

## Greenball outlasts Huskies 92-83

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SEATTLE — It wasn't an easy Saturday afternoon by any stretch. But then again, it never is in the unpredictable Pacific 10 Conference.

Oregon bounced back from a rough first half against an inspired Washington Husky squad, narrowly escaping with a 92-83 victory.

Orlando Williams led a late second-half comeback that raised the 17th-ranked Ducks to 12-2 on the season and 4-1 in the Pac-10 as they now await their showdown Thursday night against Arizona at McArthur Court.

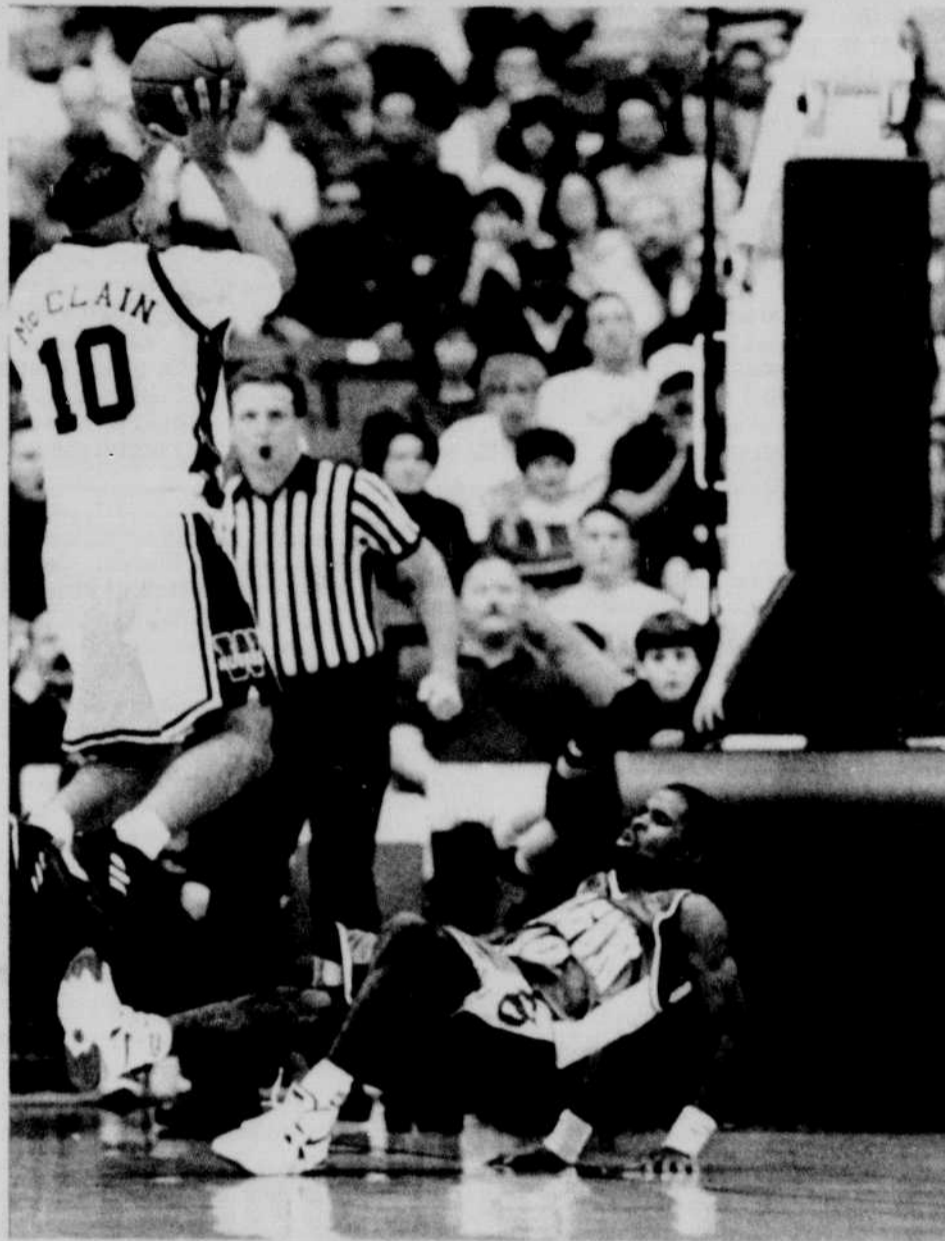
Williams, who was held to nine points in the first half, finally broke through, scoring 17 of his 26 points in the last 7:46 of the game to help the Ducks overcome a 43-37 half-time deficit.

"Toward the end of the game," Oregon guard Kenya Wilkins said, "the other team was getting tired and Orlando was getting open."

But that wasn't the case for most of the game. Williams had just four attempts in the first half and had barely touched the ball in the second half prior to his shooting barrage in the last seven minutes.

"It gets really frustrating," Williams said about the lack of scoring chances due to Washington's defense. "I just have to stay focused."

In the first half, the Ducks were unable to match the intensity of the Huskies (5-9, 1-5). Oregon was further hindered by an uncharacteristic 15 turnovers, while trailing by as many as nine points in the opening half.



Oregon point guard Kenya Wilkins was down momentarily, but not out against Washington's Michael McClain. Wilkins scored a career-high 23 points against the Huskies.

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### OREGON BASKETBALL

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■ **Next:**  
Oregon  
vs.  
Arizona, Thursday 7:05  
p.m.

