

Stanford women barely beat UO

By Scott Simonson
Oregon Daily Emerald

A little more poise, a little more depth and many more rebounds kept the Stanford women's basketball team from losing to Oregon on Saturday. But what may have won the game for the Cardinal was a bomb and a bank.

The No. 11 Cardinal won a battle for sole possession of second place in the Pacific-10 Conference by beating Oregon 72-60 at McArthur Court. The loss by Oregon dropped the Ducks, 12-4 in the Pac-10 and 18-7 overall, into third place in the conference standings.

The Ducks trailed by two at halftime but appeared to put Stanford in trouble early in the second half. Within the first 90 seconds of the half, Stanford's starting center, Anita Kaplan, drew her fourth foul, and Cardinal power forward Rachel Hemmer was whistled for her third foul.

However, Oregon never exploited Stanford's troubles. While Oregon would lead by as many as four on several occasions in the first 10 minutes of the second half, Oregon could not stretch its lead.



Oregon center Sara Wilson wrestles with Stanford's Tara Harrington in the Cardinal's 72-60 win over the Ducks Saturday.

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Another close loss for Duck men

By Steve Mims
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The Oregon men's basketball team caught a bad case of Oregon State disease, missing 11 of 17 second half free throws in a 84-76 loss at Stanford Saturday night.

The Ducks, 5-11 in the Pacific-10 Conference and 9-16 overall, and Cardinal were even in almost every statistical category except for free throws, where Stanford converted on eight more free throws equaling its margin of victory. Stanford didn't exactly put on a clinic at the free throw line, but its 62 percent easily distanced Oregon's 46.7 percent from the line.

The game was close throughout, but Stanford grabbed the lead for the last time on freshman Brevin Knight's three-pointer with 11:17 left in the game. Knight's three-pointer began a 12-0 Cardinal run that gave them a 59-49 lead with just over nine minutes left, and Oregon never got within five points the rest of the way.

The Ducks tried to get back in the game behind the outside shooting of guard Orlando Williams, who scored 15 points. Williams hit a three-pointer to get Oregon within 72-65 with 3:44 left and had a chance to get the Ducks even closer when he was

fouled on his next three-pointer. However, he connected on only one of three free throws and Stanford followed with a 9-0 run to put the game away.

The win kept Stanford's slight NCAA tournament hopes alive, while Oregon was forced to deal with another narrow defeat and praise from an opposing coach who escaped with a win.

"It was a hard-fought win," Stanford head coach Mike Montgomery said. "We had to step up to win. Oregon is really tough to play, they are the most physical team in the league."

Stanford opened the game with a 6-0 run, but Oregon came right back and took a 22-13 lead midway through the first half. Stanford regained the lead late in the first half with an 11-2 run and took a 31-28 lead into the locker room.

Stanford forward Brent Williams continued his role as a Duck killer, leading the Cardinal with 24 points and tying for the team-lead with nine rebounds and four assists. Williams got an extra boost before the game when his sister sang the national anthem before his final home game.

"My mom didn't tell me that my sister would be singing the national anthem," Williams said. "Knowing about it gave me the extra edge."

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