# Ducks' fortunes change as Pac-10 play opens

By Jake Berg Emerald Sports Reporter

As winners of seven out of their last eight games, the Oregon women's basketball team had to feel good entering the Pacific-10 Conference season on Thursday. Coming out of the conference-opening weekend, Oregon may not be feeling the same way.

Prior to Thursday, the Ducks were 7-3 and only a loss to seventh-ranked Auburn had spoiled eight straight wins for Oregon. The Ducks had just won the Rose City Classic basketball tournament in Portland and had held their opponents to 35.6 percent shooting in their seven wins. But none of this mattered this weekend as California and Stanford crushed the visiting Ducks, 94-67 and 88-61 respectively, in Oregon's conference debuts.

Freshman Debbie Sporcich

and junior Staci Wallenborn combined to score 44 of Oregon's 67 points in an unbalanced Ducks' women's offensive attack. Sporcich's careerhigh 28 points on 11 of 16 shooting led the team and her 13 rebounds were also tops for Oregon. Despite hitting only 4 of 18 shots from the field, Wallenborn scored 16 points and also grabbed 10 boards.

Defending national champion and eighth-ranked Stanford outclassed Oregon Saturday night in defeating the Ducks for the Cardinal's 37th straight home win.

Similar to the California contest Thursday night, Sporcich and Wallenborn joined forces to score a majority of Oregon's points against Stanford. Sporcich hit for 20 points and Wallenborn tossed in 19 as the two combined for 39 of Ore-

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Pac-10	Women		
	Conf W-L	Overall W L	Games Behind
California	2-0	9-3	-
Stanford	2-0	8-3	-
Washington	2.0	10-1	-
Arizona St.	1-1	10-2	1
Washington St.	1-1	8-3	1
UCLA	0.0	5-5	1
USC	0.0	5.4	1
Arizona	0-2	5-10	2
Oregon	0-1	7-5	2
Oregon St.	0-2	8-4	2

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It wasn't just turnovers and mistakes that hurt the Ducks either. Oregon never was able to establish a running game, gaining only seven net yards in 26 attempts.

Forced to rely on Musgrave's passing all night, the Ducks were able to shred the Ram secondary and really were only stopped when they turned the ball over.

"The pressure laid squarely on Bill Musgrave's shoulders and as he has done many, many, many, many times in his career, he took the challenge and responded and played a great football game." Brooks said.

After Colorado State jumped out to a 7-0 lead, Musgrave went right to work, hitting four different receivers on a 12-play, 79-yard drive that was capped by Anthony Jones' first career touchdown, a 16-yard strike from Musgrave.

Oregon added 10 more points in the first half on a 23-yard Gregg McCallum field goal and a three-yard touchdown from Musgrave to Burwell.

On both drives, Musgrave primarily went to Burwell, split end Joe Reitzug and flanker Michael McClellan, who was back at full speed for the first time in more than two months after undergoing arthoscropic knee surgery midway through the season.

It was Musgrave and McClellan hooking up again to give the Ducks a 25-19 lead early in the fourth quarter as Oregon finally got out of the disastrous third period.

Starting at their own nine, the Ducks went 91 yards for the score when Musgrave found a wide open McClellan over the middle for 44 yards. Musgrave then hit Burwell with the two-point conversion.

McClellan caught nine passes for 148 yards in the game, both career-highs and both Freedom Bowl records.

"I think McClellan gave our offense a dimension that's been missing for a while," Brooks said. "His quickness is something we missed obviously."

After Yert's score, Musgrave calmly brought Oregon, completing third down passes of 31 and 21 yards to Reitzug that led to Burwell's one-yard touchdown dive to make the score 32-31.

The Ducks went for two and the win. Musgrave hit McClellan in the end zone, but although his feet were in. Mc-Clellan never did get the ball in the end zone.

"My feet might have been in. but the ball wasn't," McClellan said "It just didn't go our

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