

Beavers use balanced scoring, rebounding to overcome Ducks

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CORVALLIS — Teams that win the rebounding battle usually win basketball games.

Teams that have a more balanced scoring attack usually win as well.

Oregon lost both battles Saturday here at Gill Coliseum and lost the second battle of the Civil War to Oregon State, 84-76.

The Beavers improved to 3-0 in Pacific-10 Conference action and sit all alone atop the conference standings while the Ducks, 2-1 in Pac-10 play and 7-6 overall, fell into a third place tie with UCLA.

Terrell Brandon carried Oregon as far as he could, scoring a career-high 38 points, the sixth-best scoring game in Oregon history. But Oregon State had four players in double figures and dominated the Ducks on the boards, 35-27.

"The big factor that did us in was rebounding," Oregon Coach Don Monson said. "They hustled and got a lot of loose balls and consequently we didn't get many transition baskets."

"In my estimation," he said, "that was the difference in the ball game."

The difference for the Beavers was the inside play of Chad Scott and the all-around play of Teo Alibegovic that allowed Oregon State to avenge a 78-71 loss to the Ducks two

Pac-10 Men				
	Conf W-L	Overall W-L	Games Behind	
Oregon St.	3-0	9-4	—	
Arizona	3-1	13-2	½	
Oregon	2-1	7-6	1	
UCLA	2-1	13-2	1	
Arizona St.	2-2	11-3	1½	
Stanford	2-2	9-5	1½	
Washington St.	2-2	9-4	1½	
California	1-3	5-8	2½	
Washington	1-3	9-4	2½	
USC	0-3	8-4	3	

weeks ago in Portland.

Scott had 14 points and eight rebounds in the first Civil War game while Alibegovic was held to five points and two rebounds.

But on Saturday, Scott burned the Ducks inside with 20 points and 15 rebounds, both career-highs, while Alibegovic netted a career-high 29 points.

One of Monson's biggest concerns coming into Saturday's game was trying to control Alibegovic, who had scored 49 points in wins over Stanford and California last weekend.

"I had (Richard) Lucas on him (Scott) last time, but Teo was posting up so well I put Lucas on him this time because Lucas is a better post-up defender," Monson said.

That meant 6-foot-11 Bob Fife had to guard the quicker, more aggressive Scott, and that worked to Oregon State's advantage with Scott grabbing eight offensive rebounds and scoring 11 of his 20 points off

offensive rebounds.

"Chad Scott played one of his best games," Oregon State Coach Jimmy Anderson said. "His force and quickness on the offensive boards could have been the difference in the game."

It could also have been a different outcome if Oregon wouldn't have had to rely on Brandon for half its offense.

In the first half, Brandon was all the Ducks had going for them as he scored 22 points and brought the Ducks back from a 37-23 deficit to within 43-39 at halftime.

While Brandon kept carrying the load in the second half, Oregon also got some help from Lucas, who had 12 of his 21 points in the second half. But Fife and guard Kevin Mixon never got going offensively.

Fife took just one shot from the field and didn't score before fouling out while Mixon took just four shots, and had all five of his points in the first half.

"I thought we scored enough points," Monson said, "we just didn't contain them and we needed better balanced scoring. Terrell showed you what a good player he is."

"I guess we relied on him too much," he said. "I thought Lucas played hard, but they took Mixon out of it pretty well."

Surprisingly, the Beavers played pretty good defense on



Photo by Sean Poston
Oregon's Terrell Brandon scored a career-high 38 points despite defensive pressure from Oregon State's Will Brantley (left) and Charles McKinney.

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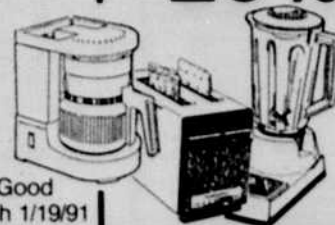


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