

# Basketball

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to triple digits when he drained three of his nine points at the 1:06 mark.

One player who appeared to be in mid-season shape was junior guard Freddie Jones. He showed that he might finally reach his potential this season, as he recorded 15 points, grabbed seven rebounds, as well as having two steals and a block.

Jones woke up the relatively dormant crowd a few times with his usual array of high-wire acts, including some smooth reverse layins that left the defending Ukrainians in awe.

"That's always a good feeling," Jones said. "The fans enjoy it, my teammates enjoy it, so of course I'm going to enjoy it too."

Jones also demonstrated that he can give it up too, as he lobbed a picture-perfect alley-oop pass to Bracey, who then threw it down for the two-hand slam to give the Ducks

a 63-33 lead early in the second half.

Kent was impressed with the way his players played together, regardless of which line-up was on the floor.

"It's a system of interchangeable pieces," Kent said. "That's the beauty of our system. For them to play this well this early is a great sign. We love to teach and they've been great students."

Oregon's next "test" will be Nov. 14, when the Ducks host Athletes in Action at Mac Court in their second and final exhibition game.

# Newcomers

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in the first half. The junior missed three shots, one a wide-open three pointer.

But the newcomers settled down in the second half. Davis made six-of-seven shots, including 4-for-5 from three-point land in the half. Michaelis ended the game with four rebounds and Jackson put together a solid game, scoring nine points and making all four of his free throws.

Ridnour, the Ducks' most touted recruit, ran the team's offense like a fourth-year player from the start of the game.

"I had to perform right away," Ridnour said. "For me, the nerves went away as soon as the ball went up."

Ridnour created some of the most exciting plays of the game, including a behind-the-head pass that Julius Hicks laid in late in the sec-

ond half. Ridnour also had a scoring play of his own that made the crowd gasp, when he laid in an off-balance shot when he seemed already out of bounds with three minutes left in the first half.

The freshmen scored the Ducks' last nine points, to help Oregon break the 100-point mark for the first time since the team put up 101 against Denver last December. Davis drained two threes in succession with two minutes left, and then Jackson added one of his own with just over a minute left to end Oregon's scoring.

Kent was pleased with the second game he was watching Monday night.

"You look at a guy like Ridnour and how he can handle himself out there," Kent said. "With Davis, the way he shoots the ball, and Jackson... As composed as those freshman play, I thought they did a very nice job."

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# Sports brief

If history is any indication, the Oregon men's golf team is on track for another top-5 finish.

The Ducks hold down eighth place at the Prestige at Palm Desert tournament in Palm Desert, Calif., after two rounds of play.

Oregon trails sixth-place Vanderbilt by two strokes after 36 holes of play at the Prestige, and are only eight strokes behind fourth-place Northwestern.

The Ducks finished fifth at the Pepperdine Intercollegiate last month, despite an eighth-place, first-day performance. Oregon has finished fifth or better in each tournament it has competed in this fall.

Individually, the Ducks are playing as a pack. The six players are separated by only four strokes, but the lowest is 21st and the

highest is 52nd.

Senior co-captain T.J. Duncan leads the Oregon players with a two-round total of 146, good enough for 21st.

Junior Aaron Byers and senior Matt Genovese trail Duncan by one stroke, and are tied-for-26th. A stroke behind Byers and Genovese, sophomores Chris Carnahan and John Ellis are tied for 36th. Junior Brandon Harnden is the last Duck golfer, but his 150 earned him the tournament's 52nd spot.

Stanford and California-Irvine, co-hosts of the tournament, sit in first and third, respectively, heading into the tournament's final day. Pepperdine (2nd), Northwestern (4th) and Washington (5th) round out the top five.

The Prestige at Palm Desert will conclude today with one 18-hole round.

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