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## Oregon rolls to easy victory in first road game

*The Ducks make quick work of the Buffaloes and show that they can win on the road*

By Joel Hood  
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Lindsey Dion scored a career-high 10 points and four other Ducks scored in double digits as the Oregon women's basketball team used a 15-4 second-half run to cruise to a 75-63 victory against Colorado at the Coors Event Center in Boulder, Colo.

Oregon's sophomore guard scored all 10 of her points in the second half and helped the Ducks' claw back from a 37-34 half-time deficit in their first road game of the season.

Oregon (3-1) jumped out to a 10-1 first-half lead before Colorado responded with back-to-back three pointers. From that point, the Buffaloes went on a 16-7 run to extend their lead to 23-17 with seven minutes, six seconds remaining in the first half.

But Oregon was able to chip away at Colorado's lead. As the first half wound to a

close, Lisa Bowyer hit a three-point bucket at 1:20 to cut the Buffalo lead to 36-28, and Natasha O'Brien hit two free throws to bring the Ducks within four.



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Dion's 10 points eclipsed her previous career-high of nine that she scored last season against California. Her six rebounds were also a career high.

"It was like I was having an out-of-body experience," Dion said. "When Jody calls on you on the bench, you'd better be ready to step in there. This is a huge confidence

builder for us."

Meharry led Oregon with 17 points off the bench, and forward Angelina Wolvert added 16 points and eight rebounds, as Oregon shot 56 percent from the field in the second half.

The Ducks extended their lead to eight points when forward Nicole Strange hit Wolvert slicing to the basket with 7:54 remaining. Oregon extended its lead to 10 just seconds later when Dion hit a 15-foot jump shot from the top of the key.

For the fourth straight game, Oregon had more than 20 turnovers. However, the Ducks out-rebounded Colorado 42-34 in the game and 17-8 on the offensive glass.

The Ducks next host a four-team tournament at McArthur Court beginning Friday. Oregon plays Brigham Young in the first round of The Pepsi Shootout on Friday and then either plays in the championship or consolation game on Saturday.

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## Ducks go on the road to face Salukis

*Oregon faces its first road test of the season as it travels to Southern Illinois on Saturday*

By Tim Pyle  
Oregon Daily Emerald

Venturing away from the friendly confines of McArthur Court for the first time this season, the Oregon men's basketball team will begin a two-game road trip with an 11:30 a.m. nonconference matchup at Southern Illinois on Saturday.

The adversity presented by playing away from home will challenge the young Ducks, according to head coach Ernie Kent.



"Being on the road is going to force us to grow up, come together and get better, win or lose," Kent said. "Hopefully it's by winning, but regardless, you're going to go through this lunge in things, and that's what

we need to go through right now in the next stage of this very young season."

Oregon (1-0) completed its exhibition season and three-game homestand with a 105-77 drubbing of Global Sports on Monday. The Ducks defeated Coppin State 77-62 in their only regular-season game thus far on Nov. 15 and crushed Australia's Frankton Blues 103-53 on Nov. 12 in their first exhibition game.

The Salukis (1-1), who finished 14-16 last season, are coming off a 65-62 loss at Murray State and a 59-58 home win over Virginia Commonwealth to start their season. First-year head coach Bruce Weber, a Purdue assistant for 18 seasons, hopes for big games from returning starters Monte Jenkins and Chris Thunell to even the series in the second meeting between Oregon and Southern Illinois.

On Monday, forward A.D. Smith continued his impressive early-season play by leading the Ducks in both points and rebounds with 23 and 17, respectively. Fellow starting forward Alex Scales provided another all-around performance with 13 points, 11 rebounds and four assists.

Starting center Mike Carson had his best showing of the season with 15 points on six-of-seven shooting and four rebounds in

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Jed Weaver, who received an award for Oregon's most-improved player Sunday, drags two Arizona State cornerbacks in the Ducks' 51-19 victory on Nov. 14.

## Oregon must now play the waiting game

*A bowl berth is on the horizon, but which one is the question the Ducks have to think about*

By Rob Moseley  
Oregon Daily Emerald

In the wake of Oregon's 44-41 double-overtime loss to Oregon State in Corvallis Saturday, the Ducks find themselves in serious jeopardy of not qualifying for the favorable Culligan Holiday Bowl in San Diego.

Instead, Oregon may get a bowl-game invite from either El Paso, Texas, or Hawaii to play during the holiday break.

Should UCLA retain its spot in the national championship game in Tempe, Ariz., on Jan. 4, Arizona is still eligible for the Rose Bowl, thus leaving the Holiday Bowl to choose between Oregon and, most likely, Southern California.

Should the Bruins tumble into the Rose Bowl, Holiday Bowl executive director John Reid and his staff would be obligated to choose the Wildcats, leaving the Ducks in a less-desirable spot.

Despite the loss to the Beavers, Oregon still appears to be a favorite to play in San Diego if Arizona gets a Rose Bowl berth.



"It's a very subjective thing," Reid said. "[Losing] obviously didn't help, but it didn't by any stretch of the imagination eliminate them. They have a history of outstanding fan following and a very exciting offense led by a San Diego quarterback. In general, they are a very attractive team." Oregon quarterback Akili Smith was

born in San Diego and attended nearby Grossmont Community College, where he was named a junior college All-American before transferring to Oregon.

A big factor in the Holiday Bowl committee's decision is how well a team is able to fill area hotels and how well its opponent matches up.

"When you consider any team for your game, you toss everything into a hat and add it all up," Reid said.

**Rushing attack sputters against Beavers**

Almost lost in all the hysteria following the Civil War loss was how futile Oregon's rushing attack really was. The Ducks could muster just 29 yards all game and actually had negative 16 at halftime.

Starter Herman Ho-Ching tallied 4 yards on 12 carries, while the Ducks were led by

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