

# SPORTS

## Beavers post rare Civil War win

OSU ends 11-game losing streak to Oregon women, 74-58

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Forget that Oregon State had lost its last 11 games to Oregon.

Forget that the Beavers had won only once at McArthur Court since 1976. Forget the Oregon State team of a year ago that finished 5-26 and last in the Pacific-10 Conference.

Forget, and one may not have been surprised at what happened Friday night.

An underrated Beaver team walked into Mac Court Friday with an impressive 8-4 mark, and left the Ducks' home court with a 74-58 win that stunned the 1,354 in attendance.

Oregon Coach Elwin Heiny though was one of the few not surprised by Oregon State's performance.

"Oregon State is a lot better than anyone realizes," Heiny said. "They can get in the top five in the league."

Oregon State upped its record to 9-4 overall, and 1-2 in the Pac-10. Oregon dropped to 7-6 with its third straight loss and is 0-3 in the conference.

Rebounding and an intense Oregon State defense derailed the Ducks in the first half. In the opening half alone, the Beavers pulled down a monstrous 29 rebounds and forced 10 Oregon turnovers.

"I really think the rebounds and the turnovers that first half were the key," Heiny said. "It set the tone, it set the lead."

Pac-10 Women			
	Conf W-L	Overall W-L	Games Behind
Stanford	4-0	10-3	—
USC	3-0	9-4	½
Washington	3-1	11-2	1
Washington St.	2-1	10-2	1½
UCLA	2-1	7-6	1½
California	2-2	9-5	2
Oregon St.	1-2	9-4	2½
Arizona St.	0-3	9-4	3½
<b>Oregon</b>	<b>0-3</b>	<b>7-6</b>	<b>3½</b>
Arizona	0-4	9-4	4

Seeming to set a tone for the game, Oregon sank two break-away lay-ins to jump out to a 4-0 start. Unfortunately for the Ducks, it was their last lead of the game.

Oregon State ran off 11 straight points to put distance between itself and the Ducks, and though Oregon pulled within 13-12 on an 8-2 run of its own, the Beavers dominated the opening 20 minutes.

Guard Izzy Maryntschak was responsible for five of Oregon State's first 11 points, including the Beavers' first three-pointer all year.

The play of Oregon State's guards was somewhat unexpected, as the Beavers' inside game had been more highly touted, but Maryntschak and reserve guards Kathy Smith and Margo Evashevski dispelled rumors of a suspect Beaver backcourt by combining for 22 first-half points.

Of the Beavers' 29 first-half rebounds, the Ducks allowed Beaver forward Sonjhia Fleming nine rebounds and center

Natalia Mattick eight boards. The Beavers had 11 offensive rebounds, and many of those boards led to easy baskets and an 11-point lead at intermission, 36-25.

Oregon State exploded in the second half as it did the first, opening the half on a 17-4 run which banished any Oregon hopes of a comeback. Judy Shannon, the Beavers' leading scorer at 21 points a contest, hit for eight consecutive points on her way to an 18-point night.

Debbie Sporcich, who scored only five points and had but three rebounds at the half, hit an offensive rhythm in the second half and fueled a Ducks' run to counter that of the Beavers.

Sporcich worked her way inside to knock down five consecutive lay-ins during a 17-2 scoring stretch, bringing the Ducks as close as 10 points before Oregon State pulled away for the win.

**OREGON STATE (74)**  
Fleming 2-10, 3-6, 7, Shannon 8-16, 2-2, 18, Mattick 2-10, 4-9, 8, Maryntschak 6-11, 7-8, 21, Jones 0-4, 0-0, 0, Evashevski 5-9, 2-2, 12, K. Smith 3-8, 0-0, 6, Allen 1-1, 0-0, 2, Totals 27-69, 18-27, 74

