

Bears ignite in end, beat Ducks

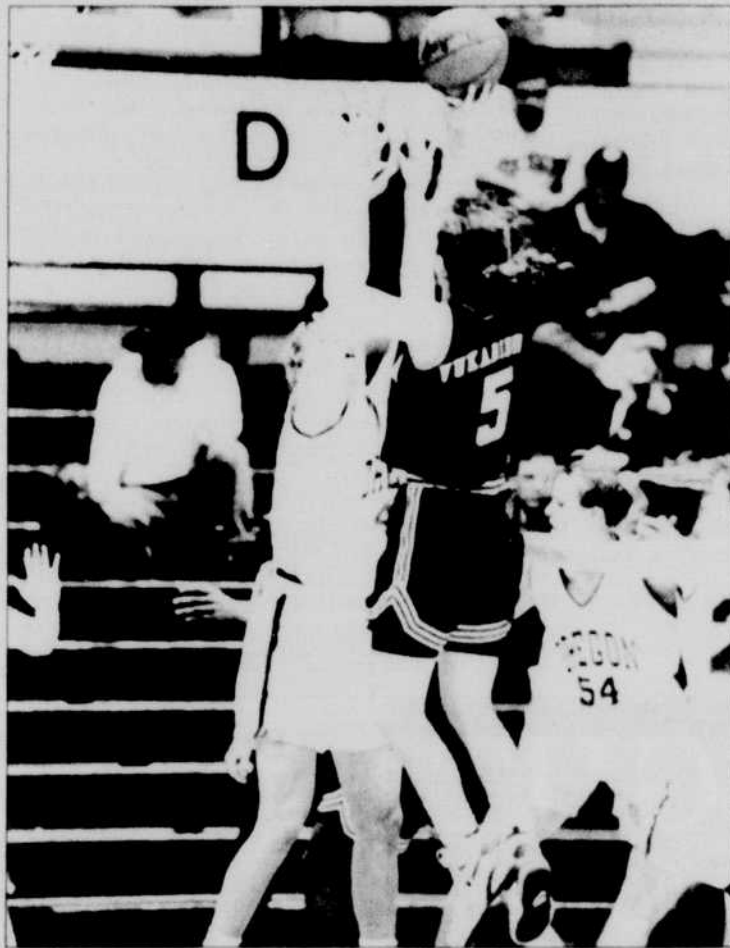
By Steve Mims
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California's Milica Vukadinovic broke open a close game by scoring eight consecutive points in the final three minutes to lead the Golden Bears past Oregon 75-63 in women's basketball at McArthur Court on Thursday night.

Oregon forward Jean Maree Lillard made four consecutive free throws to cut the Cal lead to 67-61 before Vukadinovic hit a turnaround three-pointer as the shot clock expired to push the Golden Bears lead to 70-61 with 2:11 remaining in the game.

Oregon failed to score its next time down the court and Vukadinovic came right back and nailed another three-pointer to secure the game for California with 1:25 remaining in the game. Vukadinovic hit two more free throws to give Cal their biggest lead of the game at 75-61 before Missy Stowell hit two free throws for Oregon to end the game.

"Milica's back-to-back three's were the key," California head coach Gooch Foster said. "She played a real good game; she took the shots she needed to



California's Milica Vukadinovic shoots for two of her 20 points in the Golden Bears 75-63 victory over the Ducks on Thursday night.

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Bears topple men 82-65 in Pac-10 intro

By Dave Charbonneau
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California freshman Jason Kidd has been touted as possibly the best freshman in the nation. Kidd scored 14 points and had eight assists Thursday in the Golden Bears' 82-65 win over Oregon in Berkeley.

But the Bears probably would have had just as easy of a time with the Ducks if Kidd didn't play.

Cal's defense rendered Oregon's offense helpless in the first half, holding the Ducks to only 23 points, and cruised to an easy victory in the Pacific-10 Conference opener for both teams.

The Bears (7-2) jumped out to an early 12-4 lead and used an 8-0 run to go up 22-7 midway through the first half. Back-to-back buckets by Oregon's Antoine Stoudamire and Clyde Jordan cut the Cal lead to 26-18, but the Bears scored 15 of the last 20 points — including eight in a row — in the first half to take a 41-23 lead into the lockerroom.

"The thing that really got them going," Oregon head coach Jerry Green said, "was that eight in a row they got at the end of the half. We just played with no fight, no fire, no vim, no vinegar."

The Cal lead grew in the second half to 56-31 before the Ducks made one last charge.

Stoudamire's three-pointer with 13:21 left cut the lead to 58-42, but the Bears built the lead back up to 25 and never looked back.

The Bears didn't seem to miss injured center Brian Hendrick as Lamond Murray picked up the slack with 23 points. Stoudamire led Oregon with 18 points.

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