

end of a one-and-one with just under two minutes remaining. Martin hit a 15-footer and a three pointer to help pull the Cougars within five at 67-62 with 1:27 remaining.

Washington State then committed three consecutive turnovers over the next 47 seconds while Oregon missed two one-and-one opportunities, made

three free throws and committed two turnovers of its own to take a 70-62 advantage with :30 left.

Fife fouled Evans, who made the two free throws with 20 seconds left and Martin stripped Reynolds near the top of the key in Oregon's backcourt and scored to make it 70-66 with 12 seconds left.

Guard Mike Helms hit one of two free throws with :05 left to finish game scoring.

Oregon missed seven of 14 free throws over the last seven minutes as Washington State fouled in an effort to get back in the game. Monson said that was a new experience for the Ducks.

"Let's face it," Monson said,

"we haven't been in a situation where they had to foul us to get back in the game. We didn't know how to act."

Washington State coach Kelvin Sampson, who is enduring his worst season by far as coach of the Cougars, said he was pleased with his team's effort.

"I was extremely proud of our basketball team tonight,"

Sampson said. "They played with a lot of courage and they played tough."

"I've coached teams that have won 22 games and I don't think I've ever been as proud of a team as I am of this team because of their effort," he said.

Brandon led the Ducks with 21 points while playing all 40 minutes in the game. Mixon had 16 followed by Reynolds with 15. Martin chipped in 17 for Washington State.

For the game, Oregon shot 50 percent from the field to the Cougars' 41.4 percent effort. Washington State won the rebounding battle by a 35-33 count.

Duck notes- Oregon travels to Seattle to meet Washington at 3 p.m. Saturday. The Huskies are coming off a 66-57 upset of 16th ranked Oregon State Thursday night. Oregon State's star guard Gary Payton, who averages better than 26 points per game, was held to just 13.

Tennis team goes Vegas

The Oregon men's tennis team jumps back into action today traveling to Nevada-Las Vegas for the Nevada Bob's Invitational Tennis Championships.

The weekend-long tournament features 16 teams from across the nation, including Oregon.

The other teams are: Auburn, Utah, Oklahoma, Southeast Louisiana, Wisconsin, Wichita State, North Mexico State, Weber State, Loyola-Marymount, Tulsa, North Texas, Northern Arizona, Utah State, and Las Vegas-Nevada.

Oregon will face four of these teams.

"It's a tremendous challenge, and some great competition," said Oregon men's tennis coach Buzz Summers. "Probably most of those teams are better than us, so if we should win we'd be happy to play over our heads."

The Ducks are currently 1-7 in competition this year. Summers expected his team would be 50-50 right now, but he blames that on some early season injuries and illnesses.

The Ducks have a young squad this year, and Summers is pleased with the output of the freshman.

"The freshman are playing great," he said. "We've got six new guys, and they're all playing really well. They've all improved tremendously."

Christian Oelke is the most notable of the freshman group. Oelke went from not even being on the 10-man squad at the beginning of the season and to Summers' current No. 5 player.

The women's team travels to Portland tonight to face the University of Portland.



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