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UO men climb out of hole but cannot pull off win at Cal

■ MEN:

California falls behind after squandering a 24-point lead, but recovers with a 14-3 run

The Associated Press

BERKELEY, Calif. — Ed Gray scored 22 points, his 10th straight 20-point game, and California held on to beat Oregon 73-66 Thursday night after blowing a 24-point lead.

California (17-6, 8-4) has won eight of its last nine games and 16 straight at Harmon Gym. Oregon (14-7, 5-7) is 5-7 since starting the Pac-10 season undefeated.

After Oregon erased a 24-point lead to go up 54-53 on Henry Madden's 3-pointer with 9:30 to play, Cal put the clamps on the Duck shooters, outscoring them 14-3 over the next eight minutes.



Gray's 20th point of the game, a basket with 1:50 to play, put Cal up 67-57, and the Bears hit six free throws down the stretch to seal the victory.

Jamar Curry and Rob Ramaker led Oregon with 13 points each. The Ducks made just 22-of-70 shots (31.4 percent).

Trailing 52-39 early in the second half, the Ducks scored 12 straight points to slice the lead to a point,

52-51, following Curry's drive with 10:40 to go.

Cal's Sean Marks hit one of two free throws to end a 6:35 scoreless spell and put the Bears up 53-51. But Madden sank a 3-pointer to give Oregon its first lead of the game.

Holding Oregon scoreless for nearly eight minutes, California bolted out to a 30-6 lead midway through the first half, getting 18 straight points in one stretch.

The Bears spread their offense around, getting points from six different players during the 18-0 run.

Ducks go indoors to prepare for season

■ **TRACK & FIELD:** The Ducks compete in the Oregon Indoor Saturday at the Memorial Coliseum

By Alex Pond

Freelance Sports Reporter

The Oregon men's and women's track and field teams return to action this weekend at the Oregon Indoor in Portland as they continue to warm up for the outdoor season. Both teams last competed at the Eugene Indoor on Feb. 2.



The men's team features two NCAA provisional qualifiers, sophomore Piotr Buciarski in the pole vault and senior Chris Nelson in the high jump. Both athletes notched their season bests at the Silver State Invitational in Reno, Nev., on Jan. 25.

Buciarski is fresh off a victory at the Eugene Indoor with a vault of 17 feet, and Nelson won the high jump with a jump of seven feet.

The mile should be one of the most interesting races of the meet. Harrier All-American sophomore Oliver Wirz headlines the cast. He will be joined in the race by senior Daniel Das Neves and junior Greg James, two of the Pacific-10 Conference's top milers. Das Neves and James will be running their first Indoor races of the season.

One of the sprinters to watch Saturday is senior Kaon-Jabbar East. The former football defensive back won the 50-meter dash at the Eugene Indoor with a time of 5.90 seconds. He will be competing in the 55-meter event this weekend.

The Oregon women's team will be sending 29 athletes to the Oregon Indoor meet.

The mile will also be one of the featured races for the women. Sophomore Marie Davis and junior Kaarin Knudson are expected to set the pace.

Davis will step down from her 3,000-meter specialty but will be in front of her hometown crowd.



Oregon center Jenny Mowe gets one of her game-high three blocks in the Ducks 71-42 win over California. The freshman also had nine points and eight rebounds in the win.

Oregon 71, California 42

Oregon thumps Bears

■ **GAME:** Oregon's second-half turnaround leads to blowout of visiting California

By Mark McTyre

Sports Editor

The Oregon women's basketball team found out Thursday night just how bad it can play. However, it also found out how easily it can change its fortunes.

The Ducks' 71-42 win over the California Golden Bears at McArthur Court was a tale of two halves. Both teams shot miserably in the opening 20 minutes, but in the second half Oregon hit 60 percent of its shots while California continued to struggle offensively. Bears' head coach Marianne Stanley knows her team missed its opportunity to take advantage of Oregon's first-half woes by having its own troubles.

"There's not much you can do when you're getting open shots, but they're just not going down," Stanley said. "When I looked up and saw there was six minutes left in the first half, [the Ducks] were struggling just as much as we were; they only



■ LEADING SCORER:

UO Fegent 13
CAL Leander 9,

■ LEADING REBOUNDER:

UO Boyer 13,
CAL Leander 7

■ ASSIST LEADER:

UO Bowyer 6
CAL Smith 4

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Wrestling's Civil War up for grabs this weekend

■ **SEASON FINALE:** Oregon faces Boise State before preparing for championships

By Ryan Halvorsen

Sports Reporter

The Ducks will round out their regular season and Pacific-10 Conference schedules this weekend with two final conference meets, starting Friday against 18th-ranked Oregon State and concluding with a final home meet against Boise State on Sunday at McArthur Court at 2 p.m.

The meeting between the 21st-ranked Ducks and the Beavers, will be their

third this year but only the second league match. The first meeting was at the Reno Tournament of Champions on Jan. 2 where Oregon State came out on top 22-16. The Ducks got revenge at home two weeks later as they upset the higher ranked Beavers (18-15). In that match, a pin by Scott Norton put the Ducks up for good, and an 11-5 deci-



sion by Chael Sonnen preserved the win. The Civil War wrestling series has been heating up since last year's meeting at Corvallis where the two teams tied at 19, but the Beavers have had the upper hand in recent years, winning 10 out of their last 12 meetings.

"With Oregon State it'll be another Civil War battle," Oregon head coach Ron Finley said. "It won't be any differ-

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