

SPORTS

Men win first road game over PSU

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Oregon finally won a men's non-conference basketball game on the road Saturday.

The Ducks, losers of 11 straight non-conference games away from McArthur Court since 1986, ended that skid by defeating 0-5 Portland 68-61 in the Chiles Center Saturday night. Oregon is now 2-3.

The win over the Pilots, from the West Coast Athletic Conference, probably wasn't big enough for some, but was good enough for Coach Don Monson, who had his team playing their third game of the week.

"It's a big sigh of relief," Monson said. "This is kind of one of those situations where you have to win and it's not big enough."

Oregon had just come off a

95-81 loss to Utah on Thursday night and the Ducks definitely looked tired at times on Saturday.

The Ducks had started the game in a man-to-man defense with center Richard Lucas on Roth. Once Monson changed to a zone defense, Oregon was able to overcome Portland's quick start.

"We've had a tough time getting going, especially on the road," Monson said. "The shots they were hitting were long ones. Lucas wasn't use to going out that far (to guard Roth)."

Once Oregon got out in front, the second half wasn't much trouble.

The Ducks built the lead up to 43-35 early in the half before the Pilots pulled within 45-43. But from there, Oregon quickly got the lead to 10 at 53-43.

When Jordy Lyden scored and Kevin Mixon drilled a three-pointer, the lead was at 15, 60-45.

Oregon coasted from there behind Brandon and Lucas. Brandon scored a team-high 21 points and Lucas has 19 points and 14 rebounds, both season-highs.

OREGON (68)

Lyden 4-8, 1-3, 10, Fife 1-3, 1-2, 3, Lucas 7-13, 5-11, 19, Brandon 6-19, 9-9, 21, Mixon 4-9, 2-2, 13, Jordan 0-0, 0-0, 0, Patterson 0-1, 0-0, 0, Blair 1-1, 0-0, 2, Totals 23-54, 18-27, 68.

PORTLAND (61)

Houle 2-6, 0-0, 4, Roth 8-18, 1-2, 23, Gray 4-6, 1-2, 9, Spoelstra 3-10, 0-0, 7, Deaton 3-6, 0-0, 7, Mason 0-2, 0-1, 0, Payne 3-7, 0-0, 6, Mueller 0-2, 0-0, 0, Ranta 1-1, 3-4, 5, Totals 24-58, 5-9, 61.

Oregon 33 35 68
Portland 32 29 61

3-Point goals — Oregon 4-9 (Mixon 3-5, Lyden 1-3, Brandon 0-1), Portland 8-18 (Roth 6-11, Spoelstra 1-4, Deaton 1-1, Mason 0-2). Fouled out — None. Rebounds — Oregon 37 (Lucas 14), Portland 34 (Payne 8). Assists — Oregon 12 (Brandon 4), Portland 17 (Spoelstra 9). Total fouls — Oregon 14, Portland 19. A — 3,314.

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