

Laura Smit Emerald

Oregon forward Angelina Wolvert, who sustained a knee injury against Washington, will likely miss this week's games.

## Women's

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before falling through the hoop.

The Ducks had a chance to take the lead on their next possession, but shooting guard Jamie Craighhead missed a short baseline jumper. Forward Brianne Meharry and Washington State's Victoria Harrod dove for the loose ball, and it appeared that a jump ball would give Oregon another chance.

Instead, Meharry was whistled for her fifth foul with only 2.2 seconds left on the clock.

Harrod sank her free throws, and the Cougars intercepted the Ducks' full-court pass as time expired.

"That's what happens when you play at home," Runge said. "The shots fall for you and they don't

fall for you when you're on the road, and that's where you've got to make loose balls and offensive rebounds and big plays like that happen. We didn't do those things very well."

Meharry scored a game-high 17 points to accompany eight rebounds, one assist and two steals before fouling out. Reserve forward Nddi Unaka scored 15 points in 25 minutes, and Craighhead tallied 13 points, two assists and three steals in 36 minutes.

Alyssa Fredrick, getting her first career start in place of Wolvert, scored eight points and grabbed five boards in 26 minutes.

Despite the loss, Oregon retained a half-game lead in the race for the Pac-10 title. Tied in second place at 4-2 are Arizona, Washington and Arizona State.

## Men's

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began, the Ducks talked about where they stood as a unit, including a candid and encouraging meeting where everybody agreed on a team-first mentality.

"We took the last 36 hours to do a lot of teaching and a little bit of counseling that allowed this team to come back together and grow again," Kent said. "I'm encouraged by what I saw. They responded well."

Jones and Bracey displayed their leadership maturity by accepting Kent's lineup changes with ease and then leading the team to the win. Jones scored a game-high 19 points, grabbed 10 rebounds and came two assists shy of a triple-double. Bracey also recorded a double-double with 17 points and 10 boards.

"The only difference about starting and not starting is you don't get your name called out before the game," Jones said. "You see a lot of things sitting on the bench. It gets you excited. We're not worrying about individual glory."

The Ducks played with a better flow than that of Thursday's game, but still ran into trouble with the depleted Cougars. Washington State's players showed a lot of fight and were only down 38-33 when guard David Adams drilled a jumper with 17:43 to play in the game.

Oregon then received points from Julius Hicks on a free throw and Jackson on a layup, but it wasn't until a Jones three-pointer at the 15:46 mark that Oregon began to pull away. The six straight points ignited a 13-2 Oregon run that was capped by another Jones try to put the Ducks up 49-35 with 14:19 remaining.

Washington State would get no closer than 11 points the rest of the way.

"We made a couple runs there that cut the lead down, but they just had a few more horses than we did," Graham said. "Your hands are tied [with fewer players], but that's part of college basketball."

A key component to Oregon's win was little-used 7-foot-2 center Chris Christoffersen, who won the

battle against Washington State's 7-1, 301-pound Paulo Rower. Christoffersen finished with a career-high 11 points in 12 solid minutes of play.

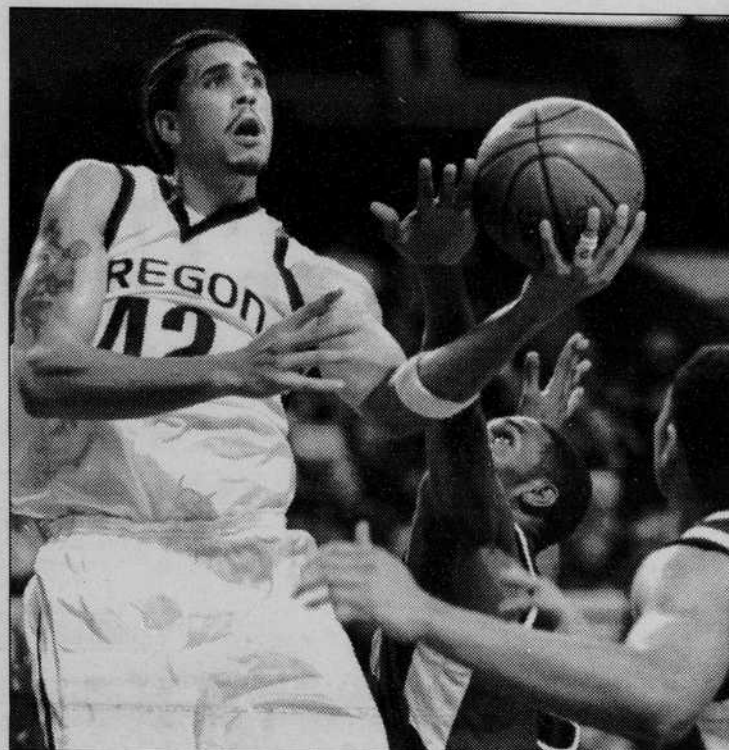
"It was a lot of fun, always more fun when there's another big guy," Christoffersen said. "It helped me get my confidence back."

Another Oregon player who is continually gaining confidence is Jackson, who had nine points, seven rebounds and three assists in his first career start. He even displayed his athletic ability in the first half when he skied high for an alley-oop pass from Jones and threw it down with two hands to give Oregon the 33-19 lead.

"That was pretty sweet," Ridnour said.

As for Kent, he knows that there's a lot more work to do between now and Oregon's game at Southern Cal Thursday.

"It is a perfect time for us to go on the road and continue our fellowship as men," Kent said. "We've got some things worked out and feel like we're back on track. I'm looking forward to it."



Adam Amato Emerald

Oregon junior forward Bryan Bracey didn't start Saturday's game, but provided a tremendous spark off the bench with 17 points against Washington State.

## Cougars

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sent back to Pullman, Wash., before the game. Coach Graham would not comment on the severity of the violations, but said that no criminal activity was involved.

"You gotta have rules, and you gotta have discipline, and you gotta

have somebody in charge," Graham said. "Whatever it is, you lay down the guidelines, and that's what it is. And you know it must be true if I sent my son home."

And it didn't help that Washington State's 7-foot-1, 301-pound center Paulo Rower fouled out with 12 minutes remaining in the game, leaving the Cougs with just one substitute.

Despite the short roster, Washington State kept the contest fairly competitive. Trailing by 10 at half-time, the Cougars silenced the 8,861 at McArthur Court after a David Adams jumper cut the lead to just five early in the second.

But the Cougars' command didn't last long on such little wind. Oregon went on a 13-2 run to all but

close the door on its opponent, who didn't have the legs for a 14-point comeback.

"They weren't able to get up and down the court as much as they normally do," said Oregon guard Freddie Jones, who did not start for the first time this year, but led the Ducks with 19 points, eight rebounds and eight assists. "But those guys came

out hard and gave it a lot of effort, and that shows a lot for them."

As for the remaining members of the team, Graham said he will discuss further action with them, but will concentrate on taking the experience in stride.

"We'll talk to them when we get back and try to put this behind us," Graham said.

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