# Oregon wins the battles and the Civil War, 62-59

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The Oregon women's basketball team found the third time to be just as charming as the last two.

The Ducks, 14-10 overall and 6-8 in the Pacific-10 Conference, beat Oregon State, 3-11 and 8-16, for the third straight time, 62-59 Wednesday night at McArthur Court.

In those three wins, though, Oregon has won by a combined total of only six points, and Wednesday's matchup was as exciting as its two predecessors.

through the second half before the Ducks countered with a 7-0 run to put them ahead. The two teams then tied four times and never led by more than three during the game's final minutes.

Oregon State found itself on top with just over a minute remaining when Margo Evashevski's driving lay-in put the Beavers ahead 59-57.

Oregon's Debbie Sporcich returned the favor seconds later when her own lay-in tied the game, and her ensuing free throw from a foul on the shot gave Oregon a 60-59 lead.

Evashevski had another chance to play the team's savior but missed out on this opportunity. On Oregon State's next possession, the senior guard was sent to the free throw line with 39 seconds left, but she missed the front end of the one-andone situation.

Sporcich sealed the game at 12 seconds on a rebound and lay-in of her own missed shot. The Beavers had nine seconds to score, but Missy Smith's desperation three-point attempt came after the final buzzer had sounded.

Sporcich was clearly the hero after the game, but the sophomore was modestly skeptical of her individual performance.

'I wasn't impressed with my play at said Sporcich, who finished with a game-high 15 points and 16 rebounds.

I'm just happy we won."

The win broke a five-game homecourt losing streak that frustrated Elwin Heiny's team.

"We were wondering," Heiny said. 'Last week was not pretty (in both home losses to the Arizona schools)."

Wednesday's victory also guaranteed the Ducks of not entering the month of March looking like a pack of lambs, having won one game all of February.

In the last Civil War meeting, the Ducks won 83-81 in overtime at Corvallis. The previous matchup was Oregon's 65-63 triumph in Corvallis last season.



# Women put in at 15th

The Oregon women's golf team finished 15th in the 19team Chris Johnson/Arizona Invitational in Tucson Tuesday.

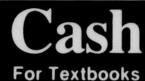
The host Wildcats, ranked No. 1 in the preseason poll, held a comfortable 19-stroke lead over runner-up UCLA after the first 36 holes and cruised to a 33-stroke victory with an 876

UCLA remained in second with a 909, followed by Texas at 919, Stanford at 926 and Oklahoma and USC with 927. The Ducks finished with a 964.

Arizona's Leta Lindley captured the individual title with a nine-under par 207.

Leigh Hornung placed highest for the Ducks, tying at 18th with a 231. Karly Mills fired a 244 for a 61st-place tie, Beth Manczak and Nancy Crawford tied at 64th with scores of 245, and Shannon Maier was 76th with a 250.

Eleven of the 19 tourney teams are ranked nationally. Oregon is 23rd in the latest



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