

## Cougars

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hind the arc in the second half, compared to a 2-for-11 performance in the opening period.

"I thought we did a good job on them most of the game as far as their three-point shooting, but our fatigue set in, and we let some peo-

ple get some open looks at the basket. Or we'd have a hand in their face, and they'd still put it in," Oregon head coach Jody Runge said.

Similar to the game in Pullman, when she did not play in the first half at all, Smith came off the bench for the Cougars to shoot 4-of-5 from three-point land, all in the second half. She finished the game with 14

points.

Washington State head coach Jenny Przekwas "knows she can count on me to stay focused on the bench," Smith said. "I've always been a surprise three-point shooter off the bench."

Some of the Oregon players were apparently very surprised by Smith's spark.

"Cathrine [Oregon freshman Cathrine Kraayeveld] is young, and she didn't remember who Smith was, so we had to call a timeout to remind her," Runge said. "Those kind of things break down your continuity."

"I heard their coach yelling 'Don't you remember her from last game?'" Smith said.

The Ducks have now lost five straight, the first such streak in eight years under Runge. Oregon (12-10 overall, 5-7 Pacific-10 Conference) and Washington State (10-12, 5-7) are tied for sixth place in the conference standings.

"They're a good team, and we've never beaten them before this year," Smith said. "This is a great feeling."

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leave the game late in the first half. She returned only to throw a desperation full-court pass with .5 seconds left in the game. At the least, Runge said Dion won't play Saturday

against Washington.

Oregon and Washington State are now tied for sixth place in the conference. The Huskies are tied for first with Arizona State at 9-3.

"We're not bowing our heads down and throwing the season away," Wolvert said. "We just want

to win, and I think that's all we're waiting for."

The Ducks weren't short on offense, scoring 46.4 percent from the field. Oregon also won the rebound battle, 42-33, although the Cougars came away with one more offensive rebound — a total of 16 — and that

final board turned into Smith's game-winner.

After the game, Wolvert's frustrations showed when she talked about what she thought went wrong.

"A turning point would be three minutes left, and our coaches wanted us to run some things that we haven't run for awhile," Wolvert said. "I think when we're put into situations when we haven't practiced something ... I don't understand why we didn't do what we did the rest of the game."

Mowe said the Ducks have struggled all season when opposing teams apply the pressure.

"I've seen that ever since we lost

to Texas," Mowe said. "If we're not beating a team by 30, we're worried. We have a tendency to not watch the clock and run plays maybe we shouldn't be running. Then everyone starts bickering, and then everything hits the fan, it seems like."

Saturday's game at Mac Court tips off at 1 p.m. Oregon will have its hands full finding success against the Huskies.

"Really, it doesn't matter if we're playing Washington on Saturday or my junior high school team, we just want to win," Wolvert said. "We have six opportunities."

## Men's

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game at 62 with 33.9 seconds left.

Bracey finished with a game-high 25 points and nine rebounds. Freddie Jones was the only other Duck in double figures with 14 points.

Kent said the loss was just a perpetuation of the Ducks' recent pattern.

"The second half was typical of all the second halves we've played this year, where we just get worn down," Kent said. "We don't make

the tough plays when we need to make them or knock down the tough shots when we need to knock them down."

Not many fans caught the action at Friel Court Thursday night — only 2,530 people showed up for the matchup between the Ducks and Cougars.

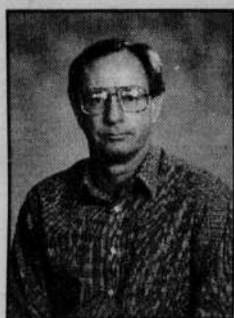
Oregon will travel to Seattle to take on Washington Saturday at 5 p.m. The game will be broadcast on Fox Sports Net.

"Our goal right now is to go over and beat Washington," Kent said. "We cannot look past that right now."

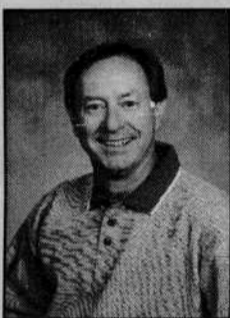
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