

# Ducks take care of business against OSU

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Oregon took one of nine vital steps forward on Saturday in an effort to achieve the program's ultimate goal — a berth in the NCAA tournament.

The victory over Oregon State was just one in a long list of accomplishments the Oregon program has attained this season, from winning the Far West Classic title to selling out McArthur Court. But the Ducks' job is still not done.

"It's another monkey off our backs," Oregon head coach Jerry Green said of sweeping the Beavers for the first time since the 1960-61 season. "We had so many monkeys on our back when we got here that we've gotten rid of. But the big monkey is still there, and that's the NCAA tournament."

Oregon completed the season sweep of Oregon State on Saturday, leaving little doubt who rules the Willamette Valley with a 107-86 spanking of the Beavers in front of Mac Court's fifth straight sellout crowd.

The victory improved the Ducks record to 14-5 overall and 6-4 in the Pac-10 while the Beavers fell to 6-13 overall and 3-7 in conference.

Oregon was able to do nearly anything it wanted in one of the least contested games in Civil War history.

"I think if you look at the dominant program in the state right now," Oregon forward Jeff Potter said, "you have to look at the University of Oregon."

The Ducks wasted little time proving this fact as they jumped out to a 21-12 advantage in the opening nine minutes of the half, using an opportunistic defense and nine of twelve shooting from the floor. Oregon pushed its lead up to 15 points on Kenya Wilkins' fall-away jumper that ended scoring in the first half at 48-33.

Potter led Oregon at halftime with 13 points and five rebounds while Oregon forward Darryl Parker chipped in 10 points, three steals and suffocating defense on Oregon state star forward Brent Barry — holding Barry to only four points in the first half.

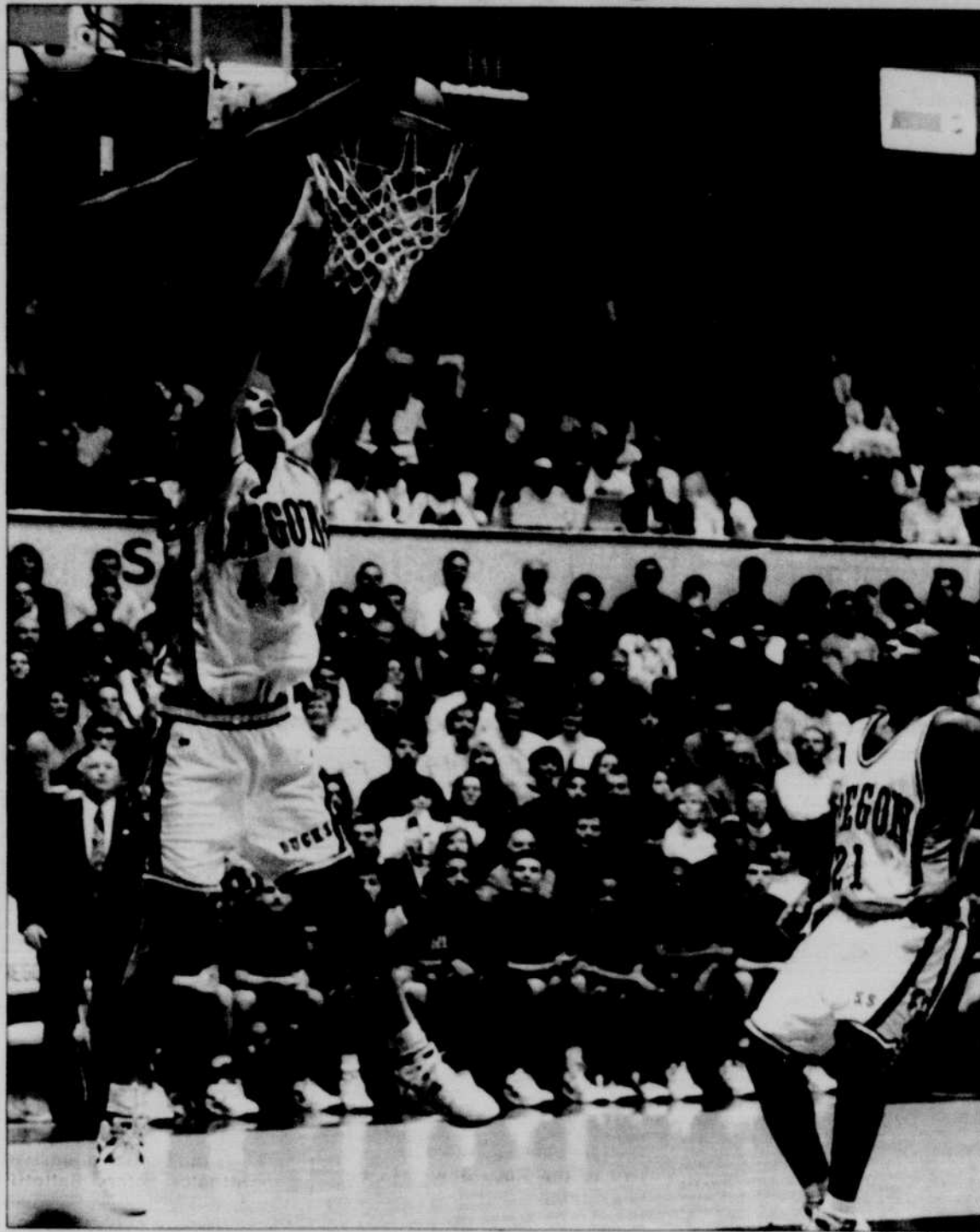
Oregon guard Orlando Williams hit a 3-pointer to open the scoring in the second half, and the Ducks never looked back as they coasted for much of the half.

