

OREGON (61)

	Min	FG	FT	R	A	P
O'Brien	30	2-7	6-6	7	1	11
Curtis	30	3-4	9-10	6	0	15
Wolvert	20	0-2	2-2	6	0	2
Hughes	36	4-16	2-2	5	3	11
Bowyer	35	5-9	4-6	9	2	16
Piers	4	1-1	0-0	0	1	2
McKnight	6	0-2	0-0	0	0	0
Strange	27	2-6	0-0	1	1	4
Benson	12	0-1	0-0	1	0	0
Totals	200	17-48	23-27	43*	9	61

Shooting: 35.4. 3-point: 4-16 (O'Brien 1-3, Curtis 0-1, Hughes 1-6, Bowyer 2-5, McKnight 0-1) *Eight team rebounds.

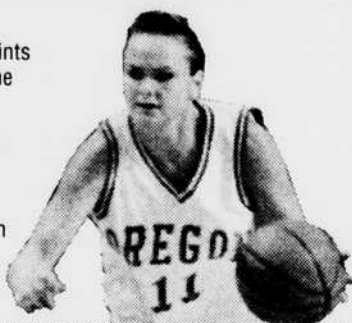
OREGON DUCKS VS. WASHINGTON STATE

Thursday's Star

Guard Lisa Bowyer scored 14 points and grabbed eight rebounds in the second half to lead the Ducks.

Play of the Game

The Ducks made nine of 10 free-throw attempts in the final four minutes as they pulled away from the Cougars down stretch.



Quote of the Day

"I'll tell you what, Washington State is a darn good basketball team. We had to play really well to win tonight."

— Jody Runge, UO head coach

Up Next

The Ducks take on No. 17 Washington (16-5 overall, 7-5 Pac-10) at 7 p.m. Saturday at Mac Court.

WASHINGTON STATE (51)

	Min	FG	FT	R	A	P
Dietel	31	3-7	5-6	7	0	13
Evans	23	0-3	0-0	4	2	0
Kunze	37	9-19	2-6	7	0	20
Nyseth	21	0-1	0-0	1	2	0
Lamb	32	4-11	0-0	3	2	8
Harrod	8	0-0	0-0	2	0	1
Smith	8	0-2	0-0	3	2	0
McNeely	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Kerns	21	3-10	2-2	1	3	10
Volkman	15	0-3	0-0	1	0	0
Rubio	2	0-0	0-0	0	1	0
Totals	200	19-56	9-14	31*	12	51

Shooting: 33.9. 3-point: 4-20 (Dietel 2-5, Evans 0-1, Nyseth 0-1, Lamb 0-4, Smith 0-2, Kerns 2-6, Volkman 0-1) *Five team rebounds.

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Ducks down Cougs ... again

Oregon outscored Washington State 37-30 in the second half to complete a season sweep of the Cougars

By Alex Pond
Sports Reporter

They don't have to be easy and they don't have to be pretty.

Any win is a good win for the Oregon women these days.

It definitely was not easy and it definitely was not pretty Thursday night at McArthur Court, but a win is what Oregon got, 61-51

over Washington State as the Ducks improved to 13-7 overall and 9-3 in the Pacific-10 Conference. The Cougars, meanwhile, fell to 9-12 on the season and 3-9 in the conference as they lost their fifth straight game.

The Ducks defeated the Cougars for the third time this season and the fifth straight time overall.

Lisa Bowyer led Oregon with 16 points on five for nine shooting from the field, including 14 points in the second half.

"I sat there at halftime and thought there was nothing much else I could do wrong or the team could do worse," Bowyer said. "I decided to attack the zone a lot more."

Oregon head coach Jody Runge said she was impressed with Bowyer's aggressiveness in the second half.

"She did a great job," Runge said. "She just decided we weren't losing this basketball game. She stepped up and hit some big baskets, got some huge rebounds and penetrated in there and put it off the glass when she got fouled."

Oregon could never quite put away the pesky Cougars and did not lead by more than eight until opening up a 10-point advantage, 43-33, with eight minutes, 46 seconds remaining in the game. The Ducks' largest lead all night was just 12 points on a couple of different occasions in the final two minutes.

