

## SPORTS

# Ducks take on underdog role against Beavers

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When the Oregon women's basketball team last played Oregon State in January, the Ducks were favored to beat the Beavers.

Needless to say, favorites had no bearing on the matter, as Oregon lost 74-58.

"We hated being favored in

games, so we wanted to create the underdog image," Oregon Coach Elwin Heiny said of the Ducks' earlier Pac-10 games.

"Now we are the underdog, even going against Oregon State," he said. "The first game (against Oregon State) we were favored to win, and now we are clearly the underdog going into this game. Seven losses do that to you."

Sunday's game features a rematch of the two teams, but don't expect Oregon State to be the underdog this time. The Beavers, 13-6 overall and 5-4 in the Pacific-10 Conference, are currently tied with UCLA for fourth in the conference and will host the 2 p.m. contest at Corvallis' Gill Coliseum.

Despite winning its last two contests, Oregon, 2-7 in the

Pac-10 and 9-10 overall, is still ninth in the conference after topping Arizona and Arizona State at McArthur Court last weekend.

Oregon played some of its best basketball of the season against the Arizona schools, hitting 20 of 35 three-point attempts in the two games, 49 percent of its field goals against Arizona and 48 percent over

the Sun Devils. The 10 three-pointers in each game set a school record.

Against Arizona State, Jennifer Bourn worked the outside for another Oregon record. Bourn broke her own mark of six treys in a game by knocking down seven of eight three-point attempts en route to a 22-point night.

"It was great," Heiny said. "If we can shoot like that again, we can be very good, but that's very difficult on the road. It comes down to the form you have that game."

Staci Wallenborn's form last week showed no flaws. The junior guard finished the week

### Pac-10 Women

	Conf		Overall	Games Behind
	W-L	W-L		
Stanford	9-0	16-3	—	—
Washington	7-2	15-3	2	—
Washington St.	6-3	13-5	3	—
Oregon St.	5-4	13-6	4	—
UCLA	5-4	10-9	4	—
California	4-5	11-8	5	—
USC	4-5	10-9	5	—
Arizona St.	3-6	12-7	6	—
Oregon	2-7	9-10	7	—
Arizona	0-9	5-17	9	—

with 42 points, seven steals and six blocks in the Ducks' sweep of the Arizona schools. For her weekend performance, she became the first Duck honored this season as the Pac-10 Player Of The Week.

Oregon State will counter with the league's second leading scorer and one of the Pac-10's premiere rookies.

Judy Shannon, a junior college transfer for the Beavers, averages 20.8 points, nine rebounds and 3.2 steals a game. Freshman Natalia Mattick ranks second on the team with 17 points and eight rebounds a contest.

In order for the Ducks to walk off the Gill Coliseum floor as winners Sunday, Oregon will need to shut down both Shannon and Mattick.

"(The Beavers) are right now one of the top five teams in the league, and I still think we can beat them," Heiny said. "We do have to play a good game, and we have to stop their key players."

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