## Wazzu Ducks' second victim



Duck guard Oriando Wilisams goes up strong in Oregon's $\mathbf{6 2 - 2 0}$ win over Washington State Saturday in McArthur Court.

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After enduring the disappointment of missing potential game-winning shots against Fresno State and Vanderbilt earlier in the season, it seemed only fitting that Antoine Stoudamire emerged the hero in the Ducks $62-60 \mathrm{win}$ over Washington State Saturday night in McArthur Court.
Stoudamire hit the winning field goal with only four seconds remaining in the game. After taking the ball from guard Andre Collier at the top of the key with 10 seconds ieft on the clock. Stoudamire drove down the left side of the lane and shot an off. balance eight-foot jumper that went through the basket as Stoudamire crashed to the floor.
The Cougars had one final chance to tie the game, but Bennie Seltzer's shot was high off the backboard as time expired. giving the Ducks their second consecutive Pacific-10 Conference victory. The scene at center court after the game was reminiscent of an NCAA championship celebration as Duck fans commemorated the rare conference win.
Stoudamire's final shot was the exclamation point on a brilliant 14 minutes of basketball in
which he scored 11 points and dished out two assists. Stoudamire finished the night with a team-high 23 points and seven rebounds.

Stoudamire said he had no preconceived idea of what he was going to do when he received the ball with 10 sec onds remaining.
"I never know what I'm going to do before I get the ball.' Stoudamire said. "But I knew it was going to go in. I had a good look and just hit it."
Early in the game, it appeared Oregon wouldn't be close enough at the end to give Stoudamire the chance for the Stoudamire the chance for the
game winner. Cougar guard game winner. Cougar guard
Eddie Hill was unstoppable from outside during the first 10 minutes of the game, hitting five of six three-point field goal attempts. Hill finished with 29 points and seven three-pointers, a Washington State record.
Despite scoring only one field goal in the final 9:14 of play in the first half, the Ducks trailed only $34-30$ at the half, thanks to an effective trapping defense that forced nine Washington State turnovers.
Four minutes into the second half, Hill hit two consecutive three-pointers to give the Cougars their largest lead of the evening, 43-32. After Oregon
took a timeout to regroup. Orlando Williams connected on deep three-pointer from the left corner to start the Oregon comeback, which gave the Ducks $47-46$ lead with 10 minutes remaining.
From that point, the teams traded baskets, setting up what Oregon head coach Jerry Green called a winttie situation where the Ducks patiently waited for the last shot of the game.
"We certainly didn't want a win/tie/lose situation," Green said. "We didn't want the ball going back to the other end.
Both Stoudamire and Green said the crowd of 6,271 became a factor during the game.

I have to give the crowd credit for staying in the game the full 40 minutes, even when we got down by 11 at the start of the second half," Stoudamire said.
"The crowd was great," Green said. "I keep telling the kids that someday we're going to have the fourth level full.

The loss dropped the Cougars to 7-6. good for fifth place in the Pac-10. After losing their first 11 conference games, the Ducks are now on the verge of moving out of the conference cellar as they are now only one-half game behind Stanford in the stand ings.

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