"I'll tell you what, Washington State is a

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Sonja Curtis spins around Washington State's Yvonne Kunze and scores two of her 15 points in the game. Curtis also grabbed six rebounds for Oregon in its win Thursday.

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Bowyer's second-half surge sparks victory

The junior set the tone for Oregon as she scored 14 of her 16 points in the second half of Thursday night's game

By Chris Hansen
Assistant Sports Editor

So Lisa Bowyer's jump shot isn't smooth and arcing. So what if her layups don't slide off the backboard and drop sweetly through the net?

That's not what her game is about. It's not meant to be pretty — it's meant to be effective.

And it certainly was Thursday night in Oregon's 61-51 win over Washington State. The junior guard scored 14 of her 16 points and grabbed eight of her season-high nine rebounds in the second half, leading the way for the Ducks after a sloppy first half in which both teams shot under 30 percent from the field.

"I just sat there at halftime and felt there wasn't much else we could do wrong," Bowyer said. "They had us pushed out on the perimeter with the ball above our heads which was exactly what they wanted. I decided we needed to penetrate and look to shoot more in the second and get the ball inside."

Bowyer sank five-of-six shot attempts in the second

half, including two critical three-pointers. The first gave Oregon a four-point lead at the 15 minute, 20 second mark after the Cougars had pulled within one. The second put the Ducks up by 11 with six minutes remaining to give Oregon a nice cushion going into the stretch.

"We had a couple players in the rotation that didn't rotate over to her in time," Washington State head coach Harold Rhodes said. "We felt coming in that the key was [Oregon guard Natalie] Hughes, and that whatever Bowyer gave them would be somewhat of a bonus."

What a bonus.

"We just couldn't get anything going and she took it upon herself to rebound on both ends, handle the ball and shoot it when she was open," Oregon head coach Jody Runge said. "That's just somebody deciding that we're not going to lose. And she definitely has that mentality and the ability to make it happen. It's just refusing to lose, and that's what she did tonight."

Entering the second half, the two teams were tied at

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Wrestlers take on OSU at Mac Court

Tonight's match against the Beavers will be the last home dual meet for coach Ron Finley

By Joel Hood
Sports Reporter

For the final time this season — and the final time in head coach Ron Finley's illustrious 28-year career — the Oregon wrestling team faces rival Oregon State at McArthur Court tonight at 7:30.

And the last thing Finley wants is the spotlight on him.

"There certainly is a lot on the line for us against Oregon State," said Finley, who graduated from Oregon State in 1964. "It seems fitting that maybe our most important match of the season will be against our rivals."

At stake for the Ducks (8-3-1 overall, 4-2-1 Pacific-10 Conference) tonight: important tournament seedings for the Pac-10 Championships later this month, the psychological advantage of having defeated a conference co-favorite just weeks before the season's biggest tournament, a split with Oregon State this season and, of course, a victory for Finley in his final dual meet at McArthur Court.

Needless to say, emotions will be running a little high.

"This will really be an emotional match for us," 190-pound Chael Sonnen said. "A win would mean a lot for this team going into Pac-10s and for our indi-

On tap

■ **WHAT:** Oregon wrestling Civil War, Oregon vs. Oregon State

■ **WHERE:** McArthur Court,

■ **WHEN:** Tonight, 7:00

■ **AT STAKE:** Ron Finley, Oregon's head coach for the past 28 seasons, goes for a win in his final home match as the Ducks' head coach

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Oregon tennis

Gaining momentum and bettering records will be at a premium this weekend for the Oregon men's and women's tennis teams, as they enter their second consecutive weekend of non-conference play.

The women (1-4 overall, 0-2 Pacific-10 Conference) battle Idaho at the Eugene Swim and Tennis Club beginning at 4:30 p.m. Saturday. Meanwhile, the men (4-2 overall, 0-2 Pac-10) travel to Fresno, Calif., to play Pacific on Saturday and No. 51 Fresno State Sunday.

