-set match from Forde and Leroux by a 6-7, 7-6, 7-5 score.

One player Greider was quick to give credit to was Roberts. Greider pointed out that Roberts had been sick all last week with the flu, but came in and played well in taking a singles win and a doubles victory with Brandt.

Oregon travels north for a Portland and Tacoma trip to meet Pacific Lutheran, Puget Sound and Portland on the weekend of Feb. 16-18.

Duck wrestlers take third

The Oregon wrestling team placed third in last weekend's Cowboy Classic in Stillwater, Okla.

Second-ranked Oklahoma State took seven of 10 weight divisions to run away with the tournament championship with 159.25 points. Minnesota was second with 88.25 points followed by the Ducks with 51.5 points.

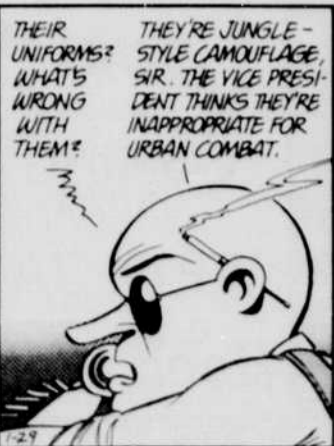
Joe Rissone, wrestling at 190 pounds, lost 7-1 in the finals to Oklahoma State's Randy Courture to place second, Oregon's highest finish.

Curt Strahm won in the consolation finals at the 177-pound division with a 9-4 decision over Cal Poly-SLO's Mike Kopp. Dan Vidlak and Strahm lost in the consolation finals at 118 pounds and heavyweight, respectively for fourth place in the tournament.

Pat Craig and George Johnston took fifth place in 142 and 150 pounds, respectively. Craig won over Central State's Todd Drake by a 5-4 decision. Johnston decisioned Central State's Johnny Nimmo 4-3.

Oklahoma State's Pat Smith, who took the championship at 158 pounds, was named the tournament's outstanding wrestler. Kendall Cross, also of Oklahoma State, had the most falls in the least time in the meet with two pins in 4:56.

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