

Oregon

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answered with a three-pointer, and after a Darius Wright jumper, Georgia Tech scored six straight to take the lead 64-63.

"They came out with a lot of fight, and I don't think we had our best game tonight," said Smith, who led the Ducks with 17 points and eight rebounds. "We made it close, but I think that makes it feel better in the end."

Smith spent most of the night guarding Collier, the more heralded of the Yellow Jackets' two big men. Foul trouble kept Collier off the floor late in the game and he would eventually foul out, but that didn't affect Jones' ability to exploit Oregon in the middle.

"A lot of the reason I think Jones went off is because Mike and Flo [Hartenstein] were helping me," said Smith.

Oregon went to a double team on Jones late in the game, accounting for his decreased production.

Alex Scales had 12 of his 16 points, as well as six rebounds, as Oregon took a 33-28 lead into halftime. Scales scored seven straight early to spot the Ducks a 10-4 lead, but the Yellow Jackets recovered to take a 16-14 lead on a Jones jumper.

The Ducks then went on a 12-3 run to open up the lead they would take into halftime.

Twin towers Jones and Collier accounted for 20 of Georgia Tech's 28 first-half points, 13 of those from Jones.

"They came out playing me one-on-one, so that opened me up to take shots and make some moves," said Jones, who added 11 rebounds. "Their keying on Jason helped me out a lot."

Jones also appeared to be responsible for an elbow that caused a bloody cut under Carson's right eye with about two minutes left in the first half. Carson took six or seven stitches from the Oregon training staff and returned in the second half to finish with six points



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Oregon's Flo Hartenstein found the inside going tough against the likes of Alvin Jones.

and six rebounds.

The Ducks shot just 36 percent in the first half but nailed four of seven from three-point range. Georgia Tech didn't do much better, shooting 38 percent from the floor. The Yellow Jackets were just one for eight from behind the arc.

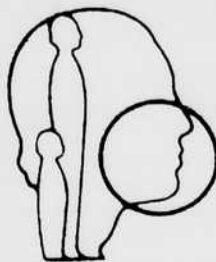
Georgia Tech recovered to shot 42 for the game.

Earlier in the day, Wyoming beat Southern California 81-77 at home to set up Monday's game.

The Cowboys drew 6,613 fans, 53 fewer than the Ducks, to help secure the game at McArthur Court.

"We definitely got a taste of March Madness tonight," Brown said of the small yet vocal crowd. "The fans were great."

Tickets for Monday's game go on sale today for season ticket holders and Friday at 9 a.m. for general admission. The Casanova Center will remain open this weekend to handle the demand.



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