

Scoreboard

Arizona State (74)

Min	FG	FT	R	A	P
Storey					
31	2-7	4-8	11	0	8
Redhage					
9	1-2	0-0	1	0	2
Prewitt					
25	3-8	6-9	4	1	12
Mason					
33	4-9	6-7	3	4	14
House					
40	6-24	2-2	10	4	15
Knight					
7	0-1	0-0	0	0	0
Dodd					
8	2-3	0-0	0	0	4
Smith					
14	5-6	0-0	4	1	10
Shell					
26	1-3	1-3	1	1	4
Allen					
6	2-3	0-1	1	0	5
Heap					
1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0

Totals 200 26-66 19-30 37* 11 74

Shooting: 39.4% 3-point: 3-11
(Mason 0-1, House 1-5, Shell 1-3, Allen 1-2)

*includes two team rebounds

Oregon (76)

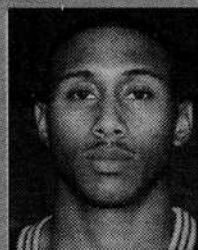
Min	FG	FT	R	A	P
Scales					
37	11-19	3-4	5	2	31
Bracey					
30	3-6	7-9	7	2	13
Hartenstein					
20	1-2	2-3	8	2	4
Wright					
39	2-8	0-0	1	4	6
Jones					
33	3-9	7-8	3	3	13
Jackson					
1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Hicks					
13	1-1	2-2	3	0	4
Lindquist					
1	0-0	0-0	0	2	0
Christoffersen					
10	0-1	0-0	3	1	0
Norwood					
16	2-2	0-0	0	0	5

Totals 200 23-48 21-26 31* 16 76

Shooting: 47.9% 3-point: 9-16
(Scales 6-10, Wright 2-4, Jones 0-1, Norwood 1-1)

*includes one team rebound
attendance: 9,045

Player of the Game



SCALES

The senior guard was clutch all game long, including hitting the three-pointer that set up Darius Wright's game-winning bomb in the final second. Scales scored a career-high 31 points on 11 of 19 shooting, including 6 of 10 from behind the arc.

Quote of the Game
"That's the stuff of storybooks, one of the great games in Mac Court history."

Phil Knight
Nike CEO



Best Bet

NCAA Women's Hoops
Stanford vs. UCLA
7:30 p.m., FoxSports Net

Sports

Oregon's prayer is answered



Kevin Calame Emerald

Shooting guard Alex Scales sets up for the biggest three-pointer of the game, a catch-and-shoot from Ben Lindquist that cut the Oregon deficit to 74-73 with just five seconds remaining.

■ Darius Wright's three-pointer caps one of the greatest — and most important — wins in Duck history

By Jeff Smith
Oregon Daily Emerald

It was a storybook ending for a team whose final chapter is far from finished.

Alex Scales told Darius Wright that his three-pointer, which floundered precariously through the air and into the net as the buzzer sounded, was "the stuff dreams are made of."

Nike CEO Phil Knight was warned to leave his courtside seat in front of the students, but he wouldn't be moved. Instead he guided the ball with his body language, and for his efforts he got thoroughly trampled on.

But as he said with a glowing smile afterward, "It was well worth it. That was one of the great games in Mac Court history. Absolutely fabulous."

Head coach Ernie Kent decided not to watch the closing seconds.

"I didn't even see the last shot go up because sometimes you just gotta believe and let it fly," Kent said.

Yes the ball did fly, but the instant that Wright's desperation three capped an amazing

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On Tap

What: Men's basketball

Who: No. 3 Arizona vs. Oregon

When: 3:05 p.m.

Where: McArthur Court

House pales in relation as Scales nails 31



Bret Williams

When Alex Scales' parents decided to come to McArthur Court all the way from Racine, Wis. for Thursday's game against Arizona State, they were hoping to see a solid performance by their son.

Jeffery and Alice Scales would have settled for silver, but Alex wouldn't be denied gold.

In the 76-74 victory, Scales

dazzled his parents, the rowdy crowd at McArthur Court and NBA scouts from the Chicago, Golden State and Sacramento with a 31-point game that makes a major case that he's the best shooting guard on the West Coast.

The NBA scouts were in attendance to watch Arizona State's Eddie House as well. House, the Pacific-10 Conference's leading scorer, had vowed all week to get revenge against the Ducks,

who held him to 15 points in their win on Feb. 5.

After promising revenge all week, House put his foot in his mouth, refusing interviews following the game. He scored 11 first-half points but was held to just one field goal in the second half.

Oregon's Darius Wright said a solid team effort slowed one of the premier players in the country.

"We played him the same
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“It's just a matter of stepping up.”

Alex Scales
senior guard

Women come together, finish off Sun Devils

The Ducks secure at least a split in the desert and now prepare for Saturday's showdown with Arizona — a game with conceivable Pac-10 title implications

By Mirjam Swanson
Oregon Daily Emerald

In a near replay of their game in Eugene on Feb. 6, the second-place Oregon women's basketball (21-7, 12-4) team waited until the second half to come together and again shut down Arizona State by 11, 67-56, in front of 1,544 at Wells Fargo Arena in Tempe.

Characteristically, Shaquala Williams, the Pac-10's leading scorer, led the way for the Ducks with 19 points — all coming in the second half.

Playing significant minutes of the latter half at shooting guard, Williams was free to accept numerous feeds from her fellow point guards Karen Piers and Kourtney Shreve, in addition creating and converting several of her own shots.

"Karen Piers did a great job

at the point tonight, being exactly where she needed to be to get things done," head coach Jody Runge said during the post game show on KWVA. "She had a great performance while she was in there. [Williams] did a good job of not trying to force things, letting it come to her."

Lindsey Dion played a major role in keeping Oregon in the game until the Ducks pulled away behind Williams's scoring barrage.

The junior with what Runge termed a "make-it-happen mentality" was a perfect 7 of 7, scoring 12 of her 14 points in the first 30 minutes, collecting five steals in 20 minutes and doing it despite being far from perfect healthwise, playing on an aggravated meniscus in her right knee.

"It hurts the most while I play — but not all the time. It just depends on what I have to do," Dion said on the postgame show. "It's not great, but it'll be better."

Freshman Courtney Moore took Dion's place on the court for much of the second half.

"Lindsey [was] in a lot of pain, [and] Courtney Moore did a tremendous job of making things happen and really playing pressure defense out of the zone," Runge said. "She did some very positive things as far as knocking the ball loose, gettin' after some loose balls and gettin' on the floor. Courtney knows that we really needed someone at [small forward] to do some things because Lindsey's hurt."

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“It was just a matter of us coming together and saying 'We're not letting go here.'”

Lindsey Dion
junior forward