

Oregon holds off WSU for second Pac-10 win

Flo Hartenstein pulled down 12 boards and scored eight points in the Ducks' win

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For the fourth game in a row, Oregon gave its opponent life in the game's closing minutes. But unlike the first three, this time the Ducks pulled out the win.

In front of a season-high home crowd of 8,213 at McArthur Court on Saturday afternoon, Oregon survived a late-game rush by Washington State and held on for the 71-62 victory.

A.D. Smith sank two free throws with 52 seconds remaining, and Jamar Curry converted a three-point play on a fast-break layin and foul 16 seconds later to put the Ducks up by eight, out of the Cougars' reach.

The Ducks improved to 7-8 overall and 2-4 in the Pacific-10 Conference. Washington State dropped to 8-8 overall and 1-4 in league play.

Despite a 17-point second-half lead for Oregon, the win didn't come without a fight.

A 9:12-long, 1-for-11 shooting stretch in the middle of the second half for the Ducks brought the Cougars to within seven, 56-49. Minutes later, South Eugene High School alum Blake Pengelly hit two three-pointers to pull the Cougars to within one basket of the lead, 62-60, with 2:51 remaining.

Oregon's Yasir Rosemond, who started only his second game of the season at point guard, answered with his second three-pointer of the game to put the

Ducks back up by five, and 1:38 later Smith hit his free throws.

"Needless to say, that was a huge win for us," Oregon head coach Ernie Kent said. "This is a team that has done everything we have asked them to do. ... They dive when we ask them to dive, they run when we ask them to run, they lift [weights] when we ask them to lift."

The star of the game for Oregon was freshman center Flo Hartenstein, who made the first start of his young career. Hartenstein recorded 12 rebounds and eight points in 29 minutes of play.

OREGON (71)

	Min	FG	FT	R	A	P
Madden	34	7-14	4-5	6	2	18
Curry	29	3-9	2-4	1	3	8
Hartenstein	29	4-11	0-0	12	2	8
Rosemond	21	2-3	0-0	3	1	6
Brown	37	7-15	2-3	9	3	20
Smith	10	1-4	2-2	0	1	4
Quinine	11	2-5	1-2	0	0	5
McShane	19	0-1	0-0	5	2	0
Nelson	10	1-1	0-0	1	1	2
Totals	200	27-63	11-16	42	15	71

Shooting: 42.9. 3-point: 6-13 (Madden 0-2, Rosemond 2-3, Brown 4-7, McShane 0-1)
*five team rebounds

WASHINGTON STATE (62)

	Min	FG	FT	R	A	P
Daniel	38	7-12	3-7	10	0	17
Crosby	25	3-7	2-4	0	1	10
Nelson	16	1-5	0-0	6	0	2
Pengelly	38	2-7	1-4	1	4	7
Kazadi	33	4-11	2-4	6	1	12
Hutchens	5	0-0	0-0	0	1	0
M-Bonsu	26	1-3	3-4	4	1	5
Slotemaker	19	3-5	1-2	1	1	9
Totals	200	21-50	12-25	30	9	62

Shooting: 42.0. 3-point: 8-18 (Daniel 0-1, Crosby 2-3, Pengelly 2-6, Kazadi 2-6, Slotemaker 2-2) *two team rebounds

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