



Oregon's Flo Hartenstein battles Stanford's Mark Seaton (44) and Jarron Collins in the post.

Loss: Oregon falls to 1-1 in conference play, 6-5 overall

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bers. The Ducks shot almost 43 percent from the field and 56 percent from the three-point line. And after being embarrassingly outrebounded in the first half 20-9, Oregon beat Stanford on the boards, 17-14, in the second. The Ducks also stayed even with the Cardinal in turnovers with 13.

In fact, the only facet of Oregon's game that was noticeably bad was its free-throw shooting. The Ducks shot 50 percent from the line, converting only 10 of 20 attempts.

"I'm really proud of the way our guys hung in there and battled through some adversity at times and really did a good job of competing, in not just this game, but in the entire weekend," Kent said, referring to the California win. "I feel that even though we lost, we got better tonight. They forced us to play a little more tougher, a little more physical and hopefully it will help us down the road."

Oregon jumped out to a quick, and brief, lead to start the game when Terik Brown sank a three-pointer just over a minute into the game to go up 5-2. But Stanford responded with a 17-3 run, 11 of which were scored by Weems.

The Ducks whittled the lead down to four points with just under 10 minutes to go in the first half. Once again the Cardinal responded, outscoring Oregon 24-12 to end the half up by 16, 43-27.

Stanford held Oregon to 38-percent shooting in the first 20 minutes, paying particular attention to Brown, Oregon's streaky three-point shooter.

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said. "The kids are really working on the defensive end. I tell the kids that is what we are going to need to do best and they have bought into it."

Oregon played much better on offense in the second half, shooting 46 percent. And the defense effectively shut down the inside game of the Cardinal offense. But the halftime deficit was far too much for the Ducks to overcome and even when Oregon made a run to bring it back to single digits, Stanford always had an answer. And more times than not it came from Weems.

"He just stepped up and made big time shot after shot after shot," Kent said. "That is just an outstanding basketball player that got into one of those zones tonight and just shot the ball extremely well. If he can shoot the ball like that, there is nothing that anybody in this country can do to beat that basketball team."

Peter Sauer and David Moseley each scored 13 for the Cardinal and Sauer led the team with seven rebounds. Young, a preseason All-American, scored 11.

A.D. Smith came off the bench to score eight for the Ducks and Brown scored nine on three three-pointers.

Weems: Junior nets career-high 34

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"I feed off him," Moseley said. "If he hits a few, I start to hit a few. I try to outdo him, which is very hard when he scores 34."

Montgomery said that, while he hardly expects 34 points a night from Weems, his ability to take advantage of hot streaks makes him dangerous in any given game, an ability that Weems and his teammates exploited to the fullest extent against the Ducks.

"Guys know they're going to get the ball and if they can get their feet set coming off screens, there's going to be an opportunity for them," Montgomery said. "The ball's been coming out of his hands nicely the last two weeks after a rough start, and I think this is more typical of the Kris Weems you'll see."

"Everything I've been working on in the last year and a half is just coming together," Weems said. "But confidence is the main thing, and after I hit the first

"We had a huge lift from Kris Weems tonight."

Mike Montgomery
Stanford head coach

couple shots, the guys just kept looking for me."

For an Oregon team that seemed to fulfill its goal of having a man in Weems' face every time he got the ball, perhaps the reaction of Oregon's Terik Brown summed it up best: "Kris Weems was unbelievable. In fact, after this interview, I think I'm going to go get his autograph."

The 34 points was a career high for the 6-foot-3, 195-pound native of Kansas City, Kan., surpassing his 29-point effort against Butler on Nov. 30.

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