

Women: Oregon defense tough on OSU

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lowing one of Oregon State's (6-4, 1-0) 26 turnovers on the day. On Oregon's next possession, Boyer and Fegent completed an inside give-and-go for a three-point play.

With 17:57 remaining and the Ducks' lead pushed to 20, Edamura completed one of her two assists to Boyer leading to another three-point play. Edamura scored Oregon's next points with a shot from beyond the arch; the point guard's three-pointer was part of her team-high 14 points.

The Beavers attempted to close the 26-point gap over the next seven minutes, but the Ducks responded with another scoring spree. Over a four-minute span, Oregon turned a 15-point lead into its largest of the game. Bas-

kets by Edamura, center Jenny Mowe and guards Natalie Hughes and Lisa Bowyer gave the Ducks a 27-point lead.

Oregon's defense, which was overshadowed by its offensive output, caused problems for the Beavers much of the game. The Ducks held Oregon State point guard Vanessa Morris to 2-of-7 shooting for six points and allowed her to complete only one assist.

"I think their guards are just very young," Runge said, "especially [Morris], playing as a freshman. Defensively, we made her handle [the ball] the whole length of the court and I think that was a big factor when she got tired."

Besides containing Morris,

Oregon held the Beavers to 40.7 percent shooting from the field while tallying seven blocked shots and nine steals.

Despite the loss, Oregon State center Kristina Lelas did post some impressive numbers. She scored a game-high 16 points and collected a game-high 17 rebounds.

OREGON: Benson 4-6, 2-2 (12); Boyer 2-9, 5-6 (9); Fegent 3-8, 0-1 (6); Bowyer 3-4, 0-0 (7); Edamura 6-10, 0-0 (14); Hughes 5-12, 0-1 (11); McKnight 0-4, 2-2 (2); Edwards 0-3, 2-2 (2); Boeving 2-4, 0-0 (4); Mowe 3-4, 1-2 (7); Curtis 1-2, 1-2 (3)

OREGON STATE: Walsh 5-9, 0-0 (10); Busen 2-9, 0-0 (5); Lelas 6-12, 4-9 (16); Morris 2-7, 2-4 (6); Watts 6-13, 2-3 (16); Scoble 0-2, 0-0 (0); Byars 1-2, 0-0 (2); Barrett 0-1, 0-1 (0); Pierce 2-4, 0-0 (4)

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28.6 percent shooting from the field.

However, the Oregon State game may have been her coming-out party. Edamura was 6-of-10 from the field and finished with a team-high 14 points.

"It's been a confidence thing with me," Edamura said. "But now, for this team to be successful, the outside players have to step up and shoot."

Oregon head coach Jody Runge said she was pleased with Edamura's performance.

"I think Eddy had a great game tonight," Runge said. "She is really taking a leadership role and I think her ability to score has been a nemesis."

"But tonight, she shot the ball with confidence, even off the drive."

Edamura's biggest basket of the afternoon came with 16 minutes, 53 seconds left in the second half when she hit a three-pointer that capped Oregon's 12-0 run that started the second half. The bucket put the Ducks in a commanding 53-27 lead, and all but dashed Oregon State's hopes for a second-half come-

back.

"Before this game, the coaches really wanted us to shoot it and get confidence in ourselves, and that is what we did," Edamura said.

Scoring in double figures is nothing new for Hughes, a junior transfer from Central Arizona who averaged 16.2 points per game for the Vaqueras last season.

Hughes scored 11 points on 5-of-12 shooting against the Beavers, including seven points in a four-minute stretch late in the first half.

"It is sometimes good, even when we see a zone, to put them in there at the same time and the [opposition] keys on one and they both can score," Runge said of her point guard tandem.

"When we had the ball at the wing they were doubling our posts from the point, so those shots were open and both of our point guards took advantage of that," she said.

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