

## Oregon women move one step closer to first title

Angelina Wolvert's double-double led the first-place Oregon women's basketball team

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CORVALLIS — Angelina Wolvert capped a spectacular game Friday night with a simple spin move to the hoop that ended Oregon State's upset bid and may someday be known as the pirouette that gave the Oregon women's basketball team the Pacific-10 Conference title.

Leading by just six points with less than a minute to play, Oregon senior Lisa Bowyer inbounded the ball from the baseline to Wolvert a few feet away.

With her back to the basket, and as the shot clock clicked toward zero, Wolvert shook one Oregon State defender with a move to her left, then another as she moved back to her right and scooped the ball with her left hand toward the basket.

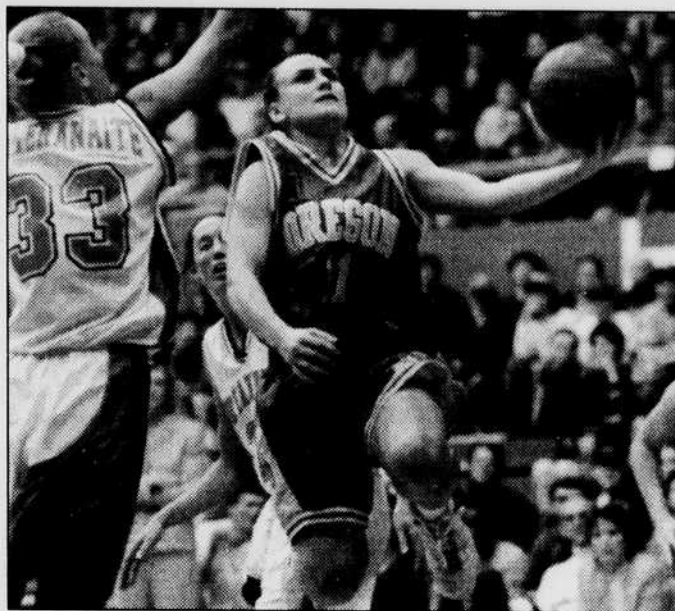
As the Oregon fans — who made up

more than 80 percent of the 5,034 in attendance — leapt to their feet, the ball fell through the hoop to give the Ducks an insurmountable 60-52 lead with just 34 seconds to play.

What Duck fans didn't know then was that Wolvert's layin, which sunk the Beavers and gave the No. 18 Oregon a bruising 60-52 victory at Gill Coliseum, was made even more significant Saturday when Washington beat UCLA to give the Ducks a full one-game lead in the Pac-10 title hunt with just two games to play.

Seeking its first conference title in school history, Oregon (23-4 overall, 14-2 in the Pac-10) still needs to sweep its final two games, Thursday at Stanford and Saturday at California, to capture the championship outright and to host the first round of the NCAA Tournament on March 12. But a split in the remaining two games guarantees the Ducks at least a share of the title.

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Lisa Bowyer goes up for two of her 13 points against Oregon State Friday.

*"A person has very few opportunities to win a championship in a lifetime. This team hasn't done it yet, but we've worked very hard this season and have had a lot of luck."*

Jody Runge  
Oregon head coach

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## UO overcomes late deficit to beat OSU

Oregon got 14 second-half points from Alex Scales in the 311th Civil War

By Rob Moseley  
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It was truly the best and worst of times for the Oregon men's basketball team on Saturday.

On one hand, the Ducks evened the score in the Civil War, avenging their only loss to Oregon State in five seasons and giving the Beavers a perfect 0-9 record on the road in the Pacific-10 Conference.

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On the other hand, it was one more in a seemingly endless stretch of nail-biters, the Ducks' 12 of 16 conference games decided by five or less points or in overtime.

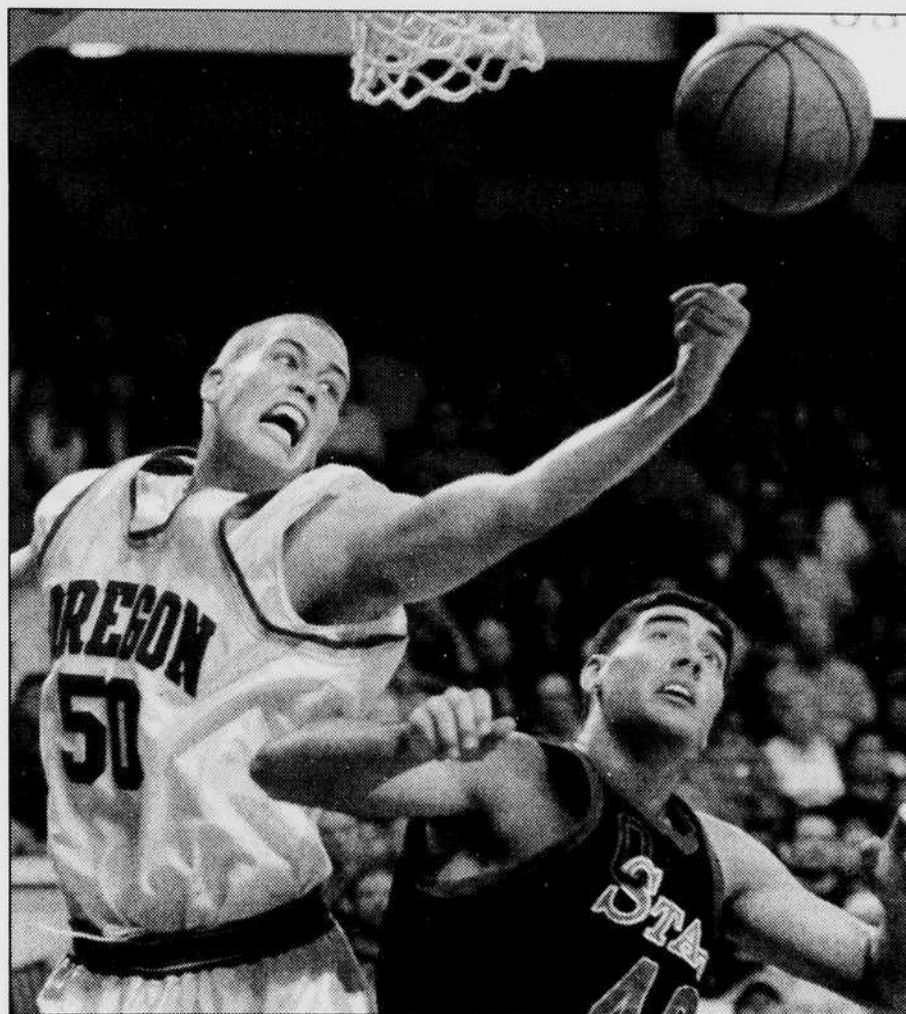
Oregon (15-10 overall, 7-9 Pac-10) has won three straight such games, and five of six overall, including a 73-68 win over the Beavers in front of 9,087 at McArthur Court on Saturday.

