Ducks turn to stone as 'Cats get a win

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The Oregon men's basketball gave the McArthur Court fans a lesson in rock formations Saturday as the Ducks lost a 75-71 heartbreaker to ninth-ranked Arizona.

First, it was forward Aaron Johnson who demonstrated the brick, putting up two of them from the free throw line with 2:31 left and the score tied at 68.

Then it was Jeff Potter's turn as his hands turned to stone and he lost the handle of a missed Arizona free throw with 17 seconds remaining and the Ducks trailing by two.

The Wildcats eventually came up with the rebound and the victory when guard Khalid Reeves nailed two free throws with nine seconds left to give Arizona the four-point win.

The loss snapped a three-game winning streak for Oregon and dropped its record to 5-9 in the Pacific-10 Conference and 9-14 overall

It was another would've-could've-should've game for the Ducks.

"We would have had a shot to win it if I could have got that rebound," Potter said with a grin of disbelief. "I don't know what else to say. It's a tough loss."

Tough indeed, as the upstart Ducks gave the NCAA Tournament-bound Wildcats all they could handle, never falling behind by more than four points in the second half despite missing 12 shots in a row during one stretch.

The Ducks took the lead with 13:15 left in the game when point guard Kenya Wilkins hit a three-pointer, followed by a steal and a lay-in to put Oregon up 57-56.

The Ducks didn't hit another shot from the field until seven minutes later, but with Arizona point guard Damon Stoudamire on the bench with four fouls, the Wildcats couldn't take advantage of Oregon's cold spell, and when Duck forward Henry Madden scored at the 6:35 mark, Oregon trailed by only one, 62-61.

Arizona built the lead back up to four, but

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Oregon point guard Kenya Wilkins scored 21 points and had 7 assists in the Duck's 75-71 loss to Arizona.

Wilkins and Potter scored on back-to-back lay-ins to knot the score at 68-68.

The Ducks had a chance to take the lead, but both of Johnson's free throws missed badly, and Reeves promptly buried a three-pointer to put the Wildcats up by three with 2:09 remaining.

After Reeves was called for traveling, Oregon guard Orlando Williams buried a 25-foot rainbow to tie the score at 71 with 50 seconds remaining.

It was Williams' only bucket of the second half.

Stoudamire quickly silenced the McArthur Court crowd with an easy lay-in to put Arizona back up by two with 45 seconds left.

"It was my option to either take it to the bucket or kick it out," Stoudamire said. "Luckily, (Wilkins) over-committed himself and I just took it in."

After an Oregon miss, Reeves went to the line for a one-and-one, but missed the first one. Potter came down with the board, but lost the handle as Wildcat forward Ray Owes kicked the ball back out top to Reeves who was fouled. Reeves nailed both shots, and that was the end of the Ducks.

It was deja vu all over again for Williams, who had also hit a clutch three-pointer in the closing seconds of the game against Stanford three weeks ago, a shot that tied the game up before the Cardinal won on a last-second shot.

"Sometimes, I don't know if we have the heart to get the job done at the end," he said. "When you have a chance to beat the ninth-ranked team in the nation, you have to come with big plays. We weren't able to do that."

Stoudamire, who finished with 21 points, was obviously impressed with Oregon's heart.

"Oregon's a damn good team, I think," he said. "They had this place rockin'. We're glad to get the win, but we didn't want it to be this close. Oregon's the best team we've played in the second half of the season. They've got USC and UCLA coming up. They're going to bump someone off here sooner or later."

Oregon head coach Jerry Green wouldn't go that far, but said he's pleased with his team's performance over the course of the season.

"(In) a lot of games, we are coming close at the end," he said. "That wasn't happening a year ago. It's a good time for us to be playing well because we've got four tough games left."

Wilkins once again proved he could play with the best, as he went toe-to-toe with Stoudamire, an all-American candidate, and scored 21 points, dished out seven assist, had three steals and committed only one turnover. During one eight minute stretch, Wilkins scored 12 points in a row.

"He's deceptively quick," Stoudamire said. "He's so small — he's smaller than me — he's hard to keep track of. He played real well today."

Women win on the road

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The Oregon women's basketball team continued to roll toward a possible NCAA tournament berth as the Ducks defeated Arizona 74-67 Saturday in Tucson.

The win keeps Oregon, which is now 11-3 in the conference and 17-6 overall, in a second-place tie in the Pacific-10 Conference with Stanford. The two teams will meet Saturday at McArthur Court.

Saturday, center Debbie Sporcich led the way with 26 points. Three other Ducks scored in double figures.

Oregon trailed 54-52 with 6:52 remaining in the game, but freshman Arianne Boyer scored to tie the game. The Ducks built the lead up to four on a Sporcich tip-in and two free throws by junior Karen Healea, and led the rest of the way.

Oregon point guard Missy Croshaw scored 15, including three of six shots from three-point range. Sara Wilson and Healea were the other two Ducks in double figures with 12 and 10, respectively.

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