

Ducks, Cal put on a show for Mac Court fans

But it's the Bears with the victory, 79-78

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Oregon coach Don Monson was right: It was a good game to watch if you didn't care who won.

Oregon and California squared off in a key Pacific-10 Conference basketball game Sunday afternoon at McArthur Court and gave the 7,945 in attendance and a regionally tele-

conference race at 6-4 in Pac-10 play and 15-6 overall. The Ducks fell into fifth place at 6-5 in conference action and 11-9 overall.

"It was a good game to watch if you didn't care who won," Monson said. "but we care about wins."

The two teams put on a tremendous show in the second half as Oregon rallied from a 38-31 halftime deficit.

The Ducks shot only .367 from the floor in the first half and guards Terrell Brandon and Kevin Mixon had only seven first-half points. In fact Brandon, who had been averaging over 17 points per game, had only one free throw in the opening 20 minutes.

"Again, we shot the ball horrendously in the first half and then battled back in the second half," Monson said. "We had a little trouble putting the ball in the basket in the first half. They're a good team and they played well."

Oregon's Keith Reynolds, who tied Cal's Keith Smith for

game scoring honors with a career-high 26 points and kept the Ducks in the game in the first half with 12 points, felt Oregon lost the game in the opening 20 minutes.

"We didn't play as well in the first half as we did in the second half," he said. "We had our open shots, but they were not falling. They were just hanging on the rim."

"Kevin Mixon is a good shooter and Terrell Brandon is a good point guard and they score the majority of our points, but they (Cal) were keeping the ball out of their hands," Reynolds said.

It was a different story as Oregon came out hot in the second half.

Brandon opened the half with a basket and then Mixon and Reynolds bombed in three-pointers as the Ducks knotted the score at 39-39.

The Golden Bears then went inside to Brian Hendrick and built a 54-48 lead with 11:18

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Pac-10 Men			
	Conf	Overall	Games Behind
	W-L	W-L	
Oregon St.	10-1	17-3	—
UCLA	8-2	15-4	1½
Arizona	8-3	14-4	2
California	6-4	15-6	3½
Oregon	6-5	11-9	4
Arizona St.	5-6	12-8	5
Stanford	4-6	12-7	5½
Washington	3-8	9-11	7
Southern Cal	2-8	7-10	7½
Washington St.	1-10	7-14	9

vised audience plenty of excitement before the Golden Bears prevailed 79-78.

The win puts Cal in sole possession of fourth place in the

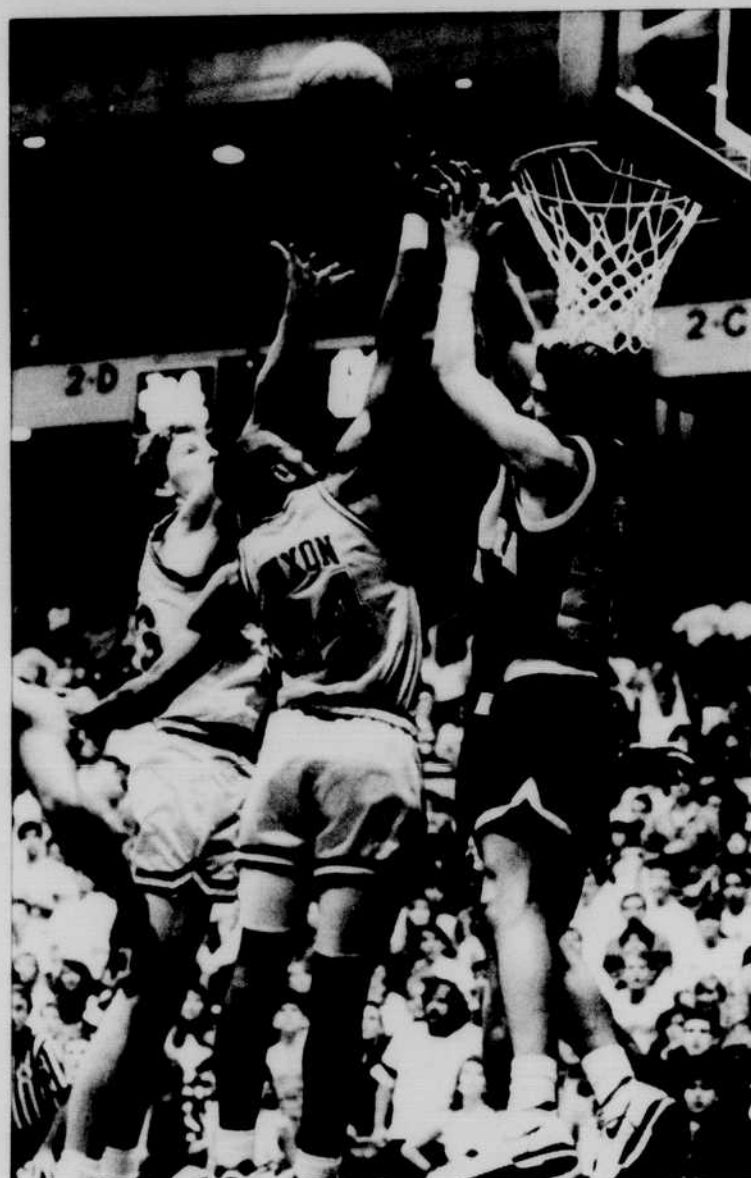


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Bob Fife and Kevin Mixon (24) crash the boards against California's Ryan Drew in Sunday's Pac-10 game. Mixon scored 21 points, all on three-pointers, but the Golden Bears won 79-78.

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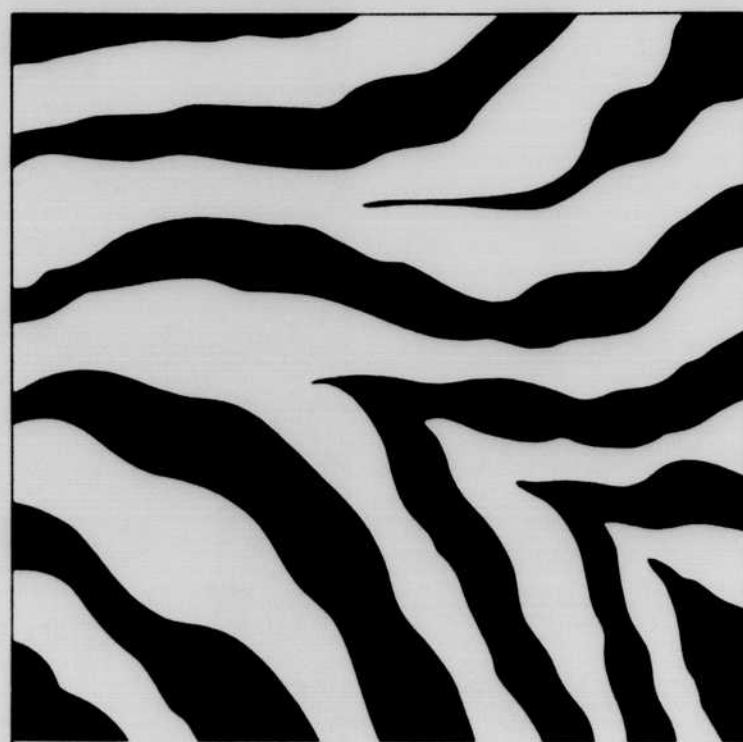
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