

SPORTS

Ducks lose third on three-pointers

By Robert Weber
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The old adage you live by the jumper and die by the jumper was never more evident than Saturday's Oregon-Missouri game.

The Ducks managed to hit only four of 16 three-point bombs, falling to the Tigers 65-58 before 13,330 fans in one of the nation's toughest places: Missouri's Hearnes Center.

Although Oregon, which fell to 0-2 in counting games and deserves credit for playing tough on the road against the 23rd-ranked team in the country, still can't get over the hump to win close games.

"Winning is the name of the game and we just didn't get the job done," Oregon Coach Don Monson said.

The Ducks' four games this year (two counting games and two exhibitions) have been decided by a total of 13 points, with the Ducks losing three of the four games. Tough losses and close games make for a frustrated Monson.

"We gave a good effort," Monson said, "but people don't really care whether you had a good effort or played hard, they just want to know the final score."

On offense, it was the Terrell Brandon show for the Ducks.

Oregon's junior all-conference guard was 12 of 20 from the floor, finishing with 27 points, five assists, four rebounds and six steals. However, it was another story for backcourt mate Kevin Mixon.

Mixon, the team's premier long-range bomber,

struggled from the field all day, connecting on just two of nine three-point attempts and finishing with only six points.

"Kevin's a shooter," Monson said, "and when they don't fall there's nothing you can do about it. If he had hit a couple of the three-pointers he attempted, it would have been a different ball game."

Oregon had its chance early on, holding a 25-18 lead late in the first half, as Brandon hit for 18 of his 27 points in the first 20 minutes. But the Ducks went into the locker room trailing 32-31 after Melvin Booker's three-pointer at the buzzer.

The Tigers jumped out to a quick lead in the second half and the Ducks weren't able to stage a comeback.

Rebounding was a big factor for Oregon, as Missouri grabbed 20 offensive rebounds and out-rebounded the Ducks 41-32.

"The rebounding really hurt us," Monson said. "I thought we did a decent job in the second half but they really hurt us in the first."

Three Tigers, led by Chris Heller, finished in double digits in rebounds. Heller had 14 boards while Jevon Crudup and Doug Smith grabbed 10 apiece.

Heller's 14 rebounds included nine offensive, but he only tallied nine points on four of 13 shooting from the floor. However, if it wasn't Heller crashing the boards, it was the all-American Smith.

The 6-foot-10 senior forward scored 20 of his team's first 26 points before finishing the game

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Women halt losing streak on road

By Jake Berg
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Oregon's women's basketball team won its first games of the season, halting a seven-game road losing streak with a 62-60 win over Weber State Friday, and a 74-60 triumph at Gonzaga on Sunday.

The victory evened the Ducks' record at 2-2, giving them their first wins away from McArthur Court since a Feb. 3 road win last season.

Opening with a 10-0 lead, the Ducks took control of Gonzaga (1-5), from the start, never trailing or tying in the Spokane, Wash. contest.

Guard Missy Stowell gave the Ducks their biggest lead of the first half, 31-20, when she canned an 18-footer with 8:36 left. The Zags stormed back to within three on a 7-0 run, and were down by the same margin

at the halftime buzzer, 39-36.

Oregon quickly regained its composure, and with a five-point lead again in hand, held off Gonzaga the rest of the game.

Freshman forward Debbie Sporcich's free throws at 13:15 in the second half extended the Oregon lead to five, and the Zags failed to get within that many points the remainder of the game.

The 14-point final differential proved to be the largest lead of the game for Oregon as the Ducks took advantage of a miserable six of 25 second-half shooting performance by Gonzaga.

Sporcich led all scorers with a career-high 22 points for the Ducks, dominating the glass by grabbing 10 rebounds.

Unfortunately for Gonzaga, Oregon sophomore Vanessa Selden also had a career night.

The 5-foot-7 guard dished out a game-high nine assists, hit for 14 points and had eight rebounds. Junior Staci Wallenborn scored 16 and snared nine boards.

One particular downside of Oregon's play was its 31 turnovers.

Wallenborn's jumper with 36 seconds left Friday night put the Ducks ahead for good, 62-57, after a furious Weber State comeback nearly downed Oregon.

Leading 54-47, Oregon let the Wildcats back in the game on a 7-0 run that tied the game at 54 with under three minutes left. Sporcich came to the aid of her team, though, and pulled the Ducks ahead on a three-point play with 2:23 remaining.

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