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Oregon men continue to fall with 83-61 loss to Cardinal

■ BLOWOUT:

Oregon matches its season-worst defeat, losing to Stanford by 22 points

By Chris Hansen
Sports Reporter

The Oregon men's basketball team went to the Bay Area over the weekend believing the timing was right to sweep both California and Stanford or, at the very least, come back to Eugene with one win.

Instead, the Ducks narrowly averted being crushed last Thursday against California after the Bears jumped out to a 24-point lead in the first half. Oregon did come back in the second to make a game out of it before losing in the end.

Unfortunately for the Ducks, the same can't be

said for Saturday's 83-61 loss to the Cardinal.

Oregon (14-8 overall, 5-8 Pacific-10 Conference) briefly led 8-6 to start the game, getting five quick points from Kenya Wilkins and a Rob Ramaker three-pointer. But Stanford (15-6, 8-5) came roaring back, going on an 18-0 scoring run that was ignited by a handful of Oregon turnovers and two Brevin Knight three-pointers.

As they did Thursday, the Ducks were able to battle back, coming within 10 points, 39-29, by

halftime. But Stanford started the second half much the way it started the first, scoring 17 points to take a 21-point lead, 56-35, and effectively dashing any thoughts Oregon might have of making another comeback.

The major difference between the two teams was the performance of the starters. While Stanford had four starters who scored 15 or more points, Oregon had only one player who scored in double figures: Wilkins, who had the game-high with 24 points. Oregon's bench offered little help, scoring a combined 14 points — eight of which were scored by Andre Larry.



Oregon 66, Stanford 69

Oregon lets opportunity slip away

■ **WOMEN'S BASKETBALL:** The Cardinal came back after trailing by seven points in the second half

By Mark McTyre
Sports Editor

Respect is what the Ducks wanted, but it was another loss they received.

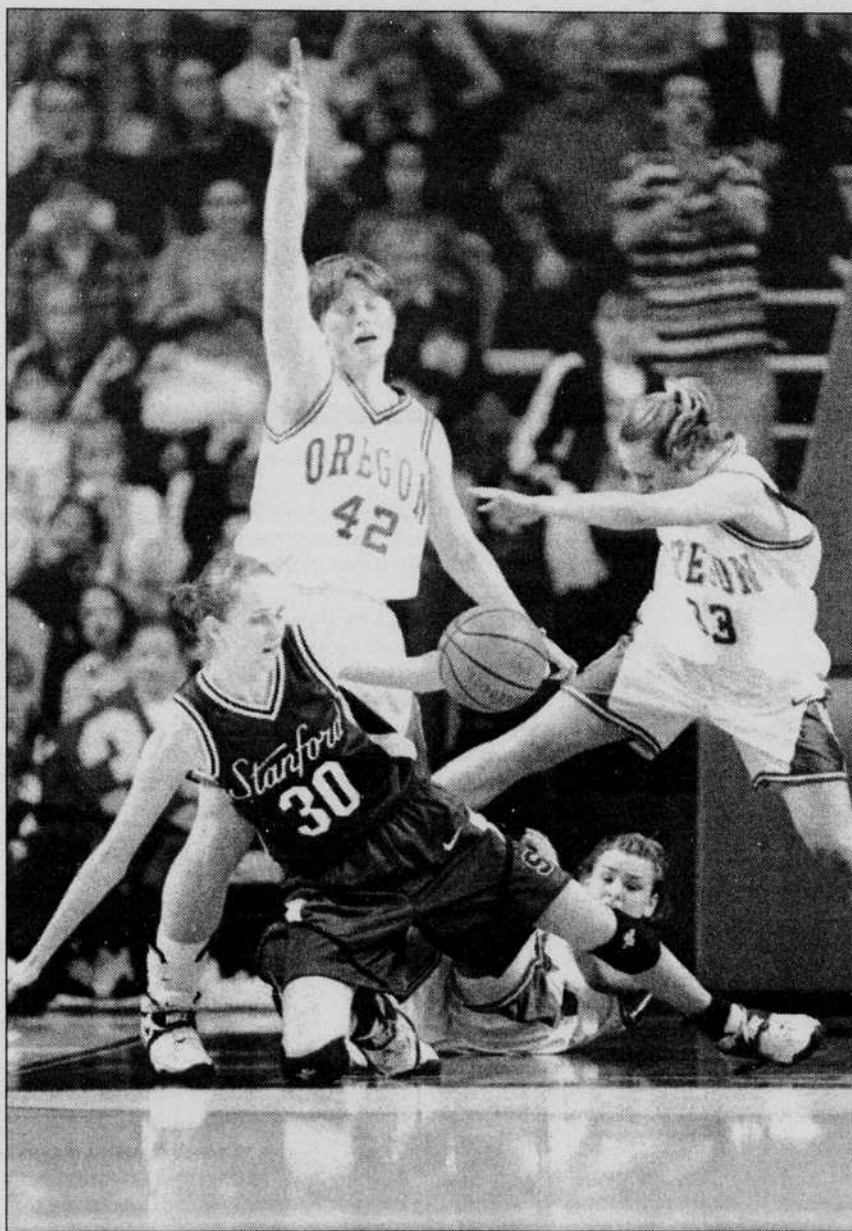
In front of 6,106 screaming fans, the Oregon women's basketball team came as close as it has ever come during the Jody Runge era to upsetting perennial West coast power Stanford, in a 69-66 loss at McArthur Court Saturday afternoon.

