## SCOREBOARD

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL	1	2	FINAL
Oregon	23	28	51
Arizona	23	33	56
MEN'S BASKETBALL		2	FINAL
Oregon	24	39	63
Arizona	40	41	81



## THURSDAY'S STAR

Adia Barnes scored 14 points and grabbed eight rebounds in the Wildcats 56-51 win over the Ducks at Mac Court.

### **HIGH SCORERS**

Alexander (UA) Boyer (UO) Barnes (UA) Fegent (UO) Pantoja (UA) Curtis (UO)

### STATS

16 FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE 16 Oregon 14 Arizona 42 14 3-POINT FG PERCENTAGE 12 Oregon (4-17) 24 Arizona (3-8)



**UP NEXT** Oregon takes on ASU

## **Emerald**

FRIDAY

## Blazers are no trading wizards

he trading deadline. Ah, the time of the year that players and coaches can come together and be honest about their feelings for one another. The time of the year that coaches and players can sit down and talk about their love-hate relationships.

The time of the year when the Portland Trail Blazers

turn ugly. Now, having grown up in Portland, I have heard and seen a thing or two about the

Blazers While that does not a Blazer Believer make, I think I am fairly well versed in the history and happenings of

Portland's most popular sports franchise

I remember Jack Ramsey's departure, Mike Schuler's firing and Rick Adleman's ousting. All ugly.

Drazen Petrovic quickly became dissatisfied with the Blazers, demanding he be traded so he could get a shot. Considering he ended up in New Jersey, of all places, with the Nets, of all teams, he must have been damn determined to get out of Portland.

The recent breakup of the modern Blazer "dynasty" was all too similar. Jerome Kersey and Terry Porter were dumped off like dead weight, leaving them with no allegiance to their once beloved team.

The Blazers could never commit to making Clyde Drexler their franchise player, so they shipped him off to Houston, where he really should have started his career. After all, it was in Houston where Drexler revived his old bones, won a championship with his old buddy Hakeem Olajuwon and figured out that he was going bald, so he should shave his head. Those were huge strides in the man's

Now Clifford Robinson and Rod "I love P.J." Strickland are voicing their interest in getting out of Portland - or should I say screaming

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# **Oregon zones out against Arizona defense**

■ WOMEN'S BASKETBALL: Arizona capitalized on Oregon's poor shooting for a 56-51 win

By Pete Schneider

Oregon proved in its 56-51 home loss to Arizona what all basketball fans know: You can't beat a zone defense if you can't shoot from the outside.

Against the Wildcat's pressure zone, the Ducks (15-9 overall, 7-7 Pacific-10 Conference) shot a meager 4-17 from three-point range and missed numerous other longrange jumpers en route to Oregon's second consecutive league loss. Arizona (17-6, 8-5) only had to score 28 second-half points to secure the victory.

"I thought the effort was pitiful," Oregon head coach Jody Runge said. "I don't understand why we thought this game wasn't important enough to show up and play. We thought we could just show up at home and win a basketball game, but you can't do that."

The Wildcats' stingy zone defense and full-court press forced the Ducks into 19 turnovers and only a .367 shooting percentage from the floor. Oregon looked tentative all night and had much trouble getting into any sort of offensive rhythm.

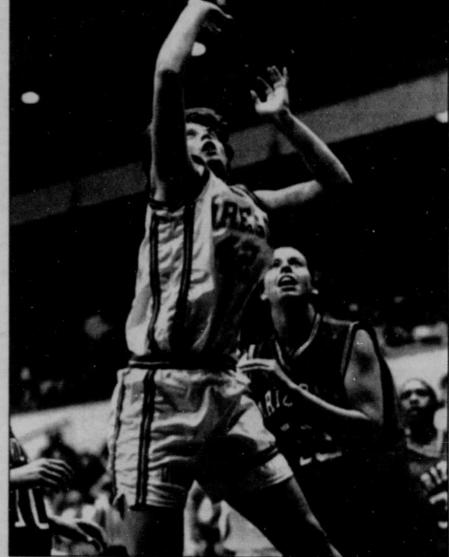
The Ducks only went to the free-throw line nine times during the contest and converted only three shots from the charity stripe. In contrast, Arizona beat a path to the line 19 times, hitting 11 shots.

