

Photo by Sean Poston

Oregon's Andre Collier shoots for two of his 17 points against Cal Poly-Pomona Thursday as the Ducks won their second game of the season 83-69.

## Ducks win second, now head for Japan

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An Oregon team that was playing with confidence after surprising Fresno State last Thursday made it two in a row Saturday night by beating Division-II Cal Poly-Pomona, 83-69, in McArthur Court.

The Ducks jumped out to a 45-22 halftime lead, and despite getting a little careless with the ball for parts of the second half under constant defensive pressure from the scrappy Broncos, Oregon never led by less than 12 in the final 20 minutes.

All five Oregon starters had at least 11 points, as sophomore forward Jordy Lyden led with 19 and guards Andre Collier and Orlando Williams added 17 each.

Clyde Jordan followed career highs of 17 points and 15 rebounds in the Fresno State win with 11 points and nine rebounds, while holding Pomona's leading scorer Chancellor McCobb to just one point in the first half. McCobb, who came in averaging 22 points per game, finished with 12 on 4 of 12 shooting.

Oregon senior center Chuck Patterson also had a solid game, collecting 12 points and eight rebounds in 29 minutes.

"It was another good experience for our club," Oregon coach Don Monson said. "I don't think there's any question in the first half we were a more confident team than we've been."

Although the Broncos (3-1) play a run-and-gun style the Ducks probably won't see in the Pacific-10 Conference this year, Saturday's game should prove to be a learning experience for the Ducks.

After using Pomona's fast-paced style to their advantage in the first half, the Ducks came out flat at the start of the second half, giving up three quick turnovers and seven quick points trying to play Pomona's helter-skelter game.

Luckily, the Broncos were still down by 18, and forced to gamble defensively, they gave Oregon enough easy scores to keep the lead in the comfort-

able range.

Pomona used a 17-6 run to close to 62-50 with just over eight minutes left, but Patterson hit a short hook in the lane to make it 64-50.

The Broncos narrowed the gap to 12 twice more — at 64-52 and 72-60 — but both times Oregon was able to come up with a big basket to defuse the threat.

Collier especially had trouble with Pomona's press in the second half, after breaking it for several easy baskets in the first half. The junior point guard had nine turnovers to go with 17 points and 10 assists.

"In the second half they started running a guy behind him and he had trouble picking that up," Monson said. "He lost the ball a couple of times, but he's doing a better job of making decisions."

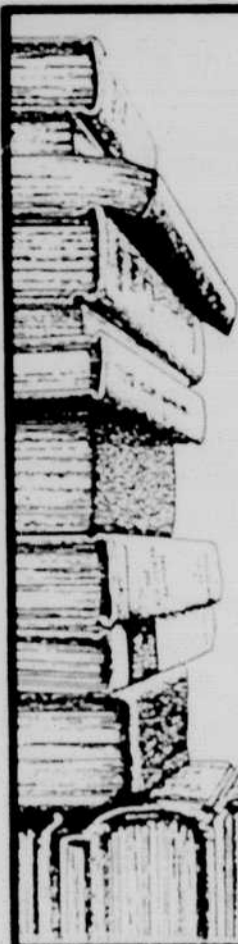
"We didn't attack their press as well, and they're more used to that up-tempo game than we are. I think a lot of it was us getting tired."

"They came out with a little more intensity than they did in the first half," Collier said. "But they had to. We wanted to control the tempo, but it's hard to pull it out when you get easy chances like they give you. You just need to learn a little discipline."

Oregon's defense was excellent in the first half, holding the Broncos to 23 percent shooting on seven-of-30 from the field, including an 0-7 effort from three-point range.

McCobb in particular was ineffective, as Jordan allowed him just four shots in the first 20 minutes, all of which were missed. McCobb did get hot for a stretch in the second half, after earlier being helped off the court with a sprained ankle, but most of his points came after the game had been decided.

The Ducks now take their 2-1 record, which may have seemed an impossibility after the embarrassing 39-point loss to Montana two weeks ago, all the way across the Pacific Ocean to the Daiwa Ball in Tokyo.



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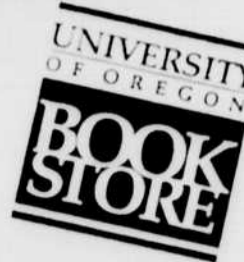
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