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## OREGON HOOPS

### Who's the better team this time?

By Steve Mims  
*Oregon Daily Emerald*

For the second time already this year, and the 299th time in history, Oregon and Oregon State will settle things on the basketball court.

The Beavers have won 175 of the previous 298 meetings, including a 79-75 win over the Ducks at the Far West Classic in Portland last month. Following the loss, Oregon head coach Jerry Green gave the Beavers credit for the victory, but added "Tonight, they were the better team." It was obvious Green knew his team could beat the Beavers on another night.

The Ducks will get their chance to do just that Saturday, but will have to settle for daytime, more specifically a 1:05 p.m. tipoff at McArthur Court. To do that, Oregon must make some changes, particularly on offense.

"They ran a zone on us in the first meeting," Green said. "We were five for 13 shooting against their zone, which isn't good enough. The zone really helped them."

Saturday's game will probably not go down as one of the greatest Civil War's of all time, as each team enters the game 4-7 overall and 0-2 in the Pacific-10 Conference. However, a win for either team would be a nice springboard into conference play, particularly for the Ducks, who suffered through an 0-11 start in conference play last year before beating Washington.

The most intriguing matchup of the game should be at point guard, where a pair of Pac-10 rookies meet again. Oregon freshman Kenya Wilkins and Oregon State's Stephane Brown, a junior college transfer, put on quite a show at Memorial Coliseum last month.

Brown muscled Wilkins around, talked trash throughout the game, backed his words up and then offered a hug to each member of the Duck team after Oregon State's win in which he scored 22 points and dished six assists. Brown has made a nice transition into the Beavers' offense, averaging 16.5 points and 5.6 assists per game.

"Stephane Brown is an excellent player," Green said. "He gets the ball to the hole real well."

Wilkins had a career-high 23 points for Oregon, including eight of the Ducks' final 12 points, but was worn down defensively by Brown, who is just a couple of inches taller than Wilkins, but weighs 51 pounds more than the freshman.

Oregon State's Brent Barry (yes, that Barry, the son of Rick and brother of Jon, Drew and Scooter, who shoots his free throws underhanded) hurt the Ducks at the Classic with a well-rounded 21 points, seven assists and five rebounds. Barry, one of the most exciting players in the conference when he has the ball, appears to be on the verge of stardom but has yet to reach that level. Barry averages more than 14 points and two steals per game, but is second on the team in turnovers.

Both teams are coming off of rough weekends against the Southern California teams, but Oregon played better in the two games combined. Both teams had their chances to beat USC before losing, and Oregon looked respectable in an 89-73 loss to the Bruins, while Oregon State was blown out 104-71.

Green said he planned to view the UCLA-Oregon State game films, but because of the talent difference between the Bruins and Ducks, he wasn't sure how much they'd help his team's preparation.

For Oregon State head coach Jimmy Anderson, the 1993-94 season has been one to forget so far. Not only is his team off to a poor start, including a loss against NAIA Oklahoma Baptist, but forwards Mustapha Hoff, Sonny Benjamin and J.D. Vetter are out for the year due to injuries and freshman Dwayne Franklin quit this week. After his team's last outing at UCLA, Anderson said it's time to begin again.

"It's pretty much back to the drawing board for us in terms of basics and fundamentals," Anderson said. "We are going to try to develop an awareness of what is really needed of us to be competitive."



FILE PHOTO  
Oregon State's Brent Barry was a thorn in the Ducks' side at the Far West Classic, scoring 21.

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