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with Oregon State ahead 57-54. He missed the first free throw, and Oregon had a chance.

Terrell Brandon let go with a three-point attempt and was fouled with five seconds to go by Payton. He made the first free throw, but missed

Lucas grabbed the rebound and the Ducks looked to be in good shape for a tie.

Lucas was sandwiched by three Beavers. Lucas appeared to be fouled on the play, but a jump ball was called when Lucas was tied up. On the possession arrow. Oregon State got the ball and the game was over

The play seemed reminiscent of the end of the Far West Classic final in December when Lucas grabbed a missed shot in the final seconds to be tied up for a jump ball on a play on which he thought he was fouled.

The same thing seems to happen over and over again." Lucas said. "It was a flashback to the Classic where I work hard for one rebound, but it's a judgment call by the referees

I'm thinking rebound on that play, that's my mentality," he said. "The ball came off and went over (Oregon State's Scott) Haskin's head. I went up strong and a flood of hands came down on me and they call a jump ball.

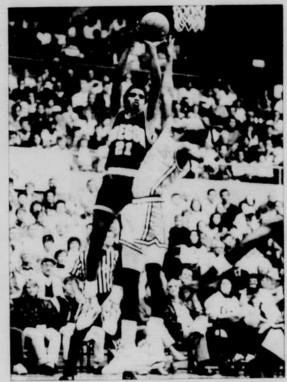
Brandon said he didn't intentionally miss the free throw, although he was hoping he might since the Ducks would have still trailed by a point. While other Oregon players and coach Don Monson clearly thought there was a foul on the play, the Beavers obviously had other ideas

I was right in the middle and I think he (Lucas) traveled on the play." Payton said

It all happened so fast, I really couldn't tell," Oregon State coach Jimmy Anderson said. 'That official had a good angle on the play and so I assume it was a good call.

Despite the loss, Monson was pleased that his team came back time and again to stay in the

I thought it was a good, gutsy performance



Keith Reynolds' jump shot helped pull the Ducks within 57-54 with under a minute remaining in Sunday's game

by my ballclub," he said. "They followed the game plan and did a lot of good things. Give Oregon State credit because they're on top, but don't take anything away from my kids playing in a place where they're supposed to get mopped

With the win, the Beavers improved to 11-1 in the Pac-10 and 18-3 overall to remain in first place in the conference standings. Oregon, in

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