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Basketball

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wedged inside the lane and converted a pass down-low from Hammon into two points.

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The Rams (2-0) iced the final two minutes of the game by nailing two free throws and stripping Oregon (1-1) of the ball twice in the final minute.

"Our team never thought we were going to lose the game," said Cronin, who scored 13 of her 19 total points in the second half to put the Rams in front. "It's probably the biggest game in Colorado State history considering what we

had to deal with the crowd and all the fouls."

Fouls were a factor throughout the game as the two teams combined for an astonishing 50 fouls in 40 minutes. Oregon forwards Brianne Meharry and Angelina Wolvert both fouled out of the game with more than six minutes remaining. This forced the Ducks to all but abandon their inside game which had been so effective in the first half, totaling 22 of Oregon's 39 points. As a result, the Ducks went scoreless during a crucial 4-minute, 32-second

stretch in the second half when the Rams were able to cut Oregon's lead to just one point.

"No doubt we had match-up problems, it's pretty hard to guard Colorado State," said Litzenberger. "We got a 12-point lead and then we got tentative. We tossed the ball away going inside."

Oregon turned over the ball 26 times in the game, compared to 17 for the Rams. Jenny Mowe, Lisa Bowyer and Curtis each scored 11 points to lead the Ducks, who play Idaho next at McArthur Court on Nov. 22.

Defense

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"We didn't handle their pressure very well," Curtis said. In an effort to contain the Rams' igniting offense, Oregon found itself in serious foul trouble. Oregon committed 16 turnovers in the second half and had two of its key players, Angelina Wolvert and Meharry, foul out with more than six minutes to play in the game.

From that point on, it was a defensive war. Colorado State's defensive pressure allowed the Rams to take control of the game on offense.

With 3:28 to go, Angie Gorton bullied over the Ducks for a defensive rebound after Oregon guard Lisa Bower missed a free three throw. Gorton quickly passed the ball to Hammon, who tied the game at 69 with another textbook three pointer.

Oregon led the entire game, with the exception of Colorado State's 2-0 lead just 37 seconds into the game. But with 1:49 remaining in the game, the Rams' took the lead again on a lay-up by Cronin, and it was their perseverance on defense that prevented the Oregon offense from ever taking it back.

State's defense finally paid off as they prevented Mowe from getting the game tying lay up and forced Curtis to turn the ball over with 21 seconds left. Mowe had one last chance with 15 seconds, but again the brutal force of the Ram's defense forced a turnover.

Football

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and Michigan State (5-5, 3-3) hosts Illinois (3-7, 2-5).

Last season, the Pac-10 went 5-1 in bowl games. The conference's only loss came in the Rose Bowl when Washington State was beaten by eventual national champion Michigan 21-16. Oregon upped its bowl record to 4-8 with a 41-13 victory against Air Force in the Las Vegas Bowl on Dec. 20. A bowl invitation this season would be the Ducks' sixth in the 1990s. Prior to 1990, Oregon had one bowl appearance in the previous 25 years. UCLA captured its first Pac-10 title since 1993 with a 36-24 victory against Washington in Seattle.

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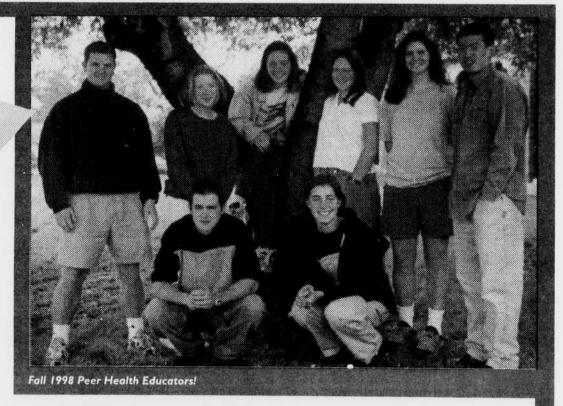
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