# No. 6 Ohio St. 79, Penn St. 73

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. (AP) Michael Redd had 22 points and George Reese added 16, including eight over the final five minutes, as No. 6 Ohio State beat Penn State 79-73 Wednesday night to move into first place in the Big Ten. The Buckeyes (21-5, 12-3) are alone at the top — at least for a day. Michigan State can join them by beating Minnesota on Thursday. Ohio State can assure itself of a share of the conference championship for the first time in eight years by beating Minnesota on Saturday.

# No. 17 Maryland 85, Florida St. 70

COLLEGE PARK, Md. (AP) Steve Blake scored nine of his career-high 17 points during a pivotal 12-0 second-half run as No. 17 Maryland pulled away from Florida State and recorded its ninth straight Atlantic Coast Conference victory, 85-70 Wednesday night. Terence Morris had 21 points and 11 rebounds for the Terrapins (22-7, 11-4), who clinched second place in the conference for a second straight season. The ninegame ACC run is the most by a Maryland team in a season and is two short of the school

A foul shot by Juan Dixon and a 3-pointer by Blake put Maryland up by seven points. Lonny Baxter then hit a baseline jumper before Blake drilled successive jumpers from well beyond the arc to make it 63-48 with 9:53 remaining.

Florida State never got closer than 11 points the rest of the

## No. 9 Syracuse 73, **Notre Dame 71**

SOUTH BEND, Ind. (AP) Ryan Blackwell scored 24 points in the victory that clinched at least a share of the Big East regular season title for the Orangemen. The Irish had their comeback hopes dashed in the final seconds when referees assessed a technical foul on the Notre Dame crowd for throwing objects on the court after they had been warned by coach Matt Doherty over the loudspeaker earlier in the half.



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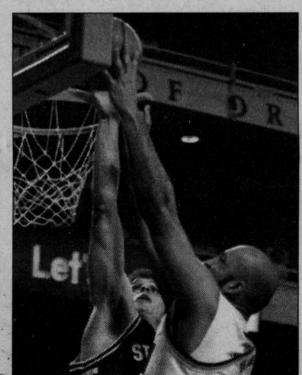
# goin' with the

Junior forward Flo Hartenstein has many sides to him By Jeff Smith **Oregon Daily Emerald** 

Bryan White vividly remembers the first time he laid eyes on Flo Harten-

It was September of 1997, and White, now a junior journalism major, was arriving for his first day of college.

He was to live at the University Inn, and all he knew about his soon-to-be roommate was that his name was Florien Hartenstein. Size descriptions were obviously left out.



Flo Hartenstein leads a full life — and he's loving it.

"I went upstairs and opened the door, and there he was," said White, who is 6 feet 5 inches and 180 pounds himself. "He's sitting at his desk by the window and the first thing you notice is that he's huge!"

As Hartenstein stood up, White re-calls it being like an eclipse with Hartenstein blocking out the bright sun from the window.

"He gets up, and I'm just like, 'Florien?' And he says,
'It's Flo,'" White recalls while doing his best Flo imitation.

"I'm not used to looking up at people so I was really intimidated," White said. "He's got these 20-inch biceps bigger than my head and these size-18 or -19 shoes. He looked like a mean dude not somebody you'd want to meet in an alleyway at two in

the morning."
Ahh yes. Welcome to the life of the man simply known as Flo.

"A lot of people think I'm some big mean guy," Hartenstein said. "I don't laugh a whole lot out there on the court because that's business. Everybody who knows me off the court



knows that I'm a nice guy." So should students be intimidated by Flo if they see him on campus?

"I don't do any harm," said Hartenstein between hearty chuckles. "I don't try to beat anybody up or take Turn to Flo, page 12A

# UO women, men needing wins vs. ASU

The secondplace Oregon women continue their quest for a Pac-10 title and a secure spot in the NCAA **Tournament** 

Ooooh, it's getting stressful now.

The Oregon women's basketball team (20-7 overall, 11-4 Pacific-10 Conference) is one of five teams still in contention for the conference



The second-place Ducks are 1/2 a game behind Stanford (18-6, 11-4) and 1/2 a ame ahead of Arizona (21-5, 10-4). They're one game up on Oregon State (14-13, 10-5) and 1 1/2 ahead of UCLA (15-9, 9-5).

In the next two weeks those teams will collectively play five head-to-head games — and Oregon will be in two of

To say the least, it's crowded at the top. And so there's bound to be some pushing and shoving up there.

And it's all made more nerve-wracking be-cause the Pac-10 doesn't exactly get mad props on the national level.

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■ The Ducks need a strong defensive effort on the perimeter to hold off Arizona State tonight at McArthur Court

**By Brett Williams** 



Oregon displayed defensive wizardry on Arizona State's Eddie House the first time the two teams met in the Ducks' 86-73 vic-

tory nearly a month ago. Can Oregon flirt with this kind of success with one of the premier shooters in the nation one last time?

The Ducks (19-7 overall, 10-5 Pacific-10 Conference) will find out when they square off with Arizona State (16-10, 8-6) tonight at McArthur Court in a game with major postsea-son implications for both teams.

The Sun Devils are right behind Oregon, which is in third place in the conference standings. A loss puts Arizona State's chances of an NCAA Tournament bid on extremely thin ice. For the Ducks, a win would give them the mag-

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**66** We just have to stop them as a team.

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