"We've been through so many of these close games, that I think we're really poised coming down the stretch, so I wasn't really worried," Oregon center Mike Carson said.

Carson's confidence came despite a harrowing eight-minute span of the second half in which the Beavers came from down nine, 46-37, to put the fourth sellout crowd of the season on the edges of their seats once again.

Josh Steinthal kept Oregon State (12-13, 6-10) in the game with five three-pointers, none bigger than the one that

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Mike Carson gets over Oregon State's Jason Heide for the rebound attempt in the second half of the Ducks' win against the Beavers Saturday. Carson had nine rebounds on the night.

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## Scales lifts UO to win

By Tim Pyle  
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When the Oregon men's basketball team needed it most Saturday night at McArthur Court, Alex Scales piggy-backed the Ducks to victory.

After Oregon State used a 17-3 run to grab its first lead at 48-46 with 10 minutes, 28 seconds to play in the second half, the Ducks looked like they were in trouble — both in the Civil War and with their postseason dreams.

The easy baskets via the fast break and free-flowing offense had suddenly disappeared as Oregon repeatedly launched deep jumpers that found anything but the bottom of the net.

A.D. Smith managed to pull the Ducks even with two free throws, but then Sasa Petrovic scored a three-pointer to put the Beavers up 51-48 with 9:36 to play.

At that point, Scales, who leads Oregon in scoring with more than 14 points per game, had just five points.

But there was a suitable explanation for his struggles.

For the first time since he arrived in Eugene, Scales, a native of Racine, Wis., who joined the Ducks as a junior-college transfer this season, was playing in front of his parents.

"The big thing we talked about when he was not playing, as well the first half, is his folks are here," head coach Ernie Kent said. "We talked about it all last night and today — settle down. As you know, he's a guy with a lot of energy al-

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### OREGON (73)

	Min	FG	FT	R	A	P
Smith	31	1-4	5-6	6	2	7
Scales	31	4-9	7-9	4	1	16
Carson	26	5-9	3-3	9	0	13
Wright	40	4-10	2-4	3	7	12
Brown	32	4-9	3-4	5	1	15
Harker	4	0-1	0-0	3	0	0
Rosemond	8	3-3	0-0	1	1	8
Jones	14	0-0	2-2	1	2	2
Christ'sen	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Hartenstein	12	0-1	0-0	0	0	0
Totals	200	21-46	22-28	33	14	73

Shooting: 45.7 3-point: 9-18 (Smith 0-1, Scales 1-5, Wright 2-4, Brown 4-6, Rosemond 2-2)

\*includes one team rebound

### 311TH CIVIL WAR

#### Player of the Game

Alex Scales had a team-high 16 points, including a crucial three-pointer that broke a 56-56 tie and gave Oregon the lead for good.



#### Quote of the Game

"It's personal, because for the guys that have been through it, they know what it takes. I'm a part of this team, and it's like a disease, so it affects me, too."

— Alex Scales, on playing OSU

### OREGON STATE (68)

	Min	FG	FT	R	A	P
Jones	16	1-4	1-2	2	1	3
Heide	30	5-7	3-4	3	0	13
Tanner	40	6-24	7-9	2	7	21
Steinthal	36	7-11	0-0	3	0	19
Petraitis	19	0-2	1-3	4	1	1
Petrovic	18	2-4	0-0	1	2	6
Lake	24	0-1	0-0	2	2	0
Masten	3	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
Walker	5	1-2	1-3	0	0	3
V.Backstrm	9	1-1	0-0	3	0	2
Totals	200	23-56	13-21	26	13	68

Shooting: 41.1 3-point: 9-20 (Jones 0-1, Tanner 2-9, Steinthal 5-6, Petrovic 2-4)

\*includes five team rebounds