

Men's win

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Oregon (13-10 overall, 4-9 Pacific-10 Conference) played in front of a strong contingent of Ducks fans splashed around the 7,519 in attendance, with many cheering for Blaine, Wash., resident Luke Ridnour in his return to the Seattle area. While Ridnour did produce 14 points in 38 minutes of action, it was the other Luke that stole the show.

Jackson started and displayed his all-around game in recording the rare triple double with 14 points, 11 rebounds and 10 assists. He became the first Duck to perform such a feat since Ron Lee did it against Montana State on Dec. 7, 1972.

"That was unbelievable for a freshman to come in here and do that," Ridnour said of Jackson's game.

The victory helped Oregon move on from its one-point loss to Washington State last Thursday, and rediscover how enjoyable the game of basketball can be.

"It's a big relief, and once you're playing together, it means you're having fun," said junior Freddie Jones, who converted many of his game-high 22 points on thunderous slams.

Oregon was certainly having fun in the early goings of the second half when the three ball helped dig the Huskies a hole they could never climb out of.

In a seven minute stretch, Ridnour drained three treys and Bryan

Bracey and Jones each converted one en route to a 27-12 run that put the Ducks ahead 67-49 with 12:17 to play.

"We went on a run there and finally hit some [threes] that really got us going," Ridnour said.

Washington (9-16, 3-10) wouldn't quit, however, thanks in large part to the play of C.J. Massingale. The freshman guard had a team-high 18 points and closed the

starting five that fit in Ridnour, Jones, Bracey, Jackson and center Julius Hicks. The fivesome accounted for 78 of Oregon's 85 points, as each scored in double figures.

That group sparked the Ducks to a 31-17 lead at the 5:27 mark of the first half. But then a 13-1 Washington run propelled the Huskies into the halftime break only down 36-33.

"I think we got a little fatigued and they got the momentum," Kent said. "But the key thing was we went right back out there and bumped it up in the second half and kept control here on the road."

Now the Ducks return home to McArthur Court to play the L.A. schools in their final homestand of the season. It will be a tough weekend that will go a long way toward determining whether Oregon receives an invitation to the NIT or whether it gets shut out from post-season play for the first time since 1998.

After Saturday's win, the consensus around the Oregon locker room was that this team had finally arrived.

"This feels great to get a win... finally," Jackson said. "We haven't been getting that many breaks all season, and now we're breaking out of our shell a little bit. We're all clicking and we're going to head in a different direction now."

Added Kent: "Sometimes different teams take different paths to get there and we've been down in this rut for awhile, but the key thing is that they've stayed with me."

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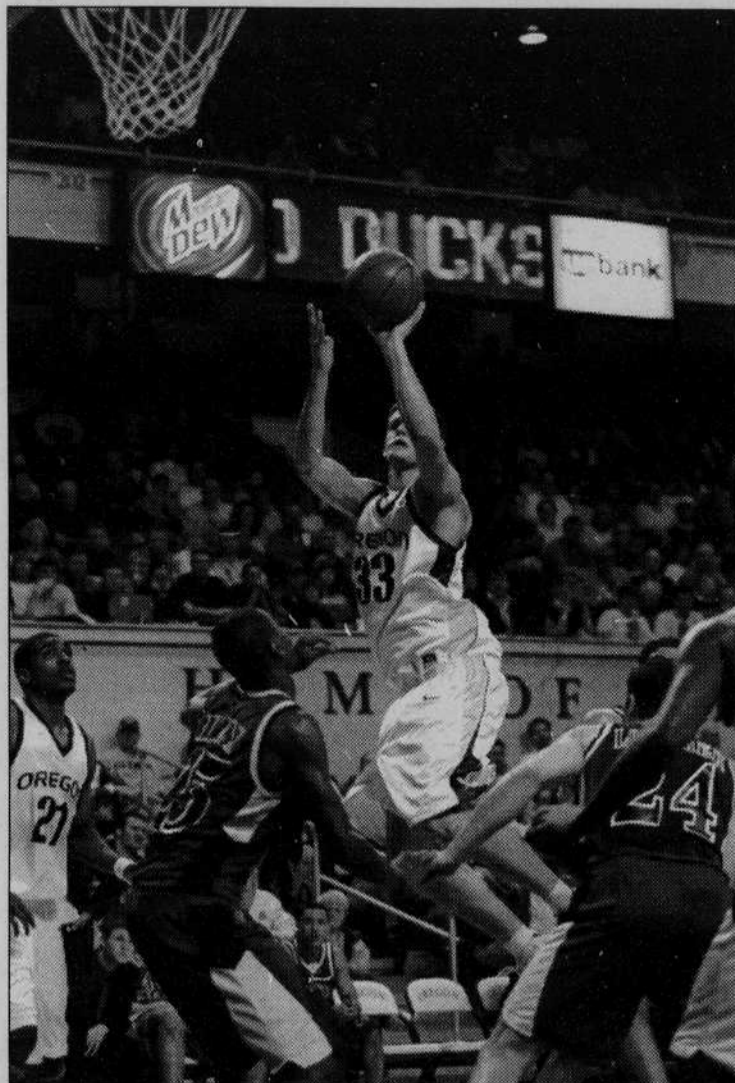
**Freddie Jones
Oregon guard**

