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ranked Greenballers.

"When you've got a great crowd and you get beat," a distraught Jeff Potter said, "it's pretty sad. Right now I don't have that feeling that we're working as hard as we can and caring about each other as much as we should."

Ever since sweeping UCLA and USC at home in the first week of January, Oregon has come apart at the seams. The Ducks have suddenly reverted back to their old ways, neglecting to play transition defense, allowing the opposing team to dominate the paint and failing to play solely as a team.

"We've got to go back to playing the blue-collar work that we did to get us here," Oregon head coach Jerry Green said. "For some reason, we've acquired a different attitude since we got into the top 25. I'm not so sure right now that we are the basketball team that beat UCLA."

Trailing 21-18 with 11:34 to go in the first half, Arizona State was able to rattle off 11 unanswered points — mostly generated by

the Sun Devils' transition fastbreak. The Sun Devils pushed the lead to 11 points after Bennett's three-point play at the 3:37 mark, but Oregon scored the remaining six points of the half and closed the margin to 43-38 at the break.

The Ducks opened the second half with a set play which freed up Orlando Williams for a three-pointer that cut the gap to two points but, as was the case all night, the Sun Devils responded.

Oregon was able to take the lead twice in the second half, the last when Williams hit two free throws to put the Ducks ahead 67-66 with 5:14 to play in the game. But Arizona State guard Isaac Burton hit beyond the arc in the next series and the Sun Devils took the lead for good with 3:02 to play when Marcell Capers hit one of two free throws.

Henry Madden was thought to have put the Ducks back in the lead on the ensuing play, but was called for traveling in one of several questionable calls on the night by the referees.

The Sun Devils hit driving layups on three of their next four possessions and pushed

the lead to 70-71 with 19 seconds to play before the Ducks scored five meaningless points in the game's final seconds to help reduce the margin of victory.

Bennett, who played most of the second half in foul trouble, led all scorers with 20 points and pulled down 10 rebounds. Arizona State's Quincy Brewer grabbed a career-high 12 boards to help the Sun Devils to a phenomenal 45-29 advantage in rebounds.

Oregon's Kenya Wilkins uncharacteristically ended the game with three turnovers to only two assists. Wilkins shot only 3-for-10 from the floor and dropped in 16 points, thanks to a 9-for-10 outing at the charity stripe. Williams led the Ducks with 19 points and Potter chipped in 13 points and nine rebounds while doing battle with Bennett on both ends of the court.

The Ducks will have to regroup and turn things around quickly due to a schedule that has no rest for the weary. Oregon travels down to the bay area to take on nationally ranked Stanford on Thursday and then a California team on Saturday which is coming off a sweep of USC and UCLA.

Ducks lose at Arizona

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The 24th national ranking that was already in jeopardy after the Oregon women's basketball team's four-point loss to Arizona on Thursday looks to be history after Saturday's 79-77 loss to Arizona State.

Like on Thursday, the Ducks had their problems in the opening half of play. Oregon was unable to make the buckets when needed.

In the first half, the Ducks shot 45.5 percent from the field, while their opponents were making shots at a 53.6 percent clip. The Sun Devils drained eight of 11 (72.7 percent) three-pointers before the half had come to a close, commanding a 43-35 lead.

In the second half, the Ducks made a comeback attempt as they showed their form that had been present in the past weeks at Mac Court. The Oregon offense went on fire, shooting 59.3 percent while holding Arizona State to 48.5 percent from the field. But as in the four-point loss to Arizona, the Ducks were unable to shut down the outside shooting of the Sun Devils' guards.

Lisa Kotilainen was seven of 10 from the field, while being a perfect six of six from beyond the arch for the game. Kotilainen's backcourt mate, Tiffany Krahenbuhl, matched her 20 points as she was nine of 14 from the field, two of five from long range.

The Ducks were led by the Australian connection again, as Sally Crowe and Renae Fegent combined for 38 points, six blocked shots and four steals.

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— his first, in 1990, was with a team handed him by Bill Walsh. "I'm just pinching myself, the elation I feel," Seifert said.

Young demonstrated his elation after his fifth TD, a 15-yarder to Rice. He celebrated lying on the ground with his arms signaling touchdown, as Rice trotted into the end zone.

The three TDs by Rice and Watters were another reminder of San Francisco's offensive efficiency over the last 15 years. The only other players to score three touchdowns in a Super Bowl were both 49ers — Rice in 1990 and Roger Craig in 1985.

And the 131 points scored by San Francisco in its three playoff games broke yet another record held by the 1990 team, which scored 126 in its three post-season victories.

Rice, who twice received intravenous fluids before the game for flu-like symptoms and then played most of the game with a slightly separated shoulder, caught 10 passes for 149

yards, and administered the quick shock — splitting the San Diego secondary for the first TD just 1:24 into the game. He also caught second-half TD passes of 15 and 7 yards.

"Jerry Rice with one arm is better than anyone else with two arms," Young said.

But it was the quick TD that probably squelched any thoughts the Chargers, 18-point underdogs, might have had of an upset.

"We've scored quick like that all year," Young said. "That's one of our strong points."

"We just missed a read on a simple post pattern," Chargers coach Bobby Ross said.

Like most teams in their first Super Bowl, they clearly had the jitters.

They dropped passes, took silly penalties, missed tackles and generally did what most AFC teams have done over the past 11 years — lose big. Only two of the 11 straight NFC wins have been close, with the average margin in the first 10 was 38-15. Coincidentally, that was the score by which the 49ers beat

the Chargers on Dec. 11 in a regular-season game in San Diego.

"I don't know whether we were awestruck or what," Ross said.

The highlight for the Chargers came when they were down 42-10 — Andre Coleman's 98-yard kickoff return for a score with 3:01 left in the third period after Young connected with Rice for a 15-yard TD.

Then the Chargers set a record of their own when Stan Humphries threw to Mark Seay for a two-point conversion, the first ever in the Super Bowl in this first season the NFL has gone to the two-pointer.

But by the end, it was more a sideshow than anything else. Even Deion Sanders, who accomplished his goal of an NFL title, got in on offense and nearly caught a long pass. Then, with two minutes left, third string quarterback Bill Musgrave got in and completed a short pass to backup tight end Ted Popson.

Humphries completed the festival of broken records with a 30-yard TD pass to Tony Martin

with 2:25 left and then hit Alfred Pupunu with another two-pointer. That gave the two teams a combined 75 points, breaking the record set two years ago when Dallas beat Buffalo 52-17.

San Francisco wanted to send a message to San Diego and it sent that message quickly.

A sellout crowd that sat through a numbing Disney laser and light pregame show barely had time to adjust to football when the Niners had two touchdowns in the first 4:55.

Those two took all of seven plays — a 4-yard run by Floyd and an 11-yard pass from Young put the ball at the Chargers' 44. Then Young found Rice deep over the middle between Darren Carrington and Stanley Richard for the fastest touchdown in Super Bowl history. That broke the record of 1:57 set by Denver on a TD pass by John Elway seven years ago.

San Francisco's TD also set three more records for the record-heavy Rice — most touchdowns, most points and most receiving yards lifetime in the Super Bowl.



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"Believe It, Achieve It"

is this year's theme.

Girls and women have successfully challenged some obstacles to equality. However, many barriers such as race, age, money and stereotypes continue to hinder women's progress in sports.

On February 2, support women's sports by reflecting on what makes an "athlete." Be a role model of "Believe It, Achieve It" and find ways to communicate a new understanding.



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