

## SPORTS

# Ducks win Civil War with last-second shot

□ Oregon women's third-straight road win ties Washington for fourth place in Pac-10

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CORVALLIS — Missy Stowell saved her teammates from losing sleep.

The Oregon guard was twice a hero in an 83-81 overtime win at Oregon State Friday night, making two clutch baskets to tie and win the game. If the Ducks had lost, coach Elwin Heiny would have had his team up bright and early Saturday morning.

"I had already called practice tomorrow morning at six," Heiny said. "But she made it, so we're not doing it."

That's how close the game was. Oregon had all but lost the game in regulation when Stowell stepped up for her team.

The Beavers led the contest 72-69 with only seconds remaining and appeared to own the win. All Oregon State guard Missy Smith needed to do was dribble out the clock, but she traveled and gave Oregon the ball back with just seconds left.

The ball found its way into Stowell's hands on the play, and the sophomore delivered. Stowell's desperation three-point hook shot in the face of a double team went in just as the buzzer sounded, tying the game and putting it into overtime.

"Sometimes you get lucky," smiled Stowell, who finished with 12 points.

Well, then Stowell got lucky twice. She added insult to injury when her driving bank shot over Beaver star Judy Shannon fell with two seconds left in overtime, winning the game.

"For some reason, I didn't think we were going to lose," said Oregon center Sara Wilson, who had 13 points and eight rebounds, "even in the last eight seconds."

The win improved the Ducks' record to 12-5 overall and 4-3 in the Pacific-10 Conference, and Oregon State dropped to 6-11 and 1-6.

Heiny was as active Friday night on the sidelines as he has been all season, running, jumping and stomping his team on to its 13th win out of the last 14 Civil War matchups. But after Oregon's eighth straight win at Gill Coliseum, Heiny was just plain relieved.

"I'm glad Missy took those shots," Heiny said. "Missy is going to put the ball in the basket even if she has to dunk it."

It didn't take that much, but both the Ducks and Beavers did put forth quite an effort. The

first half belonged to Oregon, but Oregon State showed what the Civil War was all about during the second half.

The Ducks pulled away from a 7-7 tie early in the game by going on a big 33-16 run to complete their first-half scoring. Oregon led 40-25 at the intermission and even extended its lead to 43-25 before the Beavers went on a tear.

"We are very proud of the second half," Oregon State coach Aki Hill said.

The Beavers have every reason to be. Oregon State flew off on a 24-8 march to pull itself within one point of the Ducks, 54-53. Oregon got its lead back up to five again, but Smith's three-pointer at 2:25 gave the Beavers their first lead of the game, 64-63.

Oregon again led at 69-68, but the Beavers erected what seemed like a comfortable 72-69 cushion before Stowell's shot that tied the game.

"We kind of threw it away at the end," Hill said. "We've got to learn how to play 40 minutes and win."

Oregon has the same problem, Heiny said.

"This was not a very fine performance on our part," Heiny said, "but I have to credit Oregon State's defense."

The Beavers held Oregon to 13 of 31 shooting (42 percent) in the second half after the Ducks had lit it up in the first half, making 15 of 27 field goals (56 percent).

Oregon's defense wasn't too shabby, either, limiting Oregon State to 28 percent shooting in the first half and 41 percent for the game.

But give credit to Oregon's Staci Wallenborn, too.

Wallenborn scored a game-high 28 points, grabbed 11 rebounds and dished out five assists.

With good reason. Despite the traditional Civil War hype to win the game, the victory moved Oregon into a tie for fourth place in the Pac-10 with Washington. The triumph was also Oregon's third-straight conference road win, a feat the Ducks haven't accomplished since the 1986-87 season.

To boot, Oregon's win gave Heiny his 299th victory at the Oregon helm. The 16-year head coach will get a shot at No. 300 in the Ducks' next game Thursday against California at McArthur Court.

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Oregon's Missy Stowell (25), gets airborne as Sara Wilson (44) and Oregon State's Judy Shannon (55) stake rebound positions Friday night in Corvallis.



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## Duck wrestlers fall to SOSC

The Southern Oregon State wrestling team beat 24th-ranked Oregon 19-15 Saturday in Ashland.

The NAIA Raiders improved to 6-2, and the Ducks dropped to 7-4 on the year.

Dan Vidlak continued his stellar senior year Saturday. The third-ranked 118-pounder won in a technical fall over Southern's Harlean Williams, 4-21-6.

Jarrett Clark decisioned Denny Walters 12-2 in the 126-

pound class to extend the Ducks' lead, but that's when Oregon began to fall apart.

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