Huskies to within 79-73 when he drained two free throws with 1:53 remaining.

With the "Dawghouse" hoping for a late-game miracle, the Huskies blew their opportunities to slice the lead even further. Washington was then forced to send Oregon to the free throw line where the Ducks secured their much-needed win after losing nine of their previous 11 games.

"When you get ourselves in the situations like you're in, the easy way out is to point fingers and blame others," Oregon head coach Ernie Kent said. "We talked about where you need to go to fight through that adversity. That's where you have to look within, and this is what this team did."

Kent seemed to have found a



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Freshman Luke Jackson played beyond his years Saturday, tallying a rare triple double.

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Horoscope by Linda C. Black

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 19). Attend classes with friends this year and build up your skills. The expertise and discipline you acquire will be the key to your success. Be obedient in March to gain rewards in April. Friends tell you what to do in May, but you put in the effort. Home improvements tap your resources in June, but the results are delightful. A hunch leads you to true love in July. Schedule a romantic jaunt for November. Your skills and sense of humor are put to the test in December. Share stories of your exploits in January and get the recognition you've earned. In February go back over what worked — and what didn't — and streamline procedures.

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Today is a 6 — You're a rather outspoken person most of the time, but that's not a good idea now. You don't have to tell the boss what you really feel. Just tell him or her what you can do and when. Then scramble to do it.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 7 — A person who seemed like an adversary yesterday could turn into a good friend. You've had your disagreements in the past, and will again, but now you can compromise. This opens the way for something good to happen.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21) — Today is a 6 — You may be burning to tell news you've recently heard. If so, chill out. It's better if others don't know that you know — or what you know. Don't let your expression give you away, either.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) — Today is a 6 — You and a special friend like to hang out together. You don't talk much, but that's OK. Just being together helps you work through your worries. Visit that person and let a puzzle you've been working on fall into place.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 7 — You've got plenty of love, and that's good. Your energy levels are low, though, and that's not so

great. You're facing a tough job and might not be feeling up to it. Rely on that love; it'll pull you through.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is an 8 — If you're not already in love with a beautiful foreigner, watch out. It could happen before this day's through. If you're already in love with somebody like that, celebrate by planning a trip together.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is a 6 — A quiet day contemplating your next creative project would be wonderful. If you have another job to finish first, try to concentrate. Then get back into your fantasies as soon as possible.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is an 8 — Practice makes perfect, and that's your assignment. A thousand repetitions of a simple task will set it firmly in your subconscious, so you'll never have to think about it again.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 7 — Once you get your routine down, the work becomes habitual. Don't get distracted by a brilliant conversationalist until after the work's done.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 7 — Shop for a special gift for a loved one or a child. If it's hard to tell this person how much you care, this thoughtful gesture might help. And besides, it'll be fun.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 6 — You like to do the research first, but you're getting pressed to take action. Something at your house needs fixing — and soon. Call to find the best deal on a replacement or ask a relative with more experience.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 7 — Listen to your friends, the ones who are telling you not to worry. Although your worries seem to make sense, they may be based on false logic. Besides, it's OK to be perfectly illogical if that's what it takes to stop worrying.

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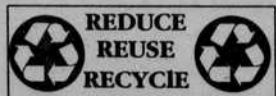
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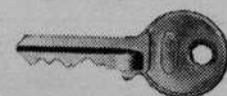
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