

OREGON (74)

	Min	FG	FT	R	A	P
Smith	27	3-5	5-8	5	3	11
Scales	26	2-11	6-7	3	0	10
Hartenstein	8	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
Wright	36	4-9	6-6	4	3	17
Jones	26	3-7	2-2	11	2	10
Jackson	22	2-5	1-2	3	6	7
Hicks	23	2-2	3-8	6	0	7
Lindquist	6	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
Norwood	4	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
Bracey	22	5-6	2-4	4	0	12
Totals	200	21-45	25-37	40	14	74

Shooting: 46.7 3-point: 7-25 (Smith 0-1, Scales 0-6, Wright 3-8, Jones 2-5, Jackson 2-5)

* includes one team rebound

OREGON DUCKS VS. PORTLAND PILOTS

Player of the Game

Point guard Darius Wright scores 15 of his team-high 17 points in the second half to ignite the offense and ensure a home-opening win.



Quote of the Game

"You're expecting to win now... That, to me, is the biggest thing that we're adjusting to."

— Ernie Kent, Oregon head coach

Portland (62)

	Min	FG	FT	R	A	P
Collins	35	6-9	3-5	10	4	15
Jackson	9	1-1	2-6	0	0	4
Dejworek	16	2-5	1-3	4	0	5
Andrews	35	2-12	0-0	2	5	6
Jones	34	9-16	4-6	3	0	25
Jorgusen	9	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Mills	19	0-5	2-3	1	1	2
Woodberry	13	1-6	0-0	1	1	3
Kamara	6	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
Frost	24	1-3	0-0	4	0	2
Totals	200	22-57	12-23	30	11	62

Shooting: 38.6 3-point: 6-20 (Collins 0-1, Dejworek 0-2, Andrews 2-6, Jones 3-6, Mills 0-3, Woodberry 1-2)

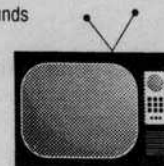
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Senior forward A.D. Smith grabs an offensive rebound during the first half of Oregon's win Tuesday night at McArthur Court. Smith finished with 11 points and five rebounds to steady the Ducks' inside play.

Second-half surge rescues UO again

■ Oregon trails Portland 25-23 after a nightmarish first half but uses a 16-4 spurt to pull away midway through the second half

By Tim Pyle
Oregon Daily Emerald

Two games into the regular season, the Oregon men's basketball team has staggered twice into the locker room trailing a lesser opponent at halftime.

And with Tuesday night's 74-62 win over Portland at McArthur Court in front of 7,386 fans, the Ducks (2-0 overall) have twice picked up the pace in the second half to secure nonconference victories.

"We know we have work to do," head coach Ernie Kent said. "We are not talented enough to just show up and play."

After forward Troy Collins gave the Pilots (2-2) a 39-38 lead with 12 minutes, 55 seconds remaining in the game, Oregon embarked on a 16-4 run to go up 55-43 with 6:31 left. Portland wouldn't get closer than eight the rest of the way.

The spurt was ignited by three of the Ducks' seven three-pointers on the night. Senior point guard Darius Wright hit the first and last on his way to a team-high 17 points, and sophomore guard Freddie Jones, who notched a double-double, nailed the other — one of his two NBA-distance bombs as the shot clock wound down.

Pilot guard Ryan Jones, the West Coast Conference freshman of the year last season, tried to rally his team by scoring 12 of his game-high 25 points down the stretch. But Oregon made nine-of-10 free throws and used two more timely threes to defeat Portland for the 20th straight time.

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"Probably the thing that hurt us the most was they took some very, very deep three-point shots that we weren't quite ready for them to shoot," Pilots head coach Rob Chavez said. "In the second half, Wright stepped up and hit some three-pointers that also hurt us."

For the second consecutive game, it was poor ball-handling and all-around dismal offense that put Oregon in a halftime hole.

