

## Inside Sports

Solid defense was important in the men's basketball team's win against USC, the Ducks need more of the same against UCLA ... The women must regroup for tomorrow's grudge match against co-defending champion UCLA ... The men's tennis team hopes for a strong showing at Boise State Shootout before hosting Boise State Sunday ...

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## Scoreboard

| USC (67)    |     |       |       |    |     |    |
|-------------|-----|-------|-------|----|-----|----|
|             | Min | FG    | FT    | R  | A   | P  |
| Charissis   | 6   | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0  | 0   | 0  |
| Bluthenthal | 40  | 7-11  | 2-2   | 9  | 2   | 17 |
| Scalabrino  | 39  | 8-17  | 2-2   | 7  | 4   | 18 |
| Granville   | 39  | 1-8   | 8-9   | 4  | 3   | 10 |
| Trepagnier  | 40  | 3-10  | 2-5   | 6  | 1   | 9  |
| Hair        | 35  | 5-7   | 0-3   | 5  | 0   | 13 |
| Jones       | 1   | 0-0   | 0-0   | 1  | 0   | 0  |
| Totals      | 200 | 24-53 | 14-21 | 33 | *10 | 67 |

Shooting: 45.3% 3-point: 5-15 (Bluthenthal 1-4, Scalabrino 0-1, Granville 0-3, Trepagnier 1-3, Hair 3-4)

\*includes one team rebound

| Oregon (68) |     |       |     |    |     |    |
|-------------|-----|-------|-----|----|-----|----|
|             | Min | FG    | FT  | R  | A   | P  |
| Smith       | 34  | 7-14  | 0-1 | 6  | 2   | 15 |
| Scales      | 38  | 8-15  | 1-1 | 5  | 2   | 18 |
| Hartenstein | 12  | 2-3   | 0-0 | 5  | 0   | 4  |
| Wright      | 40  | 3-7   | 0-1 | 4  | 3   | 8  |
| Jones       | 31  | 3-8   | 0-0 | 2  | 7   | 7  |
| Hicks       | 24  | 2-4   | 4-4 | 7  | 1   | 8  |
| Lindquist   | 4   | 0-1   | 0-0 | 0  | 1   | 0  |
| Norwood     | 6   | 0-3   | 0-0 | 0  | 2   | 0  |
| Bracey      | 11  | 4-5   | 0-0 | 1  | 0   | 8  |
| Totals      | 200 | 29-60 | 5-7 | 32 | *18 | 68 |

Shooting: 48.3% 3-point: 5-15 (Smith 1-2, Scales 1-4, Wright 2-5, Jones 1-2, Lindquist 0-1, Norwood 0-1)

\*includes two team rebounds



SCALES

### Player of the Game

Alex Scales displayed his usual array of impressive dunks and smooth

shots, leading the Ducks with 18 points, five boards and two assists in a team-high 38-minute effort.

### Quotes of the Game

"I've never seen anything like that in my life. I couldn't believe that the call was made, but we just had to live with it and play through it."

Darius Wright, Oregon point guard

on the official's call to "redo" a free throw with one minute remaining

"We were in the same situation last year. This team did a great job of just hanging in there and pushing through some things and finding a way to win."

Oregon head coach Ernie Kent, on his teams' determination to win

### Best Bet

NBA  
New York at  
Atlanta  
5 p.m., TNT



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## History not repeated; UO prevails

Unlike a season ago, Oregon hangs on in crunch time over USC and moves into a four-way tie for first

By Jeff Smith  
Oregon Daily Emerald

The scene was all too familiar. Oregon and USC were once again in the final minute of regulation at McArthur Court with the game on the line.

But instead of 2.8 seconds left, there were 8.6 seconds.

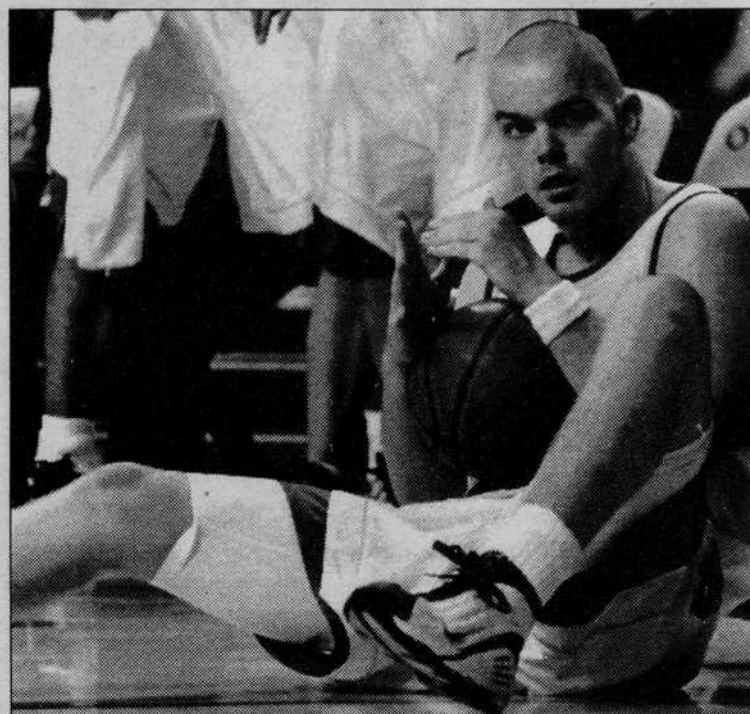
Instead of a five-point Oregon lead, it was only a one-point Oregon lead.

