

Comeback lifts Ducks, 65-60

The Oregon women's basketball team redeemed itself Saturday night.

The Ducks, who dropped a three-point decision in the last seconds at Washington Thursday, turned the tables on Washington State Saturday by scoring the game's final eight points for a 65-60 win.

Staci Wallenborn hit a threepointer with 40 seconds remaining to put Oregon up 61-60. Oregon guards Missy Stowell and Vanessa Selden then each had a pair of free throws in the final 23 seconds for the game's final points.

The win was Oregon coach

Elwin Heiny's 300th as the Ducks' mentor, and Oregon improved to 13-8 overall and 5-6 in the Pacific-10 Conference. Washington State dropped to 11-9 and 4-7

The Cougars led 29-27 at halftime and built a ten-point lead to start the second half, jumping out ahead, 41-31.

Stowell, who scored 13 of her team-high 15 in the second half, sparked an Oregon rally with a pair of three-pointers that helped bring her team within 41-39.

However, the Ducks did not grab the lead until forward Debbie Sporcich's two free throws

vantage. Sporcich, who played her first Pac-10 game this season at Washington because of injuries, finished with 14 points in only 23 minutes of play off the bench.

The Ducks won the game despite poor team shooting. Oregon made only 21 of 56 shots (37.5 percent), but the Cougars didn't fare much better, making only 20 of 48 shots [41.7 per-

The Ducks return to Eugene this week and will face Arizona State Thursday and Arizona Saturday at McArthur Court.

Wrestlers fall to Oregon State, 29-14

The Oregon wrestling team finished its dual meet season Friday with a 29-14 loss at Oregon State

The 23rd-ranked Ducks finished the regular season at 9-7, and the 18th-ranked Beavers finished at 11-1-1, their best record in 12 years.

Oregon senior Dan Vidlak, ranked second nationally at 118 pounds, won with a technical fall over Brain Nissen. Vidlak's win extended his dual match unbeaten streak to 47.

Oregon State trailed 14-8 going into the 158-

pound match, but the Beavers won the final five matches to seal the win, their second over the Ducks this year. Oregon State won 24-18 earlier this year at McArthur Court and completed its first Civil War sweep since 1987.

Beaver Babak Mohammadi, the country's thirdranked 126-pounder, topped Oregon's 16thranked Jarrett Clark, 15-4. Mohammadi's win improved his record to 26-1

Oregon next wrestles in the Pacific-10 Conference Championships at Mac Court Feb. 28-29.





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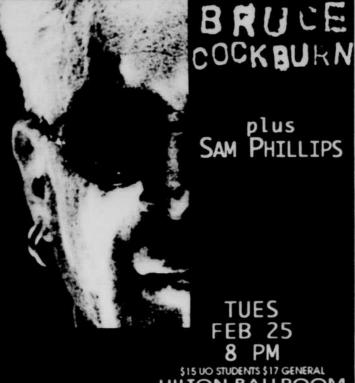


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