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Oregon hit six straight three-point shots to clinch the win



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Point guard Yasir Rosemond attempts to score over Earl Watson (25) and Baron Davis (5). Watson was called for a foul.

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The magic of McArthur Court strikes again. For the second season in a row and the fourth time in five seasons, a nationally ranked UCLA team came into The Pit and lost to an unimintimidated Oregon team.

Tied at halftime, the Ducks outscored the Bruins 57-41 in the second half to upset No. 6 UCLA 97-81 Thursday night in front of a raucous crowd of 9,087.

"We talked before the game about how we were going to have such an outstanding college basketball environment," Oregon head coach Ernie Kent said, "if we play hard, play smart and you just play at your talent level, you're going to beat a lot of people."

Oregon's victory was sparked by a string of six consecutive three-pointers, beginning at the six minute, 37 second mark of the second half when the Ducks were down by one.

Terik Brown hit the first three, followed by two from Yasir Rosemond and another from Jamar Curry that put the Ducks on top 80-74 with 2:37 remaining.

UCLA went into a prevent defense from that point on, fouling Oregon each time it touched the ball. The strategy backfired. Shooting only 60.9 percent from the free-throw line in Pacific-10 Conference games this season, Oregon made 15 of 16 from the line in the final 2:22 to seal the game.

It was a complete team effort for the Ducks. Eight players scored seven or more

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Bruin seniors lament third loss to Oregon

Toby Bailey, J.R. Henderson and Kris Johnson have lost three of four in Mac Court

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Three men, three losses, four years and plenty of excuses.

UCLA's stellar senior class of can't-miss NBA prospects Toby Bailey, J.R. Henderson and Kris Johnson came north to Eugene on Thursday for the fourth time in their heralded careers, and for the third time in those four years were sent home with a crushing defeat.

The three combined for 56 of the Bruins' 81 points, nearly half of their 29 rebounds and a full 100 percent of the emotional burden that comes with losing again to that team and those fans on that court.

"It's hard to take," Johnson said. "This is one of the most difficult losses to take just because of the team we lost to."

At the other end of the spectrum was the two-man Oregon senior class of Henry Mad-den and Jamar Curry.

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