

Men earn respect, lose to 'Cats 98-86

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The Arizona fans didn't get their free pizza, and the Oregon men's basketball team didn't get embarrassed.

The Wildcats fell two points short earning the McKale Center crowd a free pie, and the Ducks fell just 12 points short of upsetting 13th-ranked Arizona, losing 98-86 Thursday in a game that moved Oregon a few more notches up the respect meter.

"I'm as proud of the way this team played tonight as any team I've ever coached," Oregon head coach Jerry Green said of his team. "A few shots here and there, and we would have had a chance to make a game of it."

The Ducks — who shot 57 percent in the first half — just couldn't hit the shots when they needed them most. Arizona, on the other hand, could.

Oregon trailed by only seven with 4:30 left in the game, and

Orlando Williams had two straight chances to cut the lead to four, but both three-point attempts missed the mark.

The Ducks then cut the lead to six with 3:30 remaining, but Arizona guard Khalid Reeves buried a three-pointer to make the score 86-77, and the Wildcats coasted the rest of the way for the win.

Arizona led 56-47 after the first half which saw both teams shoot nearly 60 percent and combine for 15 three pointers. Williams hit all four of his three-point attempts and had 14 by the end of the half. Besides Jeff Potter's game-opening bucket, the Ducks never led but trailed at one point 42-41 before Arizona built the lead back up.

Williams led the Ducks with 16, Aaron Johnson added 15 and 12 rebounds and Kenya Wilkins also had 15 with nine assist. Damon Stoudamire led Arizona with 27.

Women's hoops wins third game in a row

By Scott Simonson
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Guard Missy Croshaw scored 23 points and tied a school record with six three-pointers to lead Oregon to a 78-66 victory over Arizona on Thursday night at McArthur Court.

Center Sara Wilson scored 21 points and had a team-high nine rebounds for the Ducks, who improved their record to 4-2 in the Pacific-10 Conference and 10-5 overall. Arizona fell to 3-3 and 9-5.

Oregon coach Jody Runge said Oregon knew it could play better despite the winning effort.

"We didn't have a good shooting effort from the outside. We got the ball inside but we weren't going at the basket aggressively. We were playing

very tentatively," Runge said.

"Missy really put the team on her shoulders and decided we weren't going to lose this game," she said.

The Ducks were outmuscled and out hustled in the early going. It took Oregon more than 11 minutes to score 10 points, but the Ducks caught fire in the final five minutes of the half.

Oregon trailed 19-16 before Croshaw hit three three-pointers during a 15-6 run. The Ducks took a 34-27 lead into halftime.

Arizona closed to within four points before the Wildcats lost their two top post players to fouls with more than 12 minutes remaining in the game.

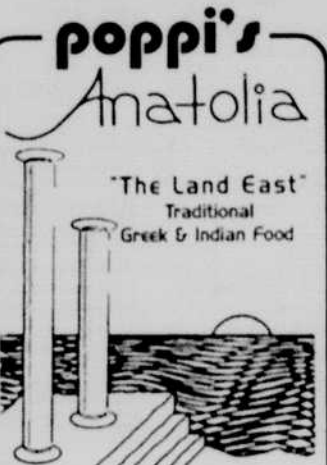
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