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Oregon drops two games on East Coast trip

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The Oregon women's basketball team found that two East Coast schools were not so giving over the holiday weekend, as the Ducks fell in a pair of games to open their season.

St. Joseph's greeted Oregon Friday night in Philadelphia with a 76-70 loss, the first time in five years that the Ducks fell in their regular season opener. The Hawks' eight three-point shots headlined their victory over the Ducks.

With 7:21 remaining in the contest and the score locked at 57-57. St. Joseph's guard Rita Balaban hit three of her game-high 17 points on a threepointer that gave her team a lead it never relinquished.

Hawks' forward Wendy Brink followed Balaban's shot with a three of her own, which gave St. Joseph's a sixpoint lead.

Oregon opened the game with an 18-9 lead, but the Hawks went on an 18-6 scoring run to climb ahead late in the first half. The Ducks battled back, however, to top St. Joseph's on a 10-2 run of their own for a 34-29 Oregon lead.

The Ducks kept their grip on the lead until 14:07 of the second half when the Hawks grabbed a 48-47 advantage.

Despite shooting better than the

Hawks from the field. Oregon's weaknesses shown through in being outrebounded, 42-32, and outgunned from three-point land by St. Joseph's.

"The key to the outcome was the rebounding where we allowed St. Joseph's a lot of offensive boards," said Coach Elwin Heiny. "They got a lot of second shots from their offensive rebounds which resulted in a lot of points."

Freshman Debbie Sporcich hit on eight of 13 field goal attempts for a team-high 16 points for the Ducks.

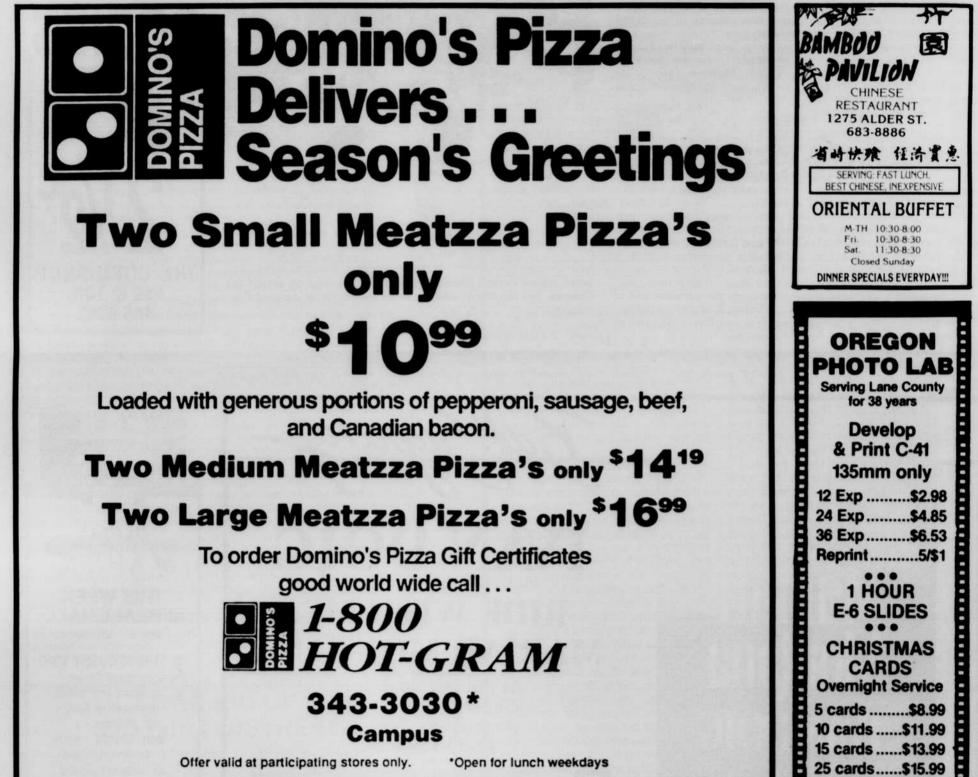
After failing to hold on to its early

lead. Oregon played sloppy basketball in the first half and lost to 23rd-ranked Rutgers. 70-58. Saturday night in New Jersey.

The Ducks owned a comfortable 16-8 lead midway through the opening half but surrendered its advantage to a 16-1 Lady Knights' scoring spree.

Rutgers forward Vicky Picott ignited the charge with six of her game-high 16 points during this run, which put the Knights in front, 24-17.

Poor ball handling, shooting, and rebounding drastically hurt the Ducks against Rutgers.



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