

SPORTS Stanford's Dukes downs Ducks

□ Men's basketball loses 78-57 to defending NIT champs

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Kings have kingdoms, but Saturday night Dukes ruled McArthur Court and the Oregon men's basketball team.

Peter Dukes, the Stanford Cardinal's sharpshooter, that is

The 6-foot-5 junior forward hit three three-point shots during Stanford's 15-2 run early in the second half, a stretch that broke open a tight game and ended Oregon's hopes for a 2-0 Pacific-10 Conference start.

The 78-57 loss evened the Ducks' league mark at 1-1, 5-6 overall. Stanford improved to 1-1, 9-2 overall.

Dukes' heroics came after Oregon fought back from a ninepoint halftime deficit to forge a tie at 40 with 14 1/2 minutes left.

Orlando Williams hit two three-pointers — his only points of the game — during the 16-7 Oregon run.

Dukes then broke the tie with a 22-footer, and just three minutes and two more Dukes' rainbows later, Stanford led 55-42 and Oregon never got closer than 11.

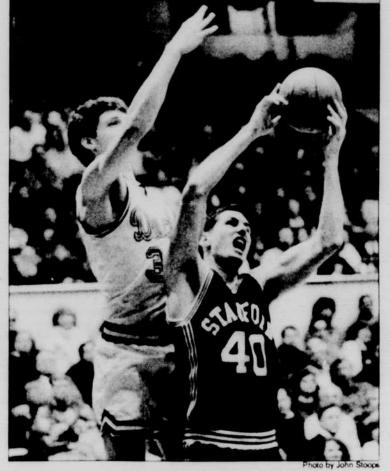
Dukes was wide open on all three treys, after setting himself up behind the line while Stanford's four other players broke Oregon's press. Dukes' shooting not only doomed the Ducks, but his crowd-taunting also angered the small but vocal crowd of 6,750.

"Those threes kind of broke our back," Oregon coach Don Monson said. "Dukes came back and we couldn't locate him often enough. He was just too wide open."

"It took a lot out of us," said Antoine Stoudamire, who led the Ducks with 22 points. "He moved around from side to side and we couldn't find him. We just broke down after that."

Dukes' shooting certainly played a big part in Oregon's demise, but it was by no means the only reason. The Ducks' longest offensive dry spell came at the worst time — during the Cardinal's decisive second-half spurt.

Between the tie at 40 and Damon Runyon's jumper that



Chuck Patterson and his teammates stayed with Stanford players like Paul Garrett for much of Saturday's game, but eventually the Cardinal was too much to handle.

brought the score to 71-52 with three and a half minutes left an almost 11-minute stretch — Oregon managed only two field goals.

That offensive futility, as much as anything Stanford's offense did, was responsible for the second-half collapse.

Monson said it wasn't just a weak offense, though.

"They were just too tough defensively and on the boards," Monson said. The Cardinal outrebounded the Ducks 47 to 30, including 22 from All-American candidate Adam Keefe.

"The kids made a good run at them ... We just didn't get enough good shots," Monson said. "Stanford's as good a defensive team as there is in the league."

Oregon certainly helped prove that statement Saturday, as it shot less than 34 percent from the field, including a dismal three of 17 from threepoint range (17 percent).

Stanford, meanwhile, warmed up after shooting 41 percent in the first half to hit 17 of 30 in the second half (57 percent). The Cardinal also made seven of 19 treys.

Still, the Ducks played pretty well in the first half and certainly proved they can play with the defending NIT champions, who are picked to finish as high as third in the Pac-10.

The Ducks' biggest worry coming in was Keefe, the Pac-10's leading scorer at 26 points per game.

Oregon held Keefe in check for the first 20 minutes, hemming him in with a collapsing zone and stationing Clyde Jordan — the Ducks' best defender — in front of the 6-foot-9 forward at all times.

Keefe didn't get his first field goal until almost 11 minutes were gone, and scored just nine points in the first half. The rest of the Cardinal couldn't hit the open jumpers that defensive strategy gave them, and Stanford made just two of 11 three-

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