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Free throws lift Ducks past Washington State

Senior Natalie Hughes led Oregon with 19 points, including three three-pointers

By Ryan Frank
Sports Editor

Believe it or not, the Oregon Ducks' ability to hit free throws down the stretch lifted them to a 62-57 victory at Washington State last Saturday.

Guard Lisa Bowyer hit three of four from the line in the final 26 seconds to help cap a 7-0 Oregon run in the final 2 1/2 minutes.

Jennifer Kerns' three-pointer put the Cougars up 57-55 with just two minutes, 24 seconds to play, but thanks to Brianne Meharry's layup, Natalie Hughes' jump shot and Bowyer's three free throws over the final two minutes, the Oregon women's basketball team waked away with the win.

The win, which came in front of 11,581 empty seats at Friel Court, gave the Ducks their second road sweep of the Washington schools in two seasons. Oregon is now 8-6 overall and 4-2 in the Pacific-10 Conference. Washington State drops to 8-6 overall and 2-3 in conference play.

Hughes, the Ducks' senior point guard, hit three three-pointers and led Oregon with 19 points. She was six for 15 from the field and four for four from the free-throw line.

Junior Sonja Curtis was the only other Duck in double-figures. She finished with 12 points, hitting four of six from the field and four

of five from the line. Curtis also had a game-high eight rebounds.

The Ducks shot 73.9 percent from the line, hitting 17 of 23 attempts. Oregon's performance from the line was in stark contrast to its recent showings there. In their loss to UCLA one week before, the Ducks missed 18 attempts from the line and shot just 45.5 percent for the game.

While the Ducks went to the line 23 times, Washington State attempted only nine free throws.

OREGON (62)

Min	FG	FT	R	A	P
Strange ...11	1-2	0-0	2	0	2
Meharry ...34	3-5	3-4	6	0	9
Wolvert ...20	2-3	0-0	3	0	4
Hughes ...33	6-15	4-4	3	2	19
Bowyer ...31	1-6	5-8	8	2	8
Piers ...7	0-3	0-0	0	1	0
O'Brien ...19	2-7	0-0	5	1	5
McKnight ...5	0-2	0-0	0	0	0
Thorne ...2	0-1	0-0	0	0	0
Dion ...11	1-3	1-1	3	3	2
Benson ...17	0-1	0-1	2	1	0
Curtis ...20	4-6	0-0	8	1	12
Totals ...200	20-54	17-23	43*	8	62

Shooting: 37.0. 3-point: 5-23 (Meharry 0-1, Hughes 3-9, Bowyer 1-5, Piers 0-1, O'Brien 1-4, McKnight 0-2, Benson 0-1)
*three team rebounds

WASHINGTON (59)

Min	FG	FT	R	A	P
Dietel ...26	7-17	2-2	5	2	18
Evans ...16	1-7	0-0	5	2	2
Kunze ...28	6-9	0-0	6	2	12
Nyseth ...10	0-0	0-0	1	1	0
Lamb ...29	1-7	2-2	1	3	4
Harrod ...2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Smith ...11	1-2	0-0	2	0	3
Kerns ...30	4-7	4-4	3	3	14
Volkman ...24	1-5	0-0	5	3	2
Quinton ...7	0-1	0-0	2	0	0
Rubio ...17	1-6	0-1	4	0	2
Totals ...200	22-61	8-9	37*	16	59

Shooting: 36.1. 3-point: 5-20 (Dietel 2-7, Lamb 0-4, Smith 1-2, Kerns 2-4, Volkman 0-3) *three team rebounds

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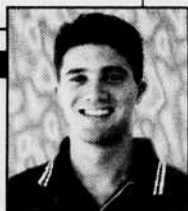
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