**OREGON (58)**  
Sporcich 9-16, 1-2, 19, Wallenborn 5-17, 1-2, 12, McCartney 5-11, 1-4, 11, Bourn 2-6, 3-5, 8, Stowell 2-5, 0-0, 4, I. Smith 0-2, 1-3, 1, Wilson 1-1, 1-3, 3, Swadener 0-0, 0-0, 0, Campbell 0-0, 0-0, 0, Lillard 0-0, 0-0, 0, Totals 24-58, 8-18, 58

Oregon State 36 38 74  
Oregon 25 33 58

3-point goals — Oregon State 2-5 (Maryntschak 2-5), Oregon 2-11 (Bourn 1-5, Wallenborn 1-2, McCartney 0-2, Stowell 0-2). Fouled out — None. Rebounds — Oregon State 49 (Mattick 13), Oregon 41 (Sporcich 13). Assists — Oregon State 12 (Fleming, Mattick 3), Oregon 14 (Stowell 5). Total fouls — Oregon State 21, Oregon 20. A — 1,354.

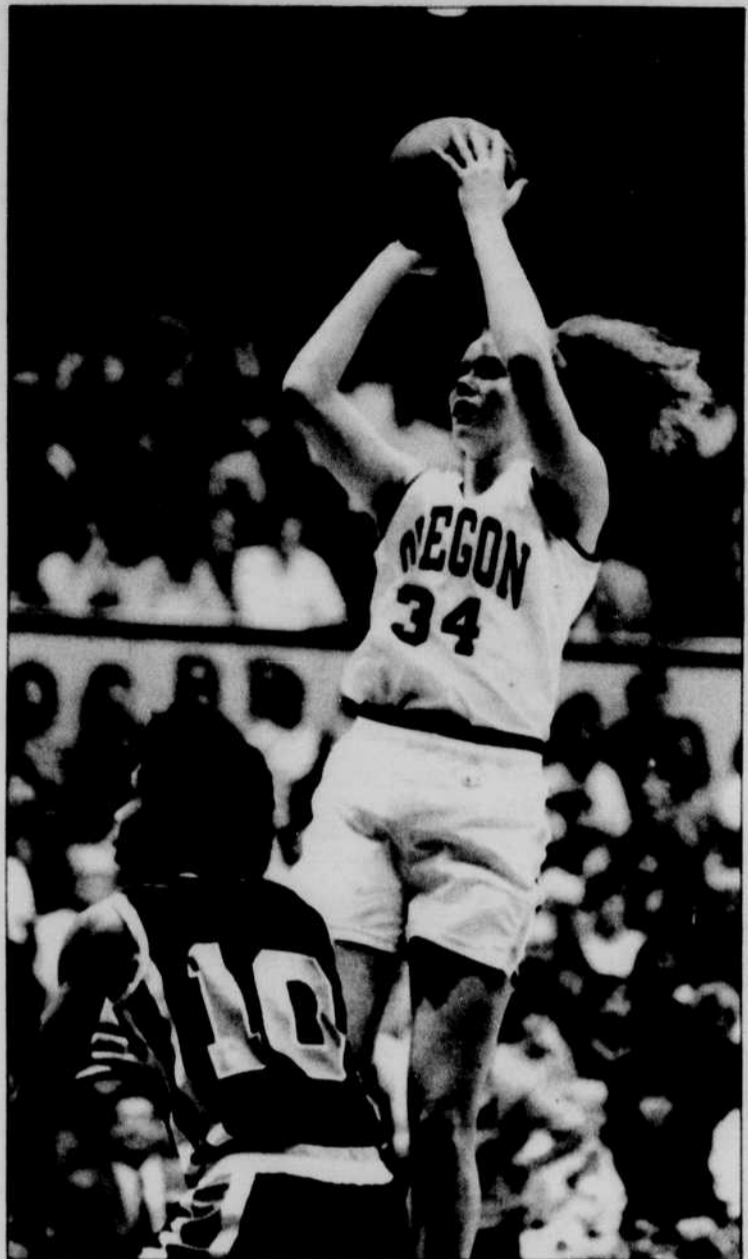


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Oregon's Staci Wallenborn had 12 points and 10 rebounds against Oregon State Friday night, but it wasn't enough as the Beavers won 74-58.

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