

# Rebounding hurts Ducks in loss

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The Oregon men's basketball team headed into this week's games with UCLA and USC with dreams of the NCAA Tournament dancing in its head.

Instead, the Ducks returned home with two straight losses, thinking an invite to the National Invitational Tournament wouldn't be so bad after all.

In dropping an 84-71 decision to USC Saturday, the Ducks were once again outmanned inside and fell to 7-7 in the Pacific-10 Conference and 12-12 overall.

The Ducks and Trojans are tied with Oregon State for third in the Pac-10, but the loss ended any realistic hopes of Oregon qualifying for the NCAA Tournament, considering the Ducks close out the conference schedule with a home-and-home series against Arizona and Arizona State.

The biggest problem facing the Ducks against USC was simple: rebounds, or lack of.

Led by Yamen Sanders, Harold Miner and Ronnie Coleman, the Trojans (7-7, 16-8) dominated the battle of the boards 50-33 and, in the process, set the tone early for the entire game.

While Coleman was grabbing 10 missed shots, a couple above his average, Miner and Sanders were busy setting career-highs in the rebounding

Pac-10 Men			
	Conf	Overall	Games
	W-L	W-L	Behind
Arizona	10-3	22-5	—
UCLA	8-6	20-7	2½
Washington St.	8-6	16-8	2½
Arizona St.	7-7	16-8	3½
<b>Oregon</b>	<b>7-7</b>	<b>12-12</b>	<b>3½</b>
Oregon St.	7-7	13-11	3½
USC	7-7	16-8	3½
Stanford	7-8	14-11	4
California	7-9	11-14	4½
Washington	3-11	12-12	7½

department with 16 and 14, respectively. Nine of Sanders' rebounds came on the offensive end.

Oregon fell behind early because it couldn't find a way to stop Coleman, who hit his first eight shots on his way to scoring 17 of his 24 points in the first half.

Terrell Brandon missed his first three shots before exploding for 19 first-half points, but it was too big of a load for him to carry all by himself.

His 29 points for the game left Brandon with 640 for the season, one more than Stan Love's school-record 639 in 1971. Brandon also broke his own single season record for steals when he pilfered three against USC, giving him 52 for the year.

Oregon received a big scare when Brandon left the game in the final two minutes after injuring his left elbow, but the injury isn't believed to be serious. Brandon is expected to be ready when the Ducks host the Arizona schools next weekend.

For all of his hard work,

Brandon earned the praises of USC Coach George Raveling.

"Brandon, you can't do a lot with that little rascal," Raveling said. "I can't think of anyone who shut him down. I wish he was playing for us. I'd love to trade for him. We'd give up our School of Engineering."

Richard Lucas, Oregon's 6-foot-7 senior center, tried to help Brandon by scoring 19 points and grabbing eight boards, but early foul trouble limited him at the defensive end of the court.

The Ducks fought back from a 13-point deficit in the first half to tie the game at 64-64 on Brandon's short jumper with 7:33 left, but they were outscored 20-7 the rest of the way.

"Hell, we battled in the second half, but couldn't keep up with them," Oregon Coach Don Monson said.

"They rebounded well today and I thought the tone was set quickly with the physical play," he said.

**OREGON (71)** — Lyden 2-7, 0-0, 5, Fife 2-5, 0-0, 4, Lucas 8-13, 3-3, 19, Brandon 11-22, 6-7, 29, Mixon 4-13, 0-1, 10, Jordan 0-2, 2-2, 2, van der Veen 1-1, 0-0, 2, Patterson 0-1, 0-0, 0. Totals 26-64, 11-13, 71.  
**USC (84)** — Coleman 11-24, 3-3, 25, Sanders 3-7, 0-0, 6, Cooper 2-7, 0-0, 5, Pack 4-11, 9-9, 18, Miner 7-15, 8-9, 24, Glenn 1-2, 0-0, 2, Boyd 0-0, 1-2, 1, Greeley 0-2, 0-0, 0, Chatman 1-3, 0-0, 3, Brown 0-1, 0-0, 0, Kante 0-0, 0-0, 0. Totals 29-72, 21-23, 84.  
**Oregon** — 38 33 71  
**USC** — 45 39 84  
3-Point goals — Oregon 4-13 (Mixon 2-7, Brandon 1-4, Lyden 1-2), USC 5-15 (Miner 2-5, Cooper 1-5, Pack 1-2, Chatman 1-2, Glenn 0-1). Fouled out — None. Rebounds — Oregon 33 (Lucas 8), USC 50 (Sanders 16). Assists — Oregon 17 (Brandon, Lyden 4), USC 19 (Pack 6). Total fouls — Oregon 18, USC 16. A — 3, B29.

# Wrestlers take third at conference meet

By Ashley Conklin  
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Oregon's wrestling team placed third at the Pacific-10 Conference meet completed Sunday night at Stanford, with four Ducks qualifying for the NCAA Championships March 14-16.

While Dan Vidlak, Scott Glenn, Darren Gustafson and Curt Strahm all made it to NCAAs, three other Ducks could make it to the NCAA meet depending on wildcard selections made by the Pac-10 coaches. The top three wrestlers in all three weight classes automatically qualify for the NCAA Championships.

Fourth-ranked Arizona State won the tournament for the seventh year in a row with 112 points, while Cal-State Bakersfield was second with 101½ points, just ahead of Oregon's 92¼.

Oregon Coach Ron Finley was unavailable for comment at press time.

Vidlak, a junior, won the 118-pound class for the second time in three seasons after finishing third a year ago. Vidlak, undefeated this season, was the top seed in the 118-pound class and beat Cal-State Bakersfield's

Pat Higa 6-0. Vidlak is now 19-0 this season.

"I just went hard and the points started coming," Vidlak said. "I didn't give him a chance to get into the match. I limited my mistakes this time and wrestled a little smarter."

Glenn, who recently dropped down from 142 pounds to 134 pounds to have a better chance at the NCAA meet, lost a 3-1 decision in overtime to top-seed Marco Sanchez of Arizona State, who scored a takedown of Glenn with 1:59 remaining in overtime.

The surprise of the tournament for the Ducks had to be Gustafson, a junior at 158 pounds.

Gustafson battled back through the consolation rounds after losing his opening match in the quarterfinals Saturday.

From there, he won four matches to place third, beating Bill Grundler of Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo 2-1 in overtime in the semifinals. In the third-place finals, Gustafson topped Cal-State Bakersfield's Brian Malavar 4-3 in two overtimes.

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