

## SPORTS

# Oregon swept by Bruins, Trojans

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Following the Oregon women's basketball team's 67-44 loss to USC Sunday at McArthur Court, the sunny skies had Ducks' Coach Elwin Heiny's mind on another sport.

"Let's go golfing," Heiny said.

And no wonder. The Ducks' 23-point setback featured their second worst shooting percentage of the season and kept them reeling on a four-game losing streak, which includes an 82-74 loss to UCLA Friday.

Only 29 percent of Oregon's shots fell in the game, as the Ducks couldn't find any offensive rhythm in the second half. Out of Oregon's 17 attempts from the three-point line in the second half, two treys fell.

"We couldn't score; we couldn't shoot," Heiny said. "We had very good shots."

During the opening minutes of the contest neither team was shooting well. With only 10 minutes remaining in the opening half, Oregon, 3-11 in the Pacific-10 Conference and 10-14 overall, held its final lead of the game, a 10-9 edge.

But from there, the scoring finally picked up and USC owned a 26-22 halftime advantage.

When the Ducks had the lead during the start of the half, they appeared to be in control, and it was the Trojans, 9-6 in the conference and 15-10 overall,

Pac-10 Women			
	Conf W/L	Overall W/L	Games Behind
Stanford	14-1	21-4	—
Washington	12-2	20-3	1½
USC	9-6	15-10	5
Washington St.	8-6	16-8	5½
UCLA	8-7	13-12	6
California	7-8	13-11	7
Oregon St.	6-8	14-10	7½
Arizona St.	4-10	13-10	9½
<b>Oregon</b>	<b>3-11</b>	<b>10-14</b>	<b>10½</b>
Arizona	1-13	6-21	12½

that looked sketchy.

"It was terrible," Heiny said of both teams' slow starts. "(USC) was very sluggish at the beginning. It was a game that we could have won right there, had we been on the ball."

But the Ducks were far from being on the ball, and when the Trojans took to the floor in the second half, they took the game. After exchanges of baskets during the opening five minutes, USC put a giant exclamation mark on the end of the game by outscoring Oregon 29-11 in the game's final minutes.

The Trojans were able to run the court at will in the second half, as their transition game kicked into high gear.

"Transition was a fear from the beginning," Heiny said, "and once they got on a roll, everything went."

Debbie Sporcich, who scored 10 of the Ducks' last 12 points in the first half, was not a factor in the second half, connecting on only one basket from the floor.

Fellow freshman post Sara Wilson was the only other Duck to score in double figures, totaling 10 points off of her eight offensive rebounds.

USC star Lisa Leslie scored only 12 points in the contest, well below her average, and similarly Friday night, UCLA's Rehema Stephens, the fourth leading scorer in the nation at 27 points a game, was also held under her average.

But just as Oregon fell to USC's other weapons, the Bruins found ways to get by the Ducks without a great performance from their superstar.

Stephens hit only 6 of 19 shots for 21 points, so Wilson assumed centerstage against UCLA, 8-7 in the Pac-10 and 13-12 overall, scoring 20 points in the first half, an Oregon individual season-high for any half.

The Oregon center finished with 28 points on 11 of 13 shooting, and paced the Ducks right from the opening jump.

"It felt great, but I owe it all to the people who were passing it to me," Wilson said. "Elwin told us to get it down low, just take it to them."

Oregon's front line of Wilson, Sporcich, Iesha Smith, and Trina McCartney scored all but three of the team's 34 first half points, but even Oregon's big players were not enough to hold down the Bruins.



Photo by Andre Ranieri  
Freshman center Sara Wilson had a career-high 28 points against UCLA, but Oregon still lost, 82-74.

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