

Win: Ducks go on 20-11 run at end of game to seal the victory

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played better in each game. But tonight, to grow even further as a team and let the system kick in and let those guys really start to understand it now, is just a huge win for us in terms of momentum this early in the year for a young team."

The numbers tell it all for Oregon.

Brown finished with a team-high 24 points on seven of 11 shooting, including five from the three-point line. Henry Madden made 50 percent of his shots to end with 17 points. Mike Carson and Jonathan Nelson scored 11 each, with Carson lead-

ing the team in rebounds with six, and Jamar Curry scored 10 points.

As a team, Oregon shot a season-high 54.5 percent, 63 percent in the second half. From the three-point line, Oregon shot 50 percent in the second half, 42 percent for the game. Oregon was more outstanding from the foul line where it shot 85.7 percent for the game, missing only one shot in 11 chances in the second half.

Mike McShane, while only scoring four, played his best game as a Duck. The sophomore point guard dished out a career-high seven assists, grabbed five rebounds and

turned the ball over only once.

What was most satisfying about McShane's performance was that it came in a game in which his backup, Yasir Rosemond, was sitting out a one-game suspension for fighting in the Dec. 2 game against San Diego State.

"He really stepped up to the challenge and came through for us," Kent said of McShane. "Having only one turnover against the quickness that was out on the floor, he obviously did a very good job for us."

Carson's rebound basket at the 15:10 mark of the first half put Oregon up 6-5, a lead it never re-

linquished despite everything the Wolf Pack tried to do.

Midway through the first half, Brown gave McShane a breather and Nevada instantly went to a full-court press defense that Oregon struggled to break. The Wolf Pack, after being down by as many as nine, got within three by halftime, 37-34.

Nevada's Paul Culbertson scored 17 in the first half, finishing with a game-high 26.

Oregon started the second half with a 23-7 run, fueled by three Brown three-pointers, to jump out to a 16-point lead with 12:52 to play. Nevada came as close as

eight points, but quickly fell back as the Ducks went on 20-11 run to end the game.

"It got away from us in the second half," said Nevada head coach Pat Foster. "Actually, we were never in it. It was an uphill battle all game, they played well. They hit their shots and beat us inside."

The win serves as a building block for the Ducks while also confirming for Kent and his staff that the team is moving in the right direction and beginning to comprehend what Kent's offense is all about — unselfishness.

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