

Arizona buries men in second half, wins 84-58

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Arizona might not have a Steve Kerr or Sean Elliott this season, but that doesn't mean the Wildcats aren't a good Pacific-10 basketball team.

In fact, Arizona has more weapons than the last two years when they were one of the best teams in the nation. Thursday night the Wildcats showed their strength by knocking out Oregon, 84-58.

The game was actually closer than the final score showed, but Arizona simply used all of its muscle in the game's last 10 minutes to easily run away from the Ducks.

"The final score was not indicative of the game by any means," Oregon coach Don Monson said. "They have a lot of weapons. I have no regrets about this game except for the final score."

"Our kids played well and followed the game plan, we just didn't have enough," he added.

Six different Wildcats scored in double figures as Arizona improved to 14-3 in the Pac-10 and 20-6 overall. The Ducks dropped to 10-7 in conference play and 15-11 overall.

Oregon slowed the pace of the game early and

tried to deny the Wildcats their strength — the inside play of Jud Buechler, Sean Rooks, Ed Stokes and Brian Williams. The strategy worked as the foursome had only 14 points by halftime.

But guard Matt Othick made the Ducks pay by hitting five of six three-pointers in the opening 20 minutes and had 15 points by intermission as Arizona led 33-28 at the break.

"If Othick's not hitting those threes, well then we're right there," Monson said. "I've always been opposed to the three-pointer; maybe I'm not as opposed to it as much now, but the line's too close."

"I've said it before, and I'll say it again," he added, "but when you're having junior high boys shooting from that distance and high school girls and high school boys shooting from that distance, and then you have these caliber of athletes shooting from that same distance, well that's too easy."

The Wildcats other guard, Matt Muehlebach, got things going in the second half with four points as the Wildcats pushed the lead to 39-28.

Oregon responded with a brief run to pull within 40-36, but Arizona went off again to take an 11-point lead at 50-39, capping the run with a Muehlebach trey.

Suddenly the McKale Center crowd of 13,625

sensed the Wildcats' 46th straight home win was just a matter of time, and they were right.

Rooks and Williams started getting the ball in low and scored 14 of Arizona's next 21 points as the lead ballooned to 71-53. All the Ducks could do was stand and watch. That is all except Terrell Brandon and Kevin Mixon.

Brandon injured his ankle in the team's shootaround Thursday afternoon, but looked fine in the first half, scoring 10 points.

But in the second half, Brandon made only one field goal and hit only two of six free throws to finish with 14 points.

"Terrell played hard, but was hampered in the second half," Monson said. "Terrell was just not effective with that ankle in the second half."

Mixon hit five of six treys on the night, including three early in the second half to keep Oregon in the contest, and even had a four-point play after being fouled on one three-point shot.

However, Mixon collided with an Arizona player late in the game, and turned his left knee. He iced the injury down, but his status for Saturday's game with Arizona State was uncertain after the game.

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Skenky Wench - Road trip today (yes!) RHPS road trip this Saturday. Call me Whip Cream

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TO THE women who called to me outside Mac gym entrance, 2/28 - sorry I didn't hear you till too late, day-dreaming. Flattered. Second chance? 688-6056 Dave

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CANDY

Thanks for putting up with all my crap. Hang on till Spring Break dude. Mexico beckons. That MARY MEATY MARY MARY (B) We wanted to take this opportunity to wish our love stud puppy a VERY birthday. Pin us, prickie us, bite us, we'll always heart you savagely. Luv n' trusses C&B

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Will this be the scene tonite?

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S.B. You defy explanation and cause great pitter patter in my thoracic cavity. Crew Girl

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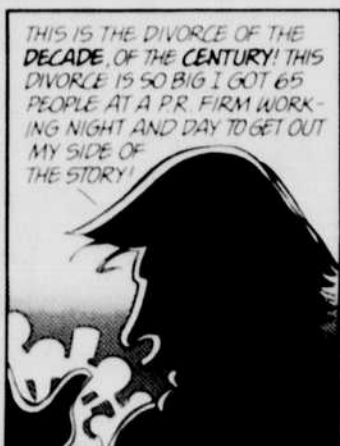
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