

# Cold-shooting Oregon takes ugly win

## Reynolds leads way with 23

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Winning games as close as possible seems to be the rule for the Oregon men's basketball team and Thursday night was no exception as the Ducks narrowly defeated Stanford in McArthur Court 62-61.

Senior forward Keith Reynolds scored a game-high 23 points, 18 of those coming in the second half, to carry the Ducks to victory.

minute span.

Oregon gave up its lead 48-49 with 7:11 remaining, but not for long. A jumper by Reynolds put the Ducks back on top 50-49, and Oregon would not relinquish its lead for the remainder of the game.

Oregon's lead jumped from three points to one six times in the last seven minutes of the game as the Ducks and Cardinal traded baskets back and forth.

With 16 ticks left on the clock, Stanford's John Patrick hit a fade-away jumper bringing the Cardinal to within one at 62-61.

On the subsequent Oregon inbounds play, the Cardinal quickly fouled Reynolds. Reynolds, who came alive in the second half to salvage Duck hopes, had the chance to seal at least a tie should Stanford get another opportunity to score.

The free throw did not drop, and Stanford got the rebound.

"It's tough when you've got my best free throw shooter (Reynolds) on the line and one and one with 10 seconds to go and we don't convert it so they got a chance to win it," Monson said. "When your guts are lying on the floor in front of you, there isn't much you can do."

The Ducks' pressure defense resulted in Cardinal forward Andrew Vlahov, who had just two points on the night, taking a 17-foot jumper that missed as time ran out.

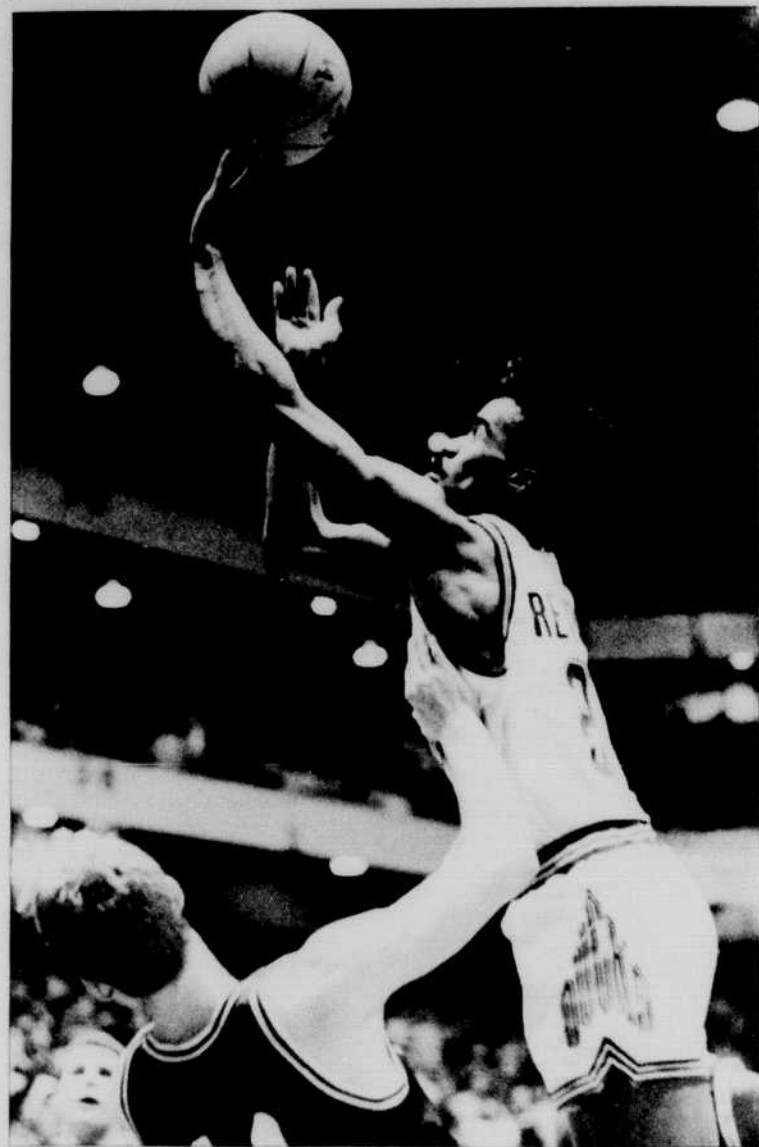


Photo by Sean Poston

Senior forward Keith Reynolds scored 23 points, 18 in the second half, to help the Ducks salvage a 62-61 win over Stanford.

Oregon had another win, though far from pretty, under its belt.

"Last year I don't know if we would have pulled that out," Reynolds said. "But this year, we have a good point guard in Terrell (Brandon) and a good outside shooter in Kevin (Mixon). We pulled it out in the last second, and we hung in there all through the stretch."

The Ducks now have won six games by three points or less. Three losses have been by fewer than three points as well, including a 56-58 loss to Stanford

at Palo Alto less than a month ago.

"I think basically it's the same game we played down at Stanford," Mixon said. "We shot a little better, but again we're at home."

Shooting was atrocious for the Ducks in the first half. Oregon made six of 24 attempts for a 25 percent shooting. Thanks to Reynolds, the Ducks brought the percentage up for the game to 42 percent shooting on 21-50 for the game.

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Pac-10 Men			
	Conf	Overall	Games Behind
	W-L	W-L	
Oregon St	9-1	16-3	—
UCLA	8-2	14-4	1
Arizona	7-3	13-4	2
Oregon	6-4	11-8	3
California	5-4	14-6	3½
Stanford	4-5	12-6	4½
Arizona St	4-6	11-8	5
Washington	3-7	9-10	6
Southern Cal	2-8	7-10	7
Washington St	1-9	7-13	8

A tenacious press by the Ducks in the last 15 minutes allowed Oregon to blow back into the game. With 15:17 left in the game and the Ducks down by 10 at 39-29, Oregon upped the pressure on Stanford and their inbounds passes with a smothering press.

"It's more of a gambling type of press than our original one," Oregon coach Don Monson said.

The gamble paid off as the Ducks forced a 10-second call, caused two Stanford turnovers, and took a 45-41 lead in a five-

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