

Shoot 'em up: Craighead named week's best

■ The Ducks have found a way to win without a strong rebounding game

By Adam Jude
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After a torrid 10-for-13 shooting performance in Oregon's first Pacific-10 Conference home stand last week, junior guard Jamie Craighead was named the conference Player of the Week Tuesday.

Craighead, the Pac-10 leader with 36 three-pointers, led the Ducks (10-3 overall, 3-0 Pac-10) with 15 points en route to a 72-54 victory over Stanford Saturday, and tallied 14 points in an 86-56 win against California last Thursday.

"I don't really see it as a big deal," Craighead said. "It was just big to win those two games and be where we are in the conference standings."

"It's cool, but I probably won't think about it ... I probably won't even call my mom."

For Craighead, it's all about the team. "Other people do so much to help me get my open shots and allow me to do some things offensively," she said. "Maybe they should give out a team of the week award."

Rebounding woes

Oregon is the worst rebounding team in the Pac-10 — on both sides of the court.

The Ducks are averaging just 21.38 defensive rebounds per contest, while the conference's best rebounding team is grabbing nearly 28 boards a game.

"We like to tell ourselves it's because we're shooting so well that there aren't many rebounding opportunities," senior forward Brienne Meharry said. "But it's definitely a big weakness for us ... and it's going to be a concern in a game where we are not hitting our shots."

Oregon was out-rebounded by both Cal and Stanford last week by a 73-52 margin. Against the Cardinal, the Ducks gave up 21 offensive boards, while picking up just eight.

"We need to establish ourselves on the boards," Craighead said. "We need to box out, get our butts on people, push them out and get the ball. We won those games without rebounding, but I think we're going to come up against a team where that could bite us in the butt. And Washington could be that team."

Oh yeah, Washington (Oregon's opponent on Thursday) is the best

rebounding team in the conference — on both sides of the court.

... but they are shooting well

Of the eight players in the conference that are shooting better than 50 percent, half are Ducks. Seniors Jenny Mowe (.587), Angelina Wolvert (.536), Meharry (.524) and Lindsey Dion (.519) are all among the league's top eight leaders in field-goal percentage.

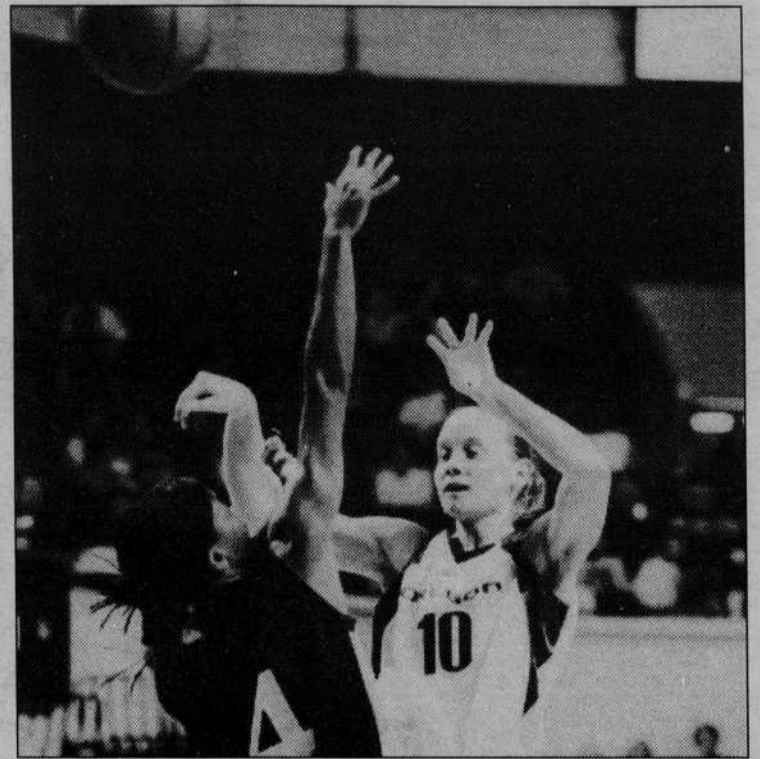
It only makes sense, then, that Oregon is also the top shooting team in the conference at .487.

Shreve city

Sophomore point guard Kourtney Shreve has molded into the starting role nearly flawlessly for Oregon in place of the injured Shaquala Williams.

Against Stanford, Shreve sank a career-high three threes, while grabbing a career-best eight rebounds. She also scored 11 points with a respectable two turnovers.

"She's doing a really good job," Meharry said. "It took the pre-season to get her to figure out the plays and figure out how to handle pressure, but she's settled down and is playing extremely well."



Oregon junior Jamie Craighead (10) was named the Pacific-10 Conference Player of the Week for her performance against California and Stanford last weekend.

Camby admits he 'lost it' while punching out his coach

By Chris Sheridan
The Associated Press

PURCHASE, N.Y. — A much calmer Marcus Camby took full blame for his actions as he awaited word Tuesday from the NBA on the length of his suspension for throwing a punch at an opponent that instead decked his own coach.

"I regret that I lost my cool, because that's not me," Camby said at the Knicks' practice facility. "Those who have been around me since I've been here know that I'm an easygoing-type guy."

"I just lost it when I saw that blood, and I was truly, truly in the wrong."

Camby's punch did not strike Danny Ferry of San Antonio because coach Jeff Van Gundy stepped between them at the last moment. Camby's head collided with Van Gundy's, opening a cut above Van Gundy's left eye that required 12-15 stitches.

Camby had scrapes above both his eyes Tuesday — one from being poked by Ferry, one from colliding with his coach. Van Gundy's eye also remained swollen.

"Seeing Jeff today, I just feel sorry

for the guy," Camby said. "Because if you look at him you'd think he's really been in a fight."

While jostling for rebounding position, Ferry struck Camby in the eye late in the fourth quarter of New York's 104-82 victory over the Spurs Monday. After being restrained by one referee and speaking with another, Camby suddenly bolted toward Ferry near the scorer's table and threw a roundhouse punch.

If Van Gundy hadn't stepped in the way, the punch might have connected and Camby would be facing

an even longer suspension

As Camby left the court, he grabbed a folding chair — an action he admitted was "ridiculous" — before a security official took it away from him. He stood outside the Spurs' locker room before being persuaded to leave, then spent another 20 minutes in a tunnel near where the Spurs' team bus was idling.

"My car was blocked in, so people thought I was down there waiting to start something. If you had seen (Knicks president) Dave Checketts trying to push this car out of the way

to get my car out of there, it was the funniest thing," Camby said.

Camby met with Van Gundy on Tuesday morning after speaking with several teammates by telephone Monday night.

"We talked about everything about suspensions and all that, and he (Van Gundy) said, 'Despite all that, you played the best defense or David Robinson of anyone I've ever seen,'" Camby said. "Coming from him, it was great ... and I respect him more today because of the conversations we had."

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