

# Demons dump Ducks, 65-62

By Steve Mims  
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The Oregon women's basketball team was its own worst enemy on Thursday night, committing 26 turnovers en route to losing to No. 24 DePaul 65-62 at MacArthur Court.

The Ducks committed 15 turnovers in the first half and fell behind 32-25 at halftime. Oregon's 26 turnovers were twice as many as the Blue Demons committed.

"The turnovers that bother me are the unforced ones," Oregon head coach Elwin Heiny said. "Those happen when we try to do too much."

Despite the turnovers, the Ducks had a chance to send the game into overtime but Missy Stowell's three-point attempt hit the back of the rim as time expired.

"I thought I saw the hoop good," Stowell said. "I intended to dish the ball off but there were only three seconds left so I took the shot."

The Ducks got off to a quick start, jumping ahead 7-0 after a Peggy Swadener three-pointer with 17:51 remaining in the first half, but the Blue Demons went on a 21-6 run to close out the half and took a seven point lead at halftime. The Ducks hit only one field goal during the final 11 minutes of the first half.

DePaul looked like it might blow out the Ducks early in the second half when they went on an 8-0 run to pull ahead 42-28 with 14:18 left in the game. Oregon responded with a 17-5 spurt to cut the lead to 47-45, but were never able to regain the lead.

The Ducks trailed 52-45 when Stowell hit consecutive three-pointers and an acrobatic reverse layup to get the Ducks back within one at 52-51 with 3:58 remaining. DePaul's Sue Welenc hit three jump shots down the stretch to keep the Blue Demons ahead, but Oregon's Jean Maree Lillard made three shots in the post to keep the Ducks in the game.

After a Lillard bank shot cut the DePaul lead to 62-60, DePaul's Tammy Williams made the biggest shot of the game when she drained a three-pointer with the shot clock winding down to give



Photo by Michael Shindler

Oregon guard Missy Stowell had 14 points for the Ducks in their 65-62 loss to 24th-ranked DePaul Thursday night.

the Blue Demons a five point lead with 40 seconds remaining.

Lillard cut the lead back to three with another basket and the Blue Demons had a chance to put the game away at the free throw line, but DePaul missed three free throws in the final 11 seconds to give the Ducks hope until Stowell's final shot

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# Wrestler returns for weekend dual meet

By Erick Studenicka  
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The human body wasn't made for wrestling.

At least that's what Pat Craig's doctor told him last April when the all-conference wrestler underwent surgery to repair wrestling related injuries to his shoulder and kneed.

Undaunted by his doctor's comment, less than eight months later Craig is expected to be in the Oregon starting lineup at 150 pounds as the Ducks meet Oregon State Saturday night at 7:30 at Gill

Coliseum in Corvallis.

"It never crossed my mind to quit wrestling," Craig said. "There was no doubt about my returning to the team this year."

Craig, now a senior, said that his knee was injured in high school and his shoulder was injured in the Pacific-10 Conference meet his sophomore year.

"I thought that the shoulder would heal in the off-season at the end of my sophomore year, but the problem reappeared at the beginning

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# Men face Idaho; hope to end 13-game skid

By Dave Charbonneau  
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Sure, the men's basketball team won Wednesday night, but that didn't end its losing streak.

The Ducks are currently in the midst of a 13-game losing streak against Division I teams that dates back to a 64-63 win over Oregon State on Feb. 8. The Ducks' two wins this season have come against a couple of Alaska teams — Alaska-An-

chorage and Alaska-Fairbanks.

Oregon will get yet another chance to end that ugly streak on Saturday when it faces Idaho at 7:05 in McArthur Court.

The Ducks' victory over Alaska-Fairbanks on Wednesday was far from impressive. Oregon led the Division II Nanooks by only three points after the first half, but scored 57 points in the second half to win 97-77.

Bob Fife had a career-high 26

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