Instead of Adam Spanich with the ball at the end of game for USC, it was Brandon Granville.

But the biggest difference was that, instead of Spanich drilling six straight points for the improbable win, it was Granville driving into a wall of Oregon defenders and not getting a shot off.

As he was cutting through the lane and looking to pass, Oregon guard Freddie Jones got a hand on

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Michael Crisp Emerald

With the game on the line, forward A.D. Smith calls a crucial timeout to help ensure the win.

## Ducks' interior defense triumphs in win

■ Oregon achieve its goal of containing highly touted USC forward Brian Scalabrino Thursday

By Brett Williams  
Oregon Daily Emerald

Brian Scalabrino is one of the nation's best.

Southern California's 6-foot-9, 250-pound forward has been getting rave reviews for his play. Arkansas State head coach Dickey Nutt proclaimed Scalabrino: "As good as it gets in Division I-A basketball."

So with the Trojans down 68-67 in the waning moments of Thursday night's game, no one was surprised that USC opted to give Scal-

abrino a chance to win it.

The only surprise was the result.

Scalabrino released his trademark turnaround jump shot just to the left of the free-throw line, but the ball hit nothing but back rim and the Ducks (14-3, 5-1 Pacific-10 Conference) escaped with a victory, thereby moving into a four-way tie for first place with the Trojans (12-6, 5-1), Arizona and Stanford.

"There were a few shots I should have made, and that

was one of them," said Scalabrino, who is a 1999-2000 Wooden Award and All-American candidate. "I had a good look, I just missed the shot."

Oregon tried to mix-and-match defenders to frustrate Scalabrino, with A.D. Smith and Julius Hicks matching up with him for most of the game.

Oregon head coach Ernie Kent said he was pleased with the play of Hicks, who fought fatigue throughout the game while helping hold Scalabrino to 8-of-17 shooting from the field and

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“Our defense has won the last three games for us down the stretch.”

Ernie Kent  
Oregon head coach

## In final second, Elmore shoots down Ducks

After losing to USC at the buzzer, the Ducks face a sweep heading into their showdown with UCLA on Saturday

By Scott Pesznecker  
Oregon Daily Emerald

Last week, Oregon point guard Shaquala Williams stated in her on-line diary that she would do anything for her team to win.

The All-American kept her word.

Williams did all she could in a 21-point effort, even hitting two free throws with 12 seconds remaining to give her team a one-point lead.

And when Southern California's Erica Mashia — Williams' idol back in her high-school days in Portland — missed a jumper with mere seconds on the clock, it appeared that Williams' contributions were enough to cap a heart-pounding Oregon comeback.

That was before the long rebound wound up in the hands of USC's Tiffany Elmore, who, all in one motion, turned, jumped, and threw

an 18-foot prayer over Jamie Craighead's outstretched arms. Score. Win.

Dagger.

Oregon (13-5 overall, 4-2 Pacific-10 Conference) lost the battle against USC (8-8, 3-3), 74-73, after coming back from a 12-point deficit midway through the second half.

"We talked about giving them a shot, forcing them to take a bad shot and making sure we got the rebound," Oregon head coach Jody Runge said. "We didn't get the rebound, they threw up a prayer and it went in the basket."

And after they were beaten on the floor by the Trojans, the Ducks were literally beaten off the floor by the referees.

A new NCAA rule which goes into effect today says that before the officials leave the floor, a questionable buzzer shot can be reviewed on video.

Elmore's final bucket was

definitely questionable. So uncertain that Oregon Sports Network radio play-by-play announcer Ray Martin proclaimed a Duck victory before he noticed that USC won the game.

When the shot fell, the officials looked at each other, unsure of what had happened. Then, they hurried off the floor.

Runge sprinted across court after them, catching a referee while her team waited on the sidelines. But rather than review the tape, the official told Runge the shot was good.

"I don't know what the time on the clock was; I'll have to look at it on the film," Runge said. "But we didn't pull the rebound on the weak side. We forced them into a bad shot, and it's that possession that won the game for them. That's why you have to play every possession."

"We went to the board in

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