

A.D. Smith quietly delivers Ducks a Civil War win

■ A.D. Smith reaches double digits for the 12th time and leads the Ducks to an easy Civil War win

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CORVALLIS — A.D. Smith knows all about Oregon State basketball.

Saturday's night's Civil War clash in which the Ducks dominated the Beavers, 67-49, in front of a sold out crowd of 10,400 at Gill Coliseum, was the fifth war in Corvallis that Smith's been a part of — four as a player and one during his 1997 redshirt year.

But his history of Oregon State

basketball goes much deeper than that.

Smith, who went to Eugene's Churchill High School, grew up as a fan of — believe it or not — the orange and black Beavers.



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"I was a big-time Beaver fan growing up," Smith said.

"I've been a Beaver fan a lot longer than I've been a Duck, and I'm always excited about playing here."

Oh, but don't get him wrong, there's nothing he enjoyed more than emerging from Gill Coliseum as a winner.

"Road wins aren't easy to come by in this conference," Smith said. "And there is no more difficult place to play than Gill. You look at their record here in the last year or two, and you can see why we're excited about this win."

A key reason the Ducks were victorious was the gritty play of Smith, who scored in double figures as he has in every game this season, finishing with 22 points on eight-of-13 shooting. He also grabbed his 500th career rebound and is 14 points away from his 1,000th point, a feat he is likely to achieve on Thursday against California.

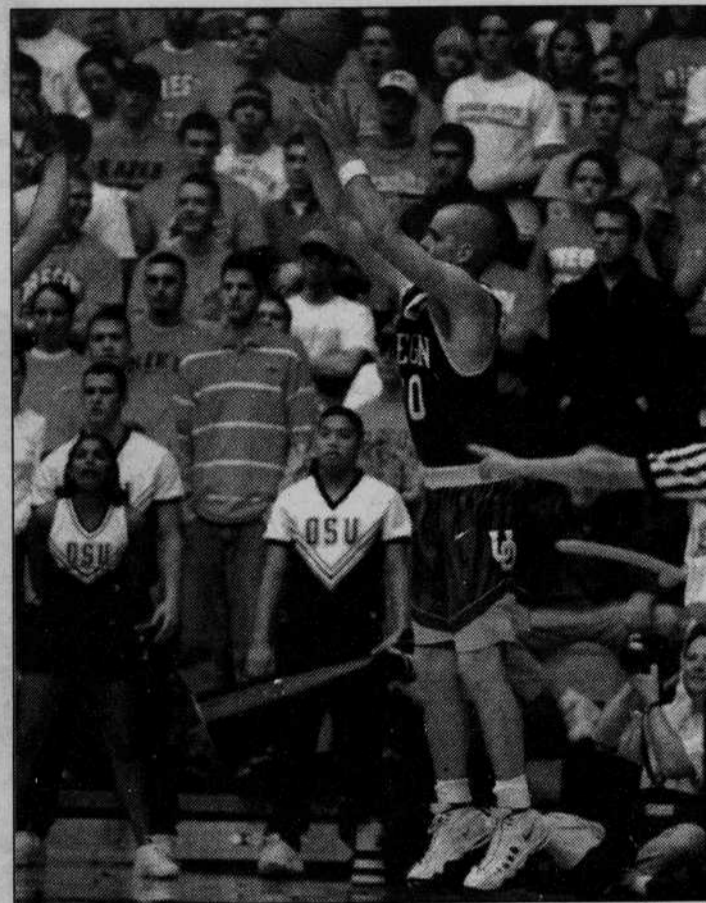
"We can talk about A.D. every week," Oregon head coach Ernie Kent said. "He's such an integral part of this basketball team and has done a great job at pushing the credit in other places."

Smith's points against the Beavers often came at the most opportune time, yet none of his points came on highlight-reel-type plays. They were scored in typical A.D. Smith fashion. Nothing fancy, nothing special, but plenty effective.

When Smith receives the ball in the low post, he uses moves that must make any eighth-grade basketball coach proud. He commonly uses a picture-perfect pump fake that draws his defender up in the air and then glides right by him for the layin.

Such technique helped Smith score 22 points against Gonzaga and 29 against Hawaii, and he noted that the Beavers had obviously done their homework.

"I got some junk stuff really," Smith said. "I think they scouted me out a little bit better because every time I touched the ball there



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A.D. Smith, who once coveted orange and black, is happy to be a Duck.

was a double team coming."

Oregon State head coach Eddie Payne did give an advance warning to his troops about Smith, but even with a double team on him, Smith was effective by using his classic pump fake to score or to pass to an open teammate for a jumper.

"A.D. is just a very productive player for his team because whether he's scoring or not, he's a smart guy and he executes," Payne said. "He reads defenses

well, and he's just the kind of guy that gets his team going. He's probably their most valuable player in the sense of all of the things he does."

At 7:01 p.m., six minutes before tipoff, Gill Coliseum's scoreboard proudly exclaimed, "It's a great day to be a Beaver!"

A mere two hours later, Smith stood in a hallway outside of the winning locker room and boasted a smile that proved that he was,

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Instead, the loudest a sellout crowd of 10,400 at Gill Coliseum would get was during a halftime performance by the Red Panda Acrobats.

"We got a little shook, I think," Beavers head coach Eddie Payne said of Oregon's fast start.

The Ducks were simply dominant at a venue in which Oregon State was 7-2 — including wins over Stanford, Arizona and UCLA — in Pac-10 play last season.

After being down 37-16 at the half, the Beavers could get no closer than within 16, at 50-34 with about 10 minutes remaining, in the second half.

The Ducks, who entered the game with a 50.5 percent field-goal percentage after ending last season at 44 percent, shot 50 percent from the field. They made eight threes compared to Oregon State's two. And they out-rebounded the Beavers 37-30.

"Last year, we played horrible here," said Wright, who finished with eight points, three rebounds and two assists in 32 minutes. "This time, we took it to 'em."

Smith took it to Oregon State the most, using his usual arsenal of textbook pump fakes, footwork and lay ups to score a game-high 22 points.

"I don't know how he does it," said a chuckling Wright. "He looks slow out there to me, but he comes up big every time."

Jones recorded 11 points, a game-high six assists and five rebounds. His early barrage of

threes was universally regarded as the tone-setter afterward.

"I felt real good before the game," said Jones, who was further motivated when an over-zealous Beaver fan confronted him. "I came out and made 50 threes [during pregame warmups], so my stroke was feeling real good."

Senior forward Alex Scales was the third Oregon player in double figures, scoring 14 points with five rebounds and two assists.

Defensively, the Ducks put the shackles on the Beavers, especially in the first half. After being held to just 16 first-half points itself in the loss at Oregon State a season ago, Oregon turned the tables in holding the Beavers to just 16 points and 27 percent shooting during Saturday's evening first 20 minutes.

For the game, Oregon State finished 18 of 52 from the field, a dismal 35 percent.

"It takes five guys to defend like that," Kent said. "I just thought we were outstanding defensively."

The Beavers' all-Pac-10 point guard, junior Deandra Tanner, was hardly a factor, scoring just 10 points with three assists and three rebounds on three-of-12 shooting. Tanner was averaging 16 points and shooting better than 50 percent entering the game.

Oregon State freshman forward Brian Jackson was as good as advertised, scoring 17 points and grabbing 10 rebounds.

But the Ducks, seeking their first NCAA Tournament berth since 1994-95, were perhaps better than ever. And in a different class than the Beavers.

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