"I can't say that I was proud of the way we played tonight," Oregon point guard Cindie Edamura said. "It's tough when you say that the other team won because they played harder because that should never be the case. Tonight they played harder."

Sophomore center Alexander Marte led the way for the Wildcats with 16 points while shooting a perfect 7-7 form the field. Sophomore Adia Barns added eight rebounds and chipped in 14 points to halt any hope of an Oregon comeback in the second half.

The Ducks saw their conference leading defense desert them in the second half, as Oregon was unable to keep the big Arizona front line from scoring down the stretch.

"I don't think it was that much of an defensive letdown," said Oregon center Renae Fegent, who scored 14 points for the Ducks. "Our defense deteriorated, but if



Despite Arianne Boyer's 7-for-12 shooting and 16 points, the Ducks shot 37 percent Turn to WOMEN'S B-BALL, Page 13 from the field as a team and couldn't overcome the Wildcats Thursday night.

## Ducks travel to desert, come up cold against Arizona

## ■ MEN'S BASKETBALL:

Oregon went 23-for-79 in the loss to the Wildcats

By Andrea De Young

Oregon head coach Jerry Green has not been too thrilled with the way the men's basketball team has had to rely on one hot-handed player to win games lately. But Green didn't have to worry about that on Thursday night as no one on the Oregon team was able to step up and the Ducks were easily handled by Arizona 81-63.

The Ducks had an off-night in shooting, converting on only 23of-79. Guard Kenya Wilkins, who tied his scoring high last weekend against Stanford, could only manage six points, including 1-of-5 in the first half for two

In the first half, Oregon could not find the bottom of the net. scoring only 24 points. Jamal

point while Kyle Milling was only able to manage four points. Terik Brown came off the bench and took nine shots, but only converted on two.

The second half was not too much better for the Ducks as they hit only 13-of-43 shots and 2-of-14 from three-point land.

Although Arizona did not play a error-free game, committing 17 turnovers, the Ducks could not compete and dropped to 13-12 overall and 6-8 in the Pacific-10 Conference.

For Arizona (20-5 overall, 9-4 Pac-10), the win secured its ninth consecutive 20-win segson, and brings the Wildcats another step closer to their 11th NGAA Tournament appearance in as many years.

The inside game was expected to be in the spotlight with Arizona's Ben Davis being regarded as one of the top players in the conference. But after Davis picked up two fouls in the first two minutes of the game, he was forced to play a relatively quiet game. Davis still managed to score 15 points and pull down 13 rebounds and did not pick up another foul the rest of the game.

Oregon's post players, Milling and Rob Ramaker, divided the duty of guarding Davis, but neither could find away around the 6-foot-9 center as they combined to score only 10 points. Ramaker was able to pull down the boards, finishing with a gamehigh 15.

Lawrence, who had 34 points when Arizona visited Eugene in January, had a more impressive second half and ended up leading the Ducks with 14 points, while Jamar Curry added 12 of his own. Brown continued to shoot in the second half, but only converted on 3-of-13 threepoint shots and ended the game with 11 points.

For Arizona, Jason Terry came

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### MEN'S BASKETBALL Saturday at Arizona St. **Probable starters** OREGON #11 Kyle Millin #23 Jamar Curry 9.9 #33 Rob Ramaker 6.6 G #10 Kenya Wilkins G #15 Jamal Lawrence 14.1 13.5 ARIZONA ST. s. Num. Name #44 Rodger Farrington 7.4 #32 Ron Riley 20.0 20.0 #33 Lamar Richardson 1.9 G #21 Jeremy Veal G #34 Quincy Brewer 19.3 9.8

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