A week ago in Chicago, the Ducks committed 17 first-half turnovers and shot 42 percent from the field as Illinois-Chicago took a 27-22 lead. Tuesday night, Oregon turned the ball over 15 times and shot just 35 percent to trail the Pilots 25-23 at the break.

And the halftime score would have been worse if not for a 5-0 run capped by junior guard David Jackson's three-pointer from a few feet inside the half-court line at the buzzer.

"In the first half, we never really could get in sync," said senior forward A.D. Smith, who scored seven of his 11 points in the second half and also recorded five rebounds and three assists overall. "We're not really in a rhythm offensively."

Wright, the Ducks' smallest player, was the second-half catalyst, just as he was down the stretch a season ago for Oregon. After having no assists, one turnover and just two points in 16 minutes at the half, the

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Inconsistent play tarnishes win

■ Oregon knows it must improve in many facets of its game in order to reach its goals

By Jeff Smith
Oregon Daily Emerald

Oregon's second step toward "The Big Dance" was like an innocent high school freshman stepping on his date's feet.

The Ducks' lethargic 74-62 win over the visiting Portland Pilots on Tuesday night at McArthur Court did little to back up all of the preseason expectations.

Oregon (2-0 overall) seemed to come out of the blocks with a low tank of gas, and it finished the first half with a total of 15 turnovers, two less than the first-half output it recorded against Illinois-Chicago in the season-opener last week.

There were plenty of signs in the

beginning about what type of night this would be.

First there was Alex Scales driving to the hoop but getting called for a carrying violation.

Then shortly after, Darius Wright tried to find an open Scales but tossed an errant pass into the fifth row of bleachers.

And then after a series of awkward passes, Freddie Jones also attempted to get the ball to Scales, but his pass landed in a fan's hands as well.

Once the sluggish game finally came to an end, the only dance the Ducks were doing was dancing around reporters questions about how they currently stand as a team.

"We shouldn't overreact," senior forward A.D. Smith said. "Once the season gets going, our offense won't be a problem."

"I'm not surprised at all," head coach Ernie Kent said of his team's

slow start to the season. "We just got caught up in the hype a little bit, and we need to become a mentally focused group and show up more focused and ready."

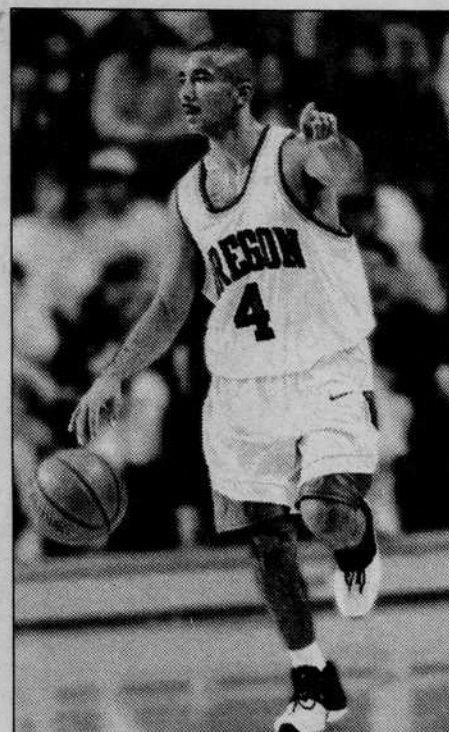
Kent, always one to put a positive spin on things, admitted that his team is nowhere near where they need to be come league play.

"We know we have a lot of work to do," Kent said. "It's going to be my job to get them to do it. I'm still going to be the same positive coach, just going to be a tougher teacher."

The Ducks found themselves down 25-23 at the half, but it could have been worse had David Jackson not drilled a near-half-court buzzer-beater.

The Pilots scored 13 unanswered points against an out-of-sync Oregon defense in the closing minutes of the half and the 7,386 fans on

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Senior point guard Darius Wright directs the Ducks during the first half of Tuesday night's victory over Portland. Wright's second-half performance ignited an Oregon offense that had been ineffective in the first half.

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