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OH, HENRY!

Madden's six points in overtime clinches Oregon's 87-85 win over UCLA

By Chris Hansen
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Henry Madden hit a game-winning 12-foot jump shot with two seconds remaining in overtime to lead the Oregon men's basketball team past conference leader UCLA Thursday night at McArthur Court, 87-85.

Madden, who started the night in head coach Jerry Green's dog house for being late for the team's pregame meal, took a pass from Jamar Curry, hesitated, and then took the shot over a charging Charles O'Bannon.

"It's something I dream about every night," said Madden, who scored six points in overtime, about hitting the game winner. "I just tried to get as close as I could, and when I saw [O'Bannon] coming I just pulled up and shot."



LEADING SCORER: UCLA, Bailey 24; UO, Wilkins 18, Lawrence 18

LEADING REBOUNDER: UCLA, McCoy 8; Oregon, Madden 5, Milling 5, Ramaker 5

The game was sent into overtime after the second half was ended with an off-balance, one-handed, three-point prayer from the Bruins' (11-6 overall, 6-2 Pacific-10 Conference) Toby Bailey over a pressing Curry with seven ticks remaining in regulation to tie the game at 74.

After Madden's jumper, the Bruins in-bounded to Bailey who once again threw up an off-balance three-pointer, but this time it clanked off the rim.

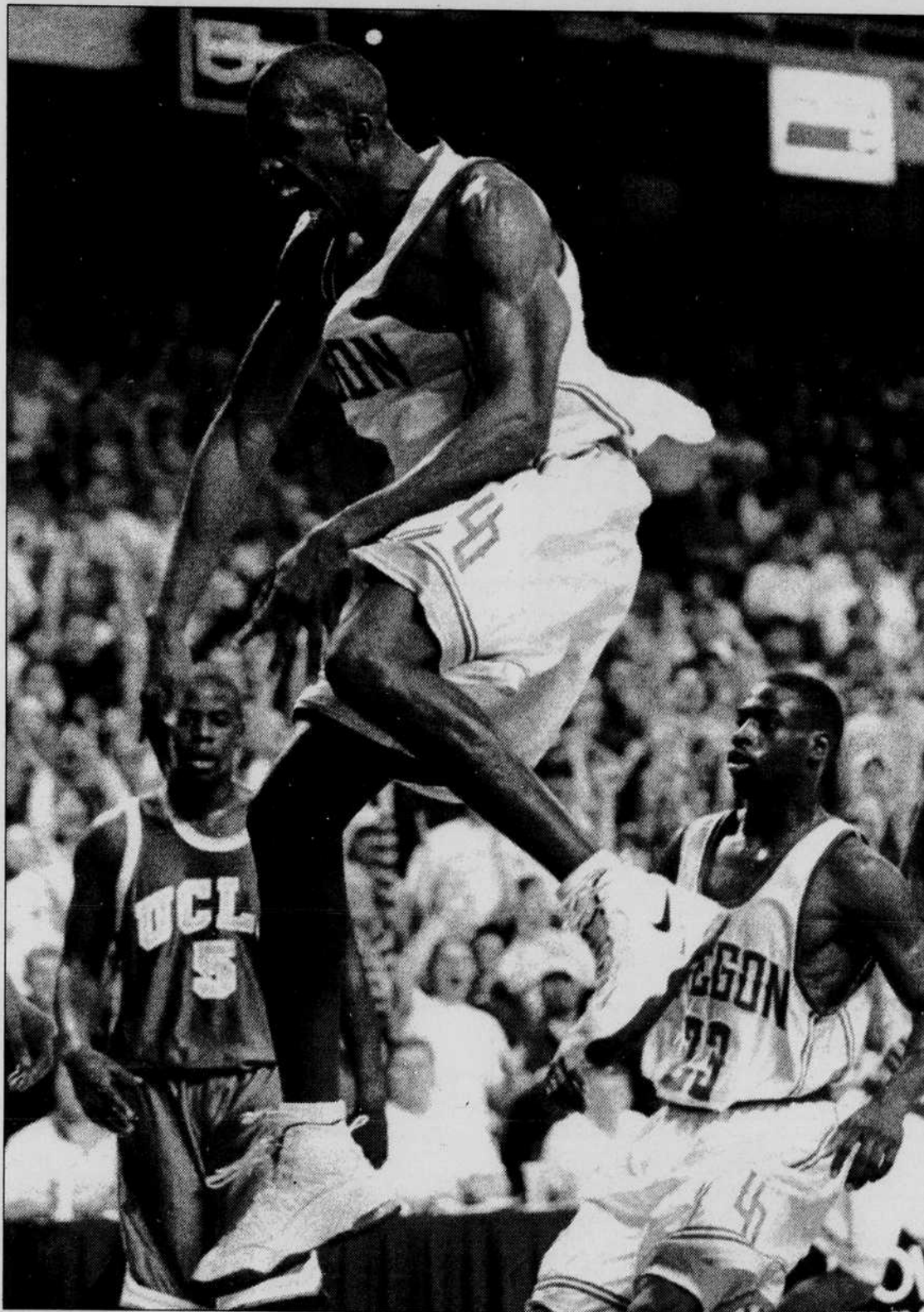
"Oh my goodness, it looked like it was going to go in," Terik Brown said. "My stomach dropped."

