

## SPORTS

# Murray leads way as UCLA runs over Oregon

By Ashley Conklin  
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UCLA made it seven straight Pacific-10 Conference victories over Oregon at Pauley Pavilion Thursday night, this time by a 100-83 count.

Despite the loss, the Ducks remained tied for second place in the Pac-10 at 7-6 along with UCLA, Oregon State and Washington State. But at 12-11 overall, the loss may have dimmed Oregon's chances of making the NCAA Tournament.

Oregon Coach Don Monson had his team working on transition defense and rebounding all

week in practice for the UCLA game after the Bruins killed the Ducks in those two areas a month ago in a 90-83 win at McArthur Court.

Oregon did a good job on the boards this time, only losing that battle 44-42, but the UCLA fast break was too much for the Ducks to overcome.

"We did a better job there (rebounding) but we didn't get back on defense," Monson said. "I thought the tone might have been set early because we scored easy, but just didn't get back on defense."

"We had enough points," he said. "Any time one of my

teams score 83 points they usually get a win."

But not this time, thanks to the likes of Tracy Murray and Don MacLean.

Murray scored 18 of his game-high 27 points in the first half while MacLean added 17 for the game. Point guard Darrick Martin added 11 points and 13 assists.

"They just have too much firepower," Monson said, "too many guys that can too do much."

Early on, it looked like it would be UCLA's night the entire first half as Murray scored 13 points to help the Bruins

jump out to a 22-12 lead.

But Oregon roared back behind Terrell Brandon, who scored 11 points in a 15-3 Duck run as Oregon took a 27-25 lead with 9:01 to play in the first half.

"Oregon is a hard team to put away," UCLA Coach Jim Harrick said. "They always come back. They did the same thing to us up there."

It seemed like the Bruins were about to put the Ducks away when they grabbed a 50-39 halftime lead, but Jordy Lyden hit three three-pointers to open the second half and pull the Ducks to within 54-50.

"We changed our offense a little because they were doubling on Terrell," Monson said, "and he (Lyden) hit a couple."

"We got back to 54-50 and

then boom — we get a couple fast break opportunities and threw it away and they converted."

Suddenly a little four-point lead went to a 78-59 UCLA advantage with less than 11 minutes to go, and the Ducks were finished.

**OREGON (83)**  
Lyden 5-9, 0-0, 15, Fife 2-6, 0-0, 4, Lucas 6-15, 3-4, 15, Brandon 10-17, 0-0, 21, Mixon 6-10, 2-2, 17, Jordan 0-0, 0-0, 0, van der Veen 0-1, 0-2, 0, Patterson 1-2, 0-0, 2, Johnson 1-1, 0-0, 2, Blair 1-2, 0-0, 3, O'Neil 2-5, 0-0, 4 Totals 34-68, 5-8, 83.

**UCLA (100)**  
MacLean 8-17, 1-3, 17, Murray 9-18, 5-5, 27, Butler 2-3, 0-1, 5, Martin 4-7, 1-2, 11, Madkins 2-7, 0-0, 6, Tarver 5-11, 1-1, 11, Owens 4-7, 4-5, 12, Mason 3-4, 0-0, 6, Zimmerman 1-1, 0-0, 2, Richie 0-0, 0-0, 0, Paulsell 0-3, 0-0, 0, Kenny 1-1, 0-2, 3, Totals 39-79, 12-19, 100.

Oregon 39 44 83  
UCLA 50 50 100  
3-Point goals — Oregon 10-16 (Lyden 5-7, Mixon 3-5, Brandon 1-3, Blair 1-1), UCLA 10-21 (Murray 4-9, Madkins 2-4, Martin 2-2, Butler 1-1, Kenny 1-1, Tarver 0-3, Paulsell 0-1). Fouled out — None. Rebounds — Oregon 42 (Lucas 10), UCLA 44 (Owens 7). Assists — Oregon 20 (Brandon 6), UCLA 25 (Martin 13). Total fouls — Oregon 14, UCLA 12. A — 9, 122.

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## Women to host UCLA, USC

By Jake Berg  
Emerald Sports Reporter

Elwin Heiny has never had a losing season in his 14 years as the Oregon women's basketball coach, and he doesn't want to start now.

A losing season may become more possible for Heiny and the Ducks, 3-9 in the Pacific-10 Conference and 10-12 overall, if they aren't able to hold their own at McArthur Court against UCLA tonight and against USC on Sunday.

"It's not going to be easy," Heiny said. "These are both very tough games, and I would love to get two wins here because it would put us only two wins away from a .500 season."

UCLA, 7-6 in the Pac-10 and 12-11 overall, handily disposed of Oregon earlier in the season.

The Bruins' Rehema Stephens rolled up 34 points against the Ducks, one of nine games the junior guard finished this season with more than 30 points. She also hurt Oregon with her seven rebounds, five steals and four assists. Stephens is the nation's fourth leading scorer, averaging 27 points a game.

"Rehema is the best player in the league," Heiny said.

Freshman Natalie Williams, a

two-time all-American for the Bruin volleyball program, averages a team best 11 rebounds and is second in scoring for UCLA with a 14.3 average.

The Bruins' cross-town rival, USC, also beat the Ducks earlier in the season. USC boasts the nation's most highly-touted recruit in 6-foot-5 freshman Lisa Leslie. Leslie, who averages 20 points and 11 boards a contest, has been dominant against most of the Trojans' opponents this season, but was not a factor against Oregon.

The Ducks held Leslie in check during the first meeting between the two schools this year, keeping her to 11 points and four rebounds.

Oregon also will have something to prove in this week-end's games. The Ducks are coming off a Jekyll-and-Hyde appearance in Washington last week, shooting 52 percent at Washington State and then hitting only 29 percent of their shots against the Huskies. A 50-28 Huskies' rebounding edge also posed a problem for Oregon, Heiny said.

"We have got to learn what it takes to win games," Heiny said. "If we do not rebound and do some of the little things, we'll get beat. We absolutely did not block out at all against Washington."

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