

SPORTS BRIEFS

Golf travels to Hawaii

The Oregon men's golf team will compete in the Taylor Made/Waikoloa Intercollegiate in Hawaii this weekend.

The three-day tournament begins today, and action continues through Sunday.

Among the 24-team field is No. 1 Arizona, No. 4 Arkansas and No. 8 UCLA.

Softball begins season

The Oregon softball team will begin the 1998 season today in Tempe, Ariz., in the three-day Coca-Cola Classic.

The Ducks will open up with three nationally ranked opponents with No. 2 Fresno State, No. 21 Florida State and No. 25 Tennessee.

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Ducks survive scare from Cougars

An injury to Carlos Daniel allows Oregon to escape with a win

By Rob Moseley
Sports Reporter

Oregon took advantage of an injury to Washington State's leading scorer midway through the second half to steal a 64-63 victory at Friel Court on Thursday.

Carlos Daniel, who led the Cougars with almost 17 points and 10 rebounds per game, went down with a severely sprained right ankle with 10 minutes, 54 seconds left in the game, allowing the Ducks to take their first lead of the game at 58-57 on a Terik Brown three-pointer with 2:26 remaining.

Washington State (8-15 overall, 1-11 Pacific-10 Conference) retook the lead on a Chris Crosby jumper and a free throw by Steve Slotemaker, who finished with a game-high 15 points, but Brown hit another three-pointer for Oregon on its next possession, and the Ducks held on for the win.

Oregon (11-10, 6-6) ended a six-game road losing streak dating back to a Dec. 2 loss at San Diego State and has now won four in a row.

"We're on one of those runs right now," Oregon head coach Ernie Kent said. "Sometimes, when you're on one of those runs, you don't play well but the ball bounces your way. We didn't play well at times tonight and we made some bad mistakes, but in the last three or four minutes our defense stepped up and did a really nice job of shutting them down."

The Cougars scored just 11 points in the game's final nine minutes, including a three-pointer by Kab Kazadi as time expired.

The Ducks got off to a slow start, with Donte Quinine sinking an acrobatic reverse layup for Oregon's first field goal 8:15 into the game.

Two free throws by Slotemaker gave the Cougars their largest lead

of the first half at 20-11, which they matched at 22-13. A layin by Jonathon Nelson and a Henry Madden three-pointer brought the Ducks within three, 24-21, but the Cougars took another nine-point lead on three-pointers by Slotemaker and Blake Pengelly.

Yasir Rosemond closed the half with heroics reminiscent of his performance against UCLA last week by sandwiching three-pointers around a Daniel dunk to close Washington State's halftime lead to two, 36-34.

The Ducks remain on the road Saturday in Seattle for a rematch with Washington. The Huskies won at McArthur Court on Jan. 15, 81-71, and broke a three-game losing streak with a win over Oregon State on Thursday.

Donald Watts paced the Huskies with 27 points and six assists in the 84-74 win on a night in which Washington's Todd McCulloch had just five points and four rebounds. McCulloch had been averaging almost 20 points and 10 rebounds per game.



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