After leading by eight points in the first half, and by seven midway through the second, the Ducks (16-6 overall, 9-4 Pacific-10 Conference) watched their cushion deflate as the Cardinal knotted the score at 59 with four minutes, 10 seconds remaining in the game. In the next 43 seconds, Stanford took a two-point lead and was able to get Oregon's 6-foot-5 center Jenny Mowe to foul out of the contest.

"That was huge.

She was the offensive threat for them in the first half," Stanford guard Jamila Wideman said. "I don't think she scored in the second half, but just moving the big body out of the middle makes it a lot easier for us people who are vertically challenged to get in the lane and maybe penetrate a little bit better."

With Mowe out of the game, the Cardinal immediately attacked the interior of Oregon's defense. Center Olympia Scott, who



Stanford forward Kate Starbird attempts to elude Oregon's Arianne Boyer (42), Mendi Benson (33) and Lisa Bowyer during the Cardinal's 69-66 win.

■ **STANDOUT:** Stanford forward Kate Starbird keyed the Cardinal's 69-66 win with a game-high 30 points on 8-of-19 from the field and 10-of-12 from the free-throw line

By Ryan Frank
Sports Reporter

If there were any questions of Kate Starbird's status as an All-American, she answered them Saturday.

But it wasn't so much the game-high 30 points she scored. Nor was it the 40 minutes she played, or even the 10-of-12 she shot from the free-throw line.

What Starbird did that ensured her status among the nation's elite players was what gave Stanford its 20th straight win over the Ducks and its 40th straight Pacific-10 Conference win.

With two minutes, 16 seconds remaining, Stanford held a three-point lead when it called a timeout to set up a play with 3.6 seconds remaining on the shot clock.

"I didn't like what were running, so we set it up for Kate," Stanford head coach Tara VanDerveer said.

After the timeout, Starbird came off two screens to catch the ball about three feet behind the three-point line where she launched her 10th three-pointer of the afternoon.

The result: her fourth triple of the game and a nearly insurmountable six-point lead for the Cardinal.

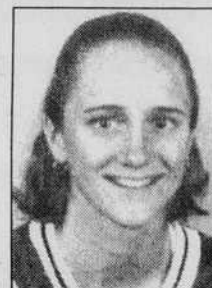
"That's why Kate is an All-American," VanDerveer said. "That's why there is no doubt in my mind that she is the Player of the Year in the Pac-10."

"And personally, I think she is the Player of the Year in the country. She makes big plays."

Stanford forward Vanessa Nygaard agreed with VanDerveer's assessment.

"I thought she put on a great show today," Nygaard said. "That three was the backbreaker."

While Starbird's late three-pointer was the "backbreaker," her efforts prior to that shot put the Cardinal in a position to win the game.



STARBIRD



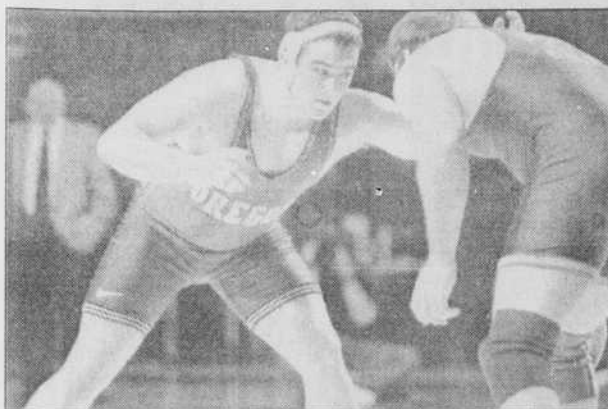
■ **LEADING SCORERS:** Stan. Starbird 30; UO Boyer 15

■ **LEADING REBOUNDERS:** UO Boyer 9, Fegent 9

■ **ASSIST LEADERS:** UO Bowyer 4, Boyer 3; Stan. Wideman 2

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Heavyweight Rich Polkinghorn finished out the Ducks' win over Boise State with a 9-4 victory over Jeremy Clayton.

UO wrestlers end regular season with two wins

■ **VICTORY:** The Ducks defeat Oregon State and Boise State to cap their regular season

By Ryan Halvorsen
Sports Reporter

The Oregon wrestlers did exactly what head coach Ron Finley wanted them to do in the final two matches of the season — win. And they did it in impressive fashion.

The Ducks downed 18th-ranked Oregon State on Friday in a blowout, 27-9, and then ended the weekend

with a lopsided 25-12 victory over Boise State. The Ducks finished the regular season ranked 21st in the nation with an 11-5 record overall and a 6-3 Pacific-10 Conference record.

"I'm really pleased with 11 wins against five losses," Finley said. "We didn't know where we were going to be going into this season, and then we lost a couple of our starters



and we thought we were really in trouble, but our darn freshmen, up to six at a time stepped in there and did a terrific job. I'm extremely pleased with the way they've performed this season."

Boise State (3-8, 2-2) also took advantage of Oregon State earlier in the weekend, but its luck ended there as the Broncos ran into the Ducks in the final Pac-10 match of the season.

Oregon jumped out early with Mike Mier taking the 118-pound match from Boise State's Josh Bales 4-2, his fifth

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