The Ducks displayed a balanced attack seen only once before this season as Oregon had six players score in double figures and shot a season-high .625 from the field against the hapless Beavers.

Wilkins led all scorers with 18 points to go along with his seven assists. Oregon forward Henry Madden answered the call in a rare start for the sophomore and scored 16 points on seven of seven shooting from the floor.

Rounding out the double-digit scoring group were Potter with 13, Parker with 12, Williams with 11 and Jamal Lawrence with 10. Damon Runyon, once again providing a spark off the bench for Oregon, barely missed the cut with nine points.

"We're going to try to use this and carry over to the Washington schools," Wilkins said about Oregon's effort in opening the second-half of the Pac-10 season. Conference foes Washington and Washington State visit Mac Court on Thursday and Saturday, respectively.



Oregon's Damon Runyon misses an open dunk in Saturday's offensive onslaught at Mac Court. The Ducks took care of their in-state rivals 107-86.

## Big-time scorers held in check in 301st War

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It's not that big of a surprise that Saturday's Civil War blowout was such a high scoring affair. After all, three of the conference's top three scoring leaders were on the McArthur Court floor.

But the production of Oregon's Orlando Williams and Oregon State's Brent Barry and Mustafa Hoff were mere sidebars as the Ducks relied on one of the most balanced scoring attacks in recent memory, and the Beavers just couldn't seem to get anything going — especially in the first half.

Combined, the big three scorers could only manage

four points between them in the first half as the trio's 1-of-11 shooting from the field minimized their impact in the opening half.

Williams, whose hard-luck rim shots left him scoreless in the first half, finished the game with 11 points but was only 1 of 5 from 3-point range. But as important as Williams is to the Ducks, the Oregon offense is well equipped with plenty of other scorers who can chip in at any time.

But for the Beavers, who usually rely on Hoff and Barry for roughly half of their offense each game, a flat out-

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About the only aspects of the game in question were if walk-on forward Jesse Coulter would grace the court and whether "Green Boy," a painted mascot with apparently too much time on his hands, would get another reprieve and be allowed to return to The Pit.

With three minutes to go in the game and chants of "Coulter" ringing in his ears, Green finally gave in to the fans' demands. Coulter was immedi-

ately fouled on Oregon's first possession and hit one of two from the charity stripe, eliminating any agony the crowd might endure in wondering whether the freshman from Portland would score.

**Duck Notes:** Oregon's 7-foot freshman Michael Carson did not play on Saturday and is out for the season. Carson aggravated the stress fracture in his right foot that delayed the start of his season, and he could have to

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moved up to No. 18 on  
this week's USA Today-  
CNN poll.

undergo more surgery to alleviate the problem... Oregon head coach Jerry Green sported a new bobble on Saturday in the form of a gold Nike swoosh pin. The coach said the new accessory had "a little something to do with paying my salary"... The Ducks had six players in double figures on Saturday for only the second time this season... Every Oregon player who saw playing time on Saturday scored except Aaron Johnson, who had six rebounds with no shot attempts in six minutes of play... Oregon's 107 points against Oregon State was the most points ever scored by the Ducks in a conference game... The 107 points was also the most scored against anybody. The most points the Ducks have scored in a game came in the 1974-75 season when Oregon overwhelmed Villanova, 116-77.

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