"This was a heck of a basketball game," Green said. "It was war. UCLA has got a great team and it would have been a whole lot easier if [Bailey] hadn't made that shot at the end."

Brown got the starting nod in place of Curry, who, along with Madden, was also late for the pregame meal. His three-point basket to start the game helped to spark the Ducks' offense early, which led by as many as 12 points in the first 10 minutes of the game.

But the Bruins showed why they were once considered one of the top teams in the country. Down 21-10, three consecutive UCLA break away dunks ignited a 19-6 run giving the Bruins a 29-27 lead.

Oregon remained undaunted, though, and with the help of two quick three-pointers from Jamal Lawrence, regained the lead going into halftime at 36-34.



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Player of the Game

Oregon guard Kenya Wilkins scored 18 points in the second half, including five clutch free throws, in the Ducks' 87-85 overtime win over UCLA.

Play of the Game

Oregon's Henry Madden hits a 12-footer with two seconds to go in overtime to give the Ducks an 87-85 lead that they would hold onto for the win.

Quote of the Day

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Wilkins comes alive in second half

TURNAROUND: Wilkins could seemingly do no wrong in the second half

By Andrea DeYoung
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The last time Kenya Wilkins led the Ducks in points, the Pacific-10 Conference season hadn't even begun. And for the first 20 minutes, it seemed as if the streak would continue.

Then the second half started. Fifty seconds later, Wilkins had two points on a drive to the basket. A minute and a half after that, he nailed a three.

By the time overtime ended and the Ducks were

celebrating on the court, Wilkins had tied for a team-high 18 points.

So what was the big turnaround?

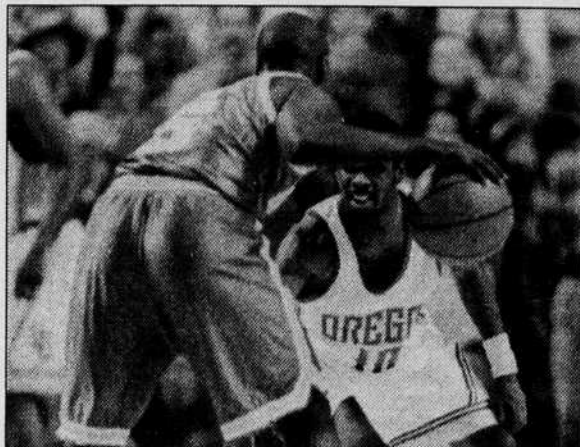
Wilkins shot 0-for-1 in the first half, missing a shot from behind the arc. But the second half, he nailed six shots, including the three-pointer, and hit five clutch free throws that may have meant the difference between a win and a loss.

Did sitting for 20 minutes in the locker room turn it around for him, or was it the pressure to perform in front of a packed McArthur Court?

Turns out it was neither of those.

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Oregon point guard Kenya Wilkins set a new school record for assists Thursday night against the UCLA Bruins. Wilkins' four assists pushed him two past the record of 572 career-assists set by Ron Lee back in 1976.



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