Trojans stumble past winless Ducks in slopfest

By Dave Charbonneau

Oregon and USC put on a clinic Saturday night at McArthur Court ... a clinic in ineptitude.

The two teams lulled the crowd to sleep in a horrendous display of Pacific-10 Conference basketball, as the Trojans managed to keep the Ducks winless in the Pac-10 with a 69-58 win.

'I'd be willing to bet good money that if God were watching this game, he probably turned it off to watch the Kansas-Louisville game," USC coach George Raveling said. "And I'm being generous even calling it a game."

That pretty much summed up the Saturday right's contest.

Although both teams played miserably, Oregon — who dropped to 0-4 in the Pac-10 — had arguably its worst game under head coach Jerry Green.

The Ducks hit only one of 17 shots from the three-point line, which included guard Antoine Stoudamire missing all eight of his attempts from the arc.

"In a game like this, I look to myself to get the team going," said Stoudamire, who is averaging 17 points a game, but finished with only 10 against the Trojans, making two of 13 shots, "Being a senior, I'm supposed to be able to come through. Tonight, I didn't do that.

Stoudamire was not the only Duck who couldn't find the basket. Oregon hit only 35 percent of its shots for the game. The Ducks scored only 21 points in the first half, and was stuck with only two points for the first seven minutes of the

were not shooting much better. By the time the Ducks scored their second basket of the game at the 13:15 mark, they trailed by only two at 7-5

USC then built up a 16-7 lead, and scored nine straight points to end the half leading 35-21.

The Ducks were out-rebounded in the first half 29-9, and hit only 9 of 28 shots in the half.

The second half saw the pace pick up a little, but the two teams continued to struggle to find any continuity

Sometimes you have games where there's not any kind of rhythm in the way you play," Raveling said. "Tonight was one of those games.

USC kept the Ducks an arm's length away for much of the second half and led 51-37 with seven minutes left when Oregon finally made a charge at the Trojans.

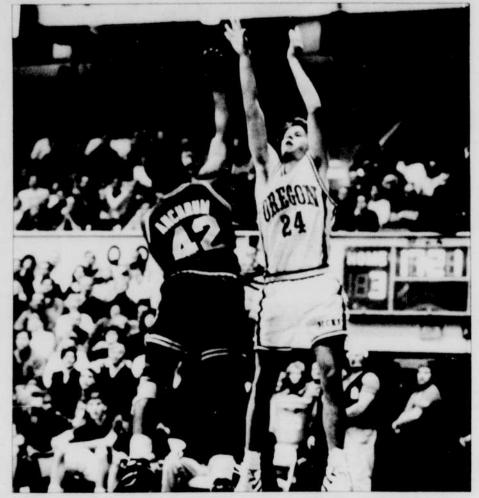
Guard Orlando Williams hit a threepointer and Andre Collier followed with a 15-foot bank shot to cut the lead to

Collier hit another jumper that came in between baskets by Trojan center Mark Boyd, and after two free throws by Stoudamire, Oregon was within nine at 55-46 with three minutes left.

The Ducks eventually cut the lead to 58-50, and then started to give the game away at the line.

First, Stoudamire missed one of three free throws after being fouled on a three point attempt, and then Collier missed one of two. Instead of being within three, the Ducks still trailed 58-53.

From there, the Trojans sealed the game at the line.



Oregon forward Jeff Potter looks for two in the Ducks' 69-58 loss to USC Saturday at

Women lag after half, lose to Trojans 78-69

By Steve Mims

For the second consecutive game, the Oregon women's basketball team took a halftime lead before falling asleep at the beginning of the second half, and lost to 15th-ranked USC 78-69 Saturday night in Los Angeles.

The loss came three nights after Oregon fell to UCLA 79-75, despite being ahead 40-37 at halftime. Oregon is now 0-4 in the Pacific-10 Conference, while USC boosted their record to 4-0.

The game went back and forth in the first half with no team leading by more than five points. Oregon guard Peggy Swadener hit two three-pointers in the last 2:20 of the half to give Oregon a 40-37 halftime lead.

The Ducks shot 51.7 percent from the field in the

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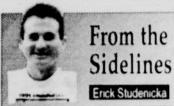
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he XIV Winter Olympiad. Sarajevo, Yugoslavia, 1984.

It was a memorable time for the American team. The U.S. alpine ski team enjoyed unprecedented success, with Bill Johnson and Debbie



Other countries had their moments as well. Katarina Witt of Germany won the figure skating title, and Vadislav Tretiak, the longtime Soviet goaltender, won his fourth gold medal in ice hockey by shutting out Czechoslovakia 2-0. Even

home country Yugoslavia had its hero, as giant slalom skier Jure Franco won the country's first ever winter Olympic medal.

Nine years ago this month, the world turned its eves to Sarajevo for two weeks as the city became the focus of the sporting world. Today, the world turns its eyes to Sarajevo for different reasons.

Once a showcase city of eastern Europe, Sarajevo is now the saddest city in the world. The city lies under siege, with the citizens of Sarajevo reduced to cutting down the city's trees for firewood. With its freezing temperatures, lack of food and constant sniper fire, Somalia seems a vacation destination in comparison. There is no time for games in Sarajevo these days.

As brutal as any other war this century, the conflict remains on the back pages of the papers in the United States, partially because it is so dif-

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