

SPORTS

Bourn continues amazing three-point barrage

On a day of basketball games that may have seemed more exciting, a thrilling storm of women's hoops brewed in Corvallis' Gill Coliseum.

Sunday was featured as a basketball junkie's dream: the first meeting between the first and second-ranked men's college teams in years, a traditional matchup involving many of the world's best basketball players, and an overtime cliffhanger which may have decided the winner of the men's Pacific-10 Conference.

A game that went virtually unnoticed by all except those 1,020 in attendance and the television audience watching the game on tape delay Monday night was Sunday's meeting of the Oregon and Oregon State women's teams at Corvallis.

If you stayed at home with your remote control to watch No.1 UNLV beat No.2 Arkansas, Charles Barkley grab 22 rebounds and the NBA All-Star Game's MVP trophy, and UCLA choke away a win against Arizona, then you missed a remarkable Duck win on the Beavers' home court, and an even more outstanding performance from Oregon guard Jennifer Bourn.

Not to say that Sunday's clash between the two interstate rivals was anticipated to come down to the last shot as it did. After all, Oregon State had come into Eugene a month earlier and mopped McArthur Court with the Ducks, 74-58. But prior to the second meet-



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ing, Oregon had won two games in a row, its first two Pac-10 triumphs of the season, and Bourn's deft shooting hand was fit to be bronzed.

The 5-foot-4 senior was four of six from three-point land in Oregon's Jan. 31 win over Arizona and followed that up by hitting everything in a win over Arizona State two nights later. Well, almost everything. She did miss one three-pointer out of eight attempts against the Sun Devils, but the seven treys she did hit was good enough to beat her two-month old school record of six.

Following the Arizona State victory, a reporter asked Bourn how she felt about breaking her school record.

"I did? I did?" a surprised Bourn responded. "I didn't know that. Wow, I'm excited!"

What will liven the senior even more is the very real possibility of topping Oregon's three-point single-season record for a player. Michelle Eble, a former

teammate of Bourn's, hit 41 treys during the 1988-89 campaign, and with eight games remaining this season, Bourn is almost assured of assuming that school record, as she has already connected 39 times from behind the arc.

Coming into Sunday's game at Oregon State, Bourn was a player on a proverbial roll. And at Gill Coliseum, Bourn just kept rolling. Starting at point guard for the first time since her freshman year, Bourn kept the Beavers at bay, landing five of eight three-pointers for a game-high 18 points. More importantly, she hit a three-point basket when the Ducks needed it the most, hitting the game-winner with five seconds left, and a defender in her face.

Funny things, these wins. The Ducks have walked off the court as winners in each of its last three games, and Bourn has walked off after each of those contests with a three-point shooting percentage that won't stop growing. She has hit 16 of 22 attempts from behind the three-point stripe in the Ducks' three wins and leads the Pac-10 in three-point accuracy at 50 percent (39 of 78).

However, the 17 three-pointers she made during her first three seasons and her 39 this year currently total well short of Eble's school record 90 three-pointers for a career. The career mark is one record she will have to do without.

Monson named to Pan Am staff

Oregon basketball Coach Don Monson has been named as an assistant coach for this summer's United States Pan American Games team.

Monson, along with Ohio State's Randy Ayers, was named to assist Purdue coach Gene Keady, who was picked as the head coach last November. Monson was also the coach of the West team in last summer's U.S. Olympic Festival.

Monson has been at Oregon since the 1983-84 season, after a five-year stint at Idaho. Monson is 107-119 in his eighth year at Oregon and 207-160 overall in the collegiate ranks. He has had four winning seasons at the helm of the Duck program and taken three teams, including last year's squad, to the National Invitational Tournament.

Monson was named the UPI West Coast coach of the year after leading the Ducks to a 16-13 record and an NIT bid in his first season at Oregon. He was also coach of the year by the National Association of Basketball Coaches after he led Idaho to a 27-3 record during the 1981-82 season and an NCAA Tournament appearance.

At Idaho, Monson was 100-41 in five seasons and led the Vandals to two straight NCAA appearances in the 1980-81 and 1981-82 seasons.

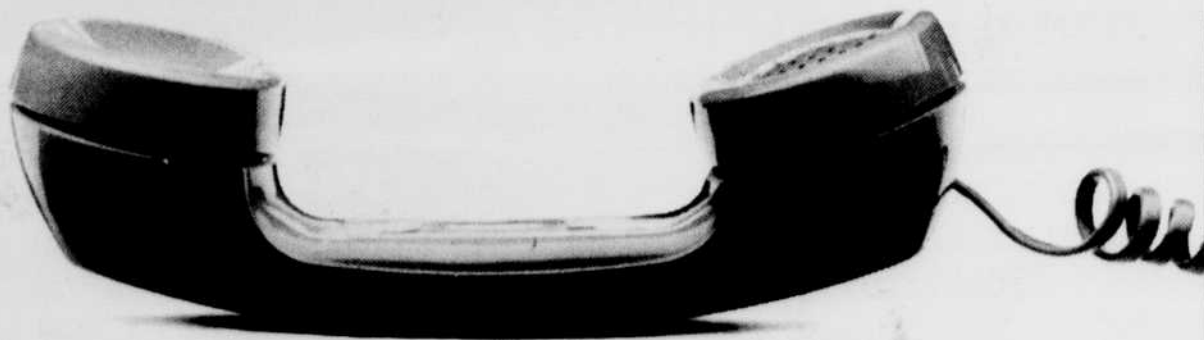

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