

OSU women complete sweep over Ducks

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The Oregon State women's basketball team defeated Oregon Friday night 66-56, giving the Beavers their first season series sweep of the Ducks since 1983.

The Beaver win also broke a string of seven consecutive conference wins for the Ducks at Corvallis' Gill Coliseum.

The loss dropped Oregon into

a tie with Washington State for last place in the Pacific-10 conference with a 3-10 record.

Oregon played well defensively at the beginning of the game, forcing the Beavers to go more than three minutes before recording a field goal. Unfortunately, the Ducks were in the midst of a scoring drought of their own and had only gained a three-point lead.

Turnovers contributed to Ore-

gon's demise, following a season-long trend. Oregon finished the night with 27 turnovers, and Oregon State finished with only 13. Because of the turnovers, the Beavers recorded 20 more field goal attempts than the Ducks.

Senior-guard Peggy Swadener said some poor mental decisions contributed to the high number of Oregon turnovers.

"We weren't mentally 'on' when we came out to play,"

Swadener said. "They denied us the ball and didn't allow us to execute. It was an ugly game, and we didn't play well."

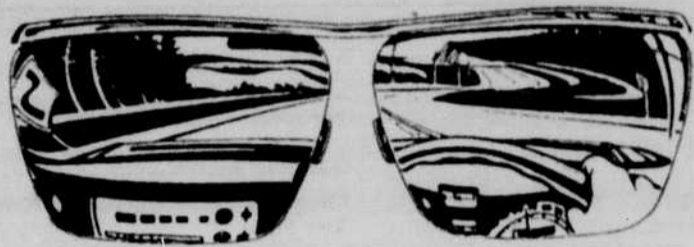
Swadener said the team was more concerned with getting a win than with extending the team's streak at Gill Coliseum.

Karen Healea finished the game as the top Oregon scorer with 14 points, and Debbie Sporcich led all players with her 10 rebounds.

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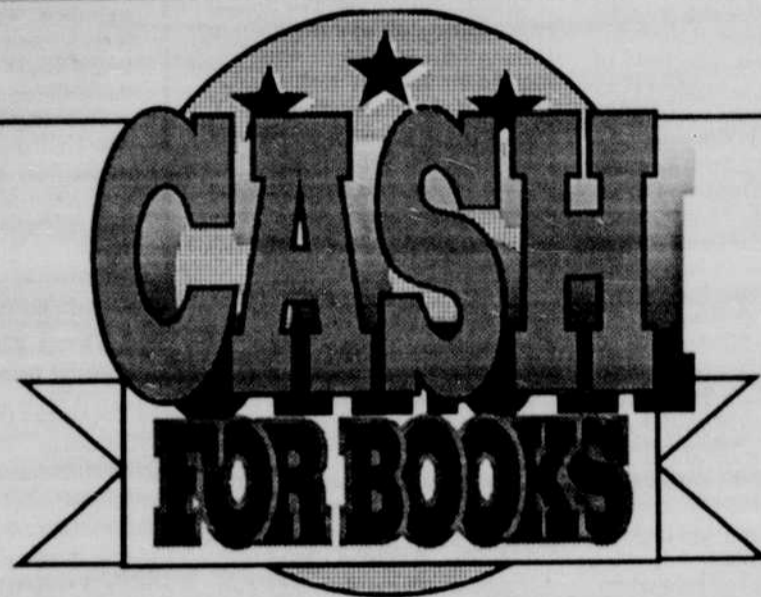
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