

SPORTS

Ducks give one away in overtime

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Oregon had so much to gain in Thursday's Pacific-10 basketball game with Washington in Seattle, but came away with nothing but disappointment in an 88-86 overtime loss.

Consider what the Ducks squandered in the loss to the Huskies:

- A tie for second place, with Oregon State, in the Pac-10 Conference and being only one-half game behind Arizona. Instead, the Ducks drop into a fourth place tie with UCLA at 2-2 in the Pac-10.

- A 14-point lead in the first half was all but gone in the opening minutes of the second half.

Oregon led 35-21 with six minutes remaining in the first half and still led 43-34 at half-time. The Huskies then opened the second half with a 15-6 run to tie the game at 49-49.

- A rare chance to win on the road in conference play. Oregon was only 1-4 overall on the road this season and won only three Pac-10 games away from McArthur Court last season.

- A balanced scoring attack for one of the few times this season. Terrell Brandon once again led the way, this time with 28 points and seven assists.

But Bob Fife had one of the best all-around games of his career with 14 points, 12 rebounds and four blocked shots, while Jordy Lyden came off the bench to add 10 points.

However, Washington's three-point shooting — the Huskies were 10 of 19 from three-point land — did the Ducks in.

"We could have won the game," Oregon Coach Don

Pac-10 Men			
	Conf	Overall	Games Behind
	W-L	W-L	
Arizona	4-1	14-2	—
Oregon St.	3-1	9-5	1/2
Stanford	3-2	10-5	1
Washington St.	3-2	11-4	1
Oregon	2-2	7-7	1 1/2
UCLA	2-2	13-3	1 1/2
Arizona St.	2-3	11-4	2
California	2-3	6-8	2
Washington	2-3	10-4	2
USC	0-4	8-5	3 1/2

Monson said. "I just feel so sorry for the kids because they played well enough to win on the road."

Monson wanted to force an up-tempo game against the Huskies, who came into the game as the top defensive team in the Pac-10, allowing only 66 points a game.

Oregon was successful executing its game plan in the first half, getting steals from Brandon off its three-quarters court press and dominating the defensive boards with Fife and Lucas.

In the second half, however, the Huskies begin breaking the press and Brett Merritt went wild from the three-point line, hitting five treys and scoring 20 of his 22 points in the second half.

"We had a good first half I thought," Monson said. "The press helped us in the first half but in the second half they got more aggressive and started blitzing the ball down the court, and that hurt us."

Lyden put Oregon ahead 81-79 with 23 seconds left to go in regulation, but Mike Hayward's hook shot with three seconds left forced the overtime.

In the extra session, Kevin Mixon gave the Ducks an 86-83 lead on a three-pointer, but a Merritt three and a free throw by James French with 14 seconds left gave the Huskies an

88-86 lead.

Oregon had a chance to tie but Brandon missed two shots in the final 10 seconds.

OREGON (86)
Jordan 3-7, 0-0, 7, Fife 6-12, 2-2, 14, Lucas 8-10, 0-2, 16, Brandon 9-18, 8-8, 28, Mixon 3-11, 0-0, 9, Lyden 4-7, 3-4, 12, Patterson 0-0, 0-0, 0, Totals 33-65, 13-16, 86.

WASHINGTON (88)
Meekins 11-24, 4-6, 26, Brown 1-5, 3-4, 5, Hayward 3-4, 5-6, 12, Merritt 8-15, 1-1, 22, French 4-8, 3-4, 14, Caviezel 1-5, 4-4, 7, Woods 1-1, 0-0, 2, Youngblood 0-0, 0-0, 0, Lautenbach 0-2, 0-0, 0, Total 29-64, 20-25, 88.

Oregon 43 38 5 86
Washington 34 47 7 88
3-Point goals — Oregon 7-19 (Mixon 3-9, Brandon 2-4, Jordan 1-3, Lyden 1-3), Washington 10-19 (Merritt 5-9, French 3-4, Caviezel 1-3, Hayward 1-1, Brown 0-2), Fouled out — Fife, Rebounds — Oregon 35 (Fife 12), Washington 31 (Meekins 13), Assists — Oregon 12 (Brandon 7), Washington 12 (French 8), Total fouls — Oregon 17, Washington 14. A — 2,506.

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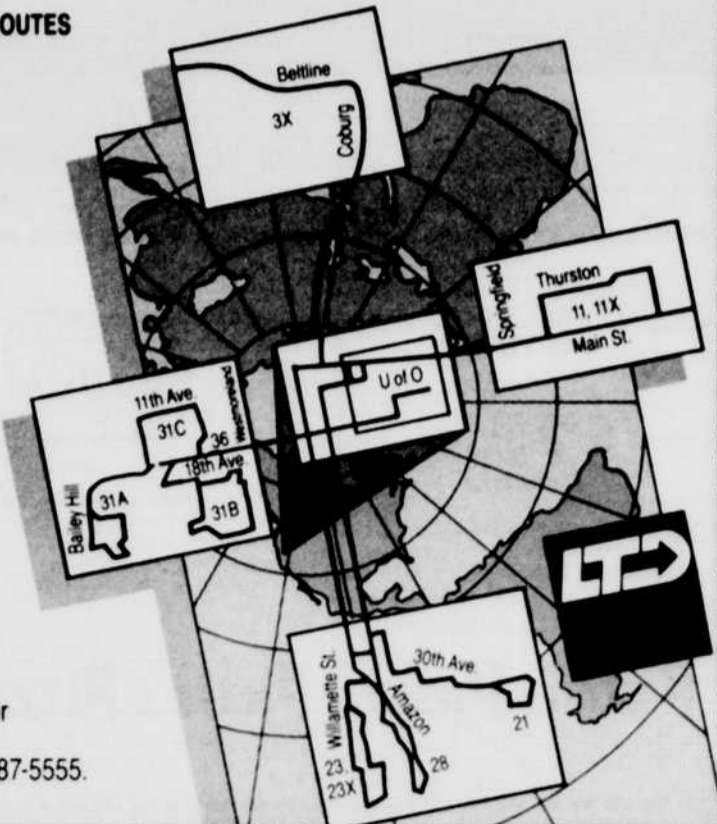
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