

SPORTS

Two 2-0 teams meet in Civil War

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The heated Oregon State-Oregon Civil War rivalry takes on a little added significance Saturday in Corvallis.

Both the Beavers and Ducks are 2-0 after the first week of Pacific-10 Conference action with the two schools sweeping California and Stanford.

While Oregon State has won 24 of the past 27 Civil War games, Oregon beat the Beavers 78-71 back in December at Portland's Memorial Coliseum in a game the Ducks led wire-to-wire.

To beat the Beavers again, the Ducks must handle Oregon State's full-court pressure defense, said Oregon Coach Don Monson.

"We did a good job in the other game against the press even though we had 22 turnovers," Monson said. "Once we get in the half court area the thing is to go straight to the basket. We can't stand around and make casual passes."

Oregon State Coach Jimmy Anderson called the loss in Portland a "miserable game" by his team.

"We have to do everything better than we did in the first game," he said. "I know Oregon feels confident that they can beat us as a result of beating us in Portland."

With the Beavers playing at home in the 2:08 p.m. game, Anderson called it a "must-win" game for his team.

"You go back to the same old recipe, you win at home and scramble and try and split on the road, and this is what gets you into the upper echelon of the conference," he said.

Monson, whose last win at Gill Coliseum came in 1986, didn't say it was a must-win for the Ducks, but an important game if Oregon, 7-5 overall, wants to be invited to post-season play.

"For us, the end of the year record makes a big difference," he said.



Photo by Sean Poston

Oregon will need a big defensive effort from Bob Fife and Clyde Jordan (5) to beat Oregon State in Corvallis Saturday in a key Pac-10 game.

One of the biggest differences in the two teams this season is that Oregon State no longer has Gary Payton, who scored 30 points in all three Beaver wins last season, and was Mr. Everything for the Beavers.

This season the Beavers have a more balanced attack while Oregon's Terrell Brandon has replaced Payton as the Pac-10's dominant clutch player.

That was never more evident than in the earlier meeting between the two teams when Brandon scored 30 points, dominating the game late in the second half.

While the Ducks rely heavily

on the backcourt duo of Brandon (the Pac-10's top scorer at 25.9 points per game) and Kevin Mixon (14.2 points per game), plus center Richard Lucas (14.3 points and 8.9 rebounds), Oregon State has gotten scoring production out of everyone in the starting lineup.

Forward Teo Alibegovic leads the way with a 16.5 scoring average while guard Will Brantley (15.8 points) and center Chad Scott are key offensive weapons as is guard Charles McKinney, who had a career-

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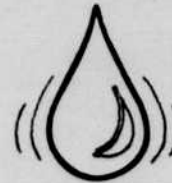
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