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UO women bedevil Arizona State in Tempe, 65-45

■ **WIN:** Guard Natalie Hughes led the Ducks with 14 points and six assists

By Ryan Frank
Sports Reporter

The Oregon women's basketball team overcame a sluggish start Saturday night to defeat Arizona State 65-45 and virtually assure itself of an NCAA Tournament bid.

The win also keeps the Ducks (18-6 overall, 11-4 Pacific-10 Conference) in sole possession of third place in the Pac-10 heading

into Thursday's date with second-place Southern California at McArthur Court.

Against Arizona State, the Ducks fell behind 9-4 five minutes into the game, then charged back with a 21-2 run over the next five minutes to take a 25-11 lead with 6 minutes, 40 seconds remaining in the first half.

Arianne Boyer and Cindie Edamura combined to score 10 points during the run.

Then Melissa Boyle's jumper with 6:01 remaining in the half ended the Ducks' run

and gave the Sun Devils their first basket in nearly four minutes.

However, Oregon was able to push its lead to 16 by halftime, 35-19.

The second half started off as a carbon copy of the first half. Arizona State opened the half with a 6-2 run to cut Oregon's lead to 37-25.

But like the first half, the Ducks responded. Oregon went on an 8-2 run to take a 45-27 lead with 13:46 remaining.

The Sun Devils (8-16, 2-12) came no closer

than 13 points the rest of the way.

Natalie Hughes led the Ducks with team-highs of 14 points and six assists. Renae Fegent shot 5-of-7 from the field for 10 points. Edamura poured in 11 points and five assists, and Boyer had nine points to vault into fifth place on Oregon's all-time scoring list.

Oregon's defense, which ranks No. 1 in the Pac-10 in opponents field goal percentage, forced the Sun Devils into shooting 32.2 percent from the field, while the Ducks themselves shot 50 percent, 27-of-54.

Ducks go 4-1 over weekend

■ **SOFTBALL:** Oregon came one inning away from sweeping the UNLV Classic

By Ryan Halvorsen
Sports Reporter

The Oregon softball team completed a successful weekend, finishing with four wins at the UNLV Softball Classic. The Ducks beat Loyola Marymount, Bowling Green, New Mexico and Southwest Texas while only losing to 13th-ranked UNLV.

Oregon finished off the tournament on a positive Sunday, beating up on Southwest

Texas 12-6. Lindsey Welch capped off the weekend with a pair of home runs, while

Jenni Cook picked up the win on the mound.

UNLV snapped the Ducks' four-game winning streak in the final game Saturday, edging out Oregon 9-7 in a comeback victory. The Rebels scored three runs in the top of the seventh and two runs in the sixth, and Oregon couldn't rebound as three batters went down in order to end the game.

Oregon started off hot, scoring five runs in the first inning behind a grand slam by Jennifer Apfelbaum to respond to UNLV's three-run first inning. Oregon scored a run in both the fifth and sixth innings and led 6-4 going into the seventh. The Rebels took advantage of five Duck errors and scored the game-tying run on an Oregon error.

In the early game Saturday, Oregon pounded New Mexico 10-2 for its third straight win in the tournament. The game was stopped after the sixth inning because of the eight-run mercy rule.

Heather Holte led the Ducks with a pair of home runs and four RBI in a day that saw the Ducks hammer out 15 hits. Shortstop Jill Robinson went 4-for-4 on the day and left fielder Missy Koke was also perfect as she went 3-for-3 to aid the Ducks' victory.

Oregon opened up the first day of play with two wins, the Ducks' first back-to-back wins on the season, downing Loyola Marymount 7-1 in the first game and Bowling Green 12-3 in the second.



Oregon 85, Arizona State 77

UO completes season sweep



Oregon forwards Henry Madden and Kyle Milling go up high to block an Arizona State shot. Madden had three blocked shots in the Ducks 85-77 win at McArthur Court Saturday night.

■ **VICTORY:** Oregon wins the season series with Arizona State

By Andrea DeYoung
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Perhaps it should have been easier than it was, but the end result was enough — a win.

The Oregon men's basketball team (16-8 overall, 7-8 Pacific-10 Conference) made it two victories in a row by beating Arizona State 85-77 on Saturday night. Although the Ducks beat the Sun Devils 76-51 earlier this season, it was not quite as smooth this time around.

But the Ducks still completed the weekend sweep and came away with their only season sweep of a team so far this year.

In one of the best all-around team efforts, Oregon saw nine players score, 11 pull down at least one rebound and three hit at least three three-point shots.

In fact, the Ducks hit 11 threes. Jamal Lawrence hit four, and Terik Brown and Kenya Wilkins each had three. The shots also came at key times in the game. A 14-2 run midway through the first half, ended with three straight threes to give the Ducks their biggest lead at 32-17. Brown hit all of his arc shots in a stretch of 1:12 in the second half, including a four-point play on his second shot.

Although Oregon led for a majority of the game, the Sun Devils evened the score at 75 with 2:26 to play on a three from Eddie House. But the Ducks came back and outscored Arizona State 10-2 to close out



■ **LEADING SCORERS:**
ASU Veal 26
UO Wilkins 24

■ **LEADING REBOUNTERS:**
ASU Farrington 9
UO Milling 9

■ **ASSIST LEADERS:** ASU Farrington, Veal 4
UO Wilkins 5

Oregon women's tennis team defeats Ohio Buckeyes

■ **TENNIS:** The Ducks return to Pac-10 competition next week against the Arizona schools

By Joel Hood
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Oregon's Ali Napier and Andre Petrovic combined to defeat Ohio State in the No. 2 doubles' spot Sunday and clinch a 5-4 win over the Buckeyes in Albuquerque, N.M. The victory improved the Oregon women's tennis team's record to 3-2 on the season and sets up a showdown with nationally ranked Arizona next week.

Oregon and Ohio State split the six singles matches early to set up the doubles showdown. Ducks' co-captain Allison Sosnow and Shanelle Kaneshiro battled to an 8-6 win at the No. 1 doubles position putting Oregon one victory away from the team win.

Napier's doubles victory was her second win of the day;

she won a tough three-set match (6-1, 3-6, 6-3) over the Buckeyes' Chrissy Splawnyk at the No. 2 singles' spot. Napier's singles victory seemed to swing momentum back to the Ducks as they went on to win in straight sets at the No. 3 and 4 positions.

Petrovic won 6-2, 6-2 at the No. 3 position and Sosnow cruised to a 6-1, 6-0 win over Ohio State's Amanda Yele at the No. 4 spot.

"It was a great win for us," head coach Jack Griffin said. "This is the first time it went down to the wire in a close match. We have been working on our doubles and they came through for us."