■ **Quotable:** "It's a problem getting there, but it's just as big of a problem to stay there."

— **JERRY GREEN**

Oregon head coach on being in the top 25



## Ducks get more than they bargain for against lively Washington squad

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SEATTLE (AP) — If Saturday's 92-83 victory over Washington was any indication, being a nationally-ranked team and a blossoming conference power is going to be an up-hill battle for the Oregon Ducks.

The Ducks know that every game, especially road games, is going to be rough. But carrying a national ranking at their side, and the prospect of an upper-division finish in the Pac-10, provides all the more incentive for teams to play above and beyond their level against Jerry Green's Ducks.

The game with the Huskies proved to be a must-win situation in terms of keeping the respect that the Ducks had earned up to that point, and to stay on course for one of the most successful seasons ever at Oregon.

The Huskies were in no mood to roll over and play dead, though, as the Huskies gave the Ducks all they could handle, and then some.

"They came out and got after it — that's the bottom line," Oregon guard Orlando Williams said. "I think they prepared well for us."

"Teams are getting up to play us now because they want to beat us," Oregon's

Kenya Wilkins said.

It has been 18 years since the Ducks have been ranked in the polls, and Green said he believes that being in the national spotlight, and everything that goes along with it, takes some getting used to.

"Probably we don't know how to act — to be ranked in the top 25," Green said. "It's a problem getting there, but it's just as big of a problem to stay there."

The Ducks proved they could indeed respond to a challenge such as the one the underdog Huskies gave them. But it wasn't as routine as they would have liked it to be.

If nothing else, though, Saturday served as a wakeup call heading into this weekend's clash with the always-lethal Arizona schools.

Williams said he thinks this year's competitive edge the Ducks have late in games (such as on Saturday) comes from a more experienced team, which has learned from last year's mistakes.

"We felt like we played good ball for maybe 38 minutes last year," Williams said, "and we'd come out in the last two minutes and end up losing by 10."

"It just gives you confidence to know that when the games get close . . . that you can get the victory."

## Women beat Huskies 83-61, take second

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The Oregon women's basketball team did not just beat the Washington Huskies in this weekend, the Ducks embarrassed them. In their triumphant 83-61 victory, the Ducks (11-3 overall, 4-1 conference) secured sole possession of second place in the Pacific-10 Conference and put themselves in place for a possible top-25 ranking.



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As the pre-game hype promised, the two teams started the game battling for every point. The first points of the game were not scored until Oregon's Sally Crowe drilled a 19-footer from the baseline after two minutes of play. The two teams battled for the next 10 minutes, with neither team being able to go ahead by more than five points.

With 7:45 remaining in the half, Oregon's Jessica Schutt, coming off of a recent injury, scored seven straight points to push the Ducks ahead

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### USA TODAY-CNN Top 25

The USA TODAY-CNN basketball coaches' poll, with first-place votes in parenthesis, record through Jan. 22, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote, and previous ranking:

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1 Massachusetts (25)	13-1	838	1
2 Connecticut (8)	14-0	819	2
3 North Carolina (1)	14-1	772	3
4 UCLA	11-1	751	4
5 Kentucky	12-2	711	5
6 Syracuse	14-1	654	6
7 Kansas	13-2	629	8
8 Arkansas	15-3	604	7
9 Maryland	14-3	591	9
10 Arizona	13-4	514	11
11 Michigan State	12-2	506	12
12 Iowa State	15-2	431	15
13 Georgetown	12-3	384	10
14 Arizona State	13-4	356	13
15 Wake Forest	10-3	327	16
16 Missouri	13-3	296	14
17 Virginia	11-4	252	19
18 Cincinnati	14-5	212	—
19 Stanford	12-2	206	23
20 New Mexico State	13-4	174	17
21 Georgia Tech	11-6	172	18
<b>22 Oregon</b>	<b>12-2</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>21</b>
23 Florida	9-5	95	20
24 Iowa	12-5	65	25
25 Villanova	11-5	61	—

Others receiving votes: Illinois 50, Tulane 34, Minnesota 29, W. Kentucky 29, Louisiana St. 26, Utah St. 23, Texas 22, Oklahoma 19, Alabama 18, Nebraska 18, Oklahoma St. 18, Pennsylvania 17, Virginia Tech 17, Indiana 16, N.C. Charlotte 16, Saint Louis 16, Brigham Young 14, Georgia 13, Temple 13, Michigan 12, Purdue 12, Utah 8, Clemson 6, Xavier, Ohio 6, Louisville 4, California 3, Idaho St. 3, Ill.-Chicago 3, Jacksonville 2, Penn St. 2, Evansville 1, N.C.-Greensboro 1, New Orleans 1, Texas-El Paso 1.

### Men's tennis splits over weekend

The Oregon men's tennis team picked up a 1-1 split this weekend in its short stint in California.

The Ducks downed Santa Clara 6-1 on Friday lead by Dougal Williams' team-leading 11th victory of the season.

"We dominated them today," Oregon head coach Buzz Summers said. "Our depth has added a lot of strength to this team. We couldn't have done this last year."

With their record standing at 8-1, the Ducks visited 19th-ranked Bears on Saturday. The Bears captured every singles match and all but one doubles match. Adelbert Riodil and Josh Prager combined to beat California's David Sutton and Mihn Le, 8-5.