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Oregon forward Lindsey Dion (left), who came off the bench to score 15 points including a clutch shot in overtime, embraces teammate Brienne Meharry following the Ducks' win against Washington Saturday.

## Ducks knock Huskies from top of Pac-10

■ Oregon's guards hit big shots down the stretch as the Ducks beat rival Washington Saturday

By Scott Pesznecker  
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At the end of a tremulous week for the Oregon women's basketball team, the Ducks made a firm decision about Saturday's game against Washington.

The Ducks decided not to lose, and they didn't.

When all was said and done, after 45 minutes of regulation plus overtime, Oregon (13-10 overall, 6-7 Pacific-10 Conference) out-toughed and out-played the

Huskies (16-7, 9-4) in a 64-60 victory in front of 5,144 fans.

After the game, Oregon players leapt into each other's arms near center court, celebrating not only as if they'd knocked off the Pac-10 leaders, but won a third Pac-10 title themselves.

"It just came down to we weren't going to lose again," guard Jamie Craighead said. "Having the Huskies be the next on the schedule helped because we don't want to lose to them."



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■ Forward Lindsey Dion, the 'heart and soul' of the team, returns to help lead the Ducks to a sweet victory

By Adam Jude  
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Lindsey Dion wasn't even supposed to play against the Huskies Saturday.

Her sprained left ankle — which she injured a month ago at Washington — has not properly healed and has limited her play on the court in the Ducks' recent five-game slump.

In fact, Dion was put in a boot after Thursday's loss to Washington State, when

she played just 11 minutes. And she didn't practice Friday.

But against the dreaded No. 23 Huskies, a team that the Oregon seniors have never lost to, Dion refused to watch from the sidelines. She came off the bench to score 15 points, including a crucial jumper with 48 seconds remaining in overtime to give the Ducks (10-13 overall, 6-7 Pacific-10 Conference) a 64-60 victory at McArthur Court.

"I was in a boot 'til about 12:15 to 12:30," Dion said of the 1 p.m. tipoff Saturday. "I didn't want to sit out. I was ready to play through just about anything."

An X-ray taken before the game revealed

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## UO men get control early and win against Huskies

■ The Ducks salvage their Washington road trip by splitting with the Huskies

By Jeff Smith  
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SEATTLE — The five hour bus ride back to Eugene was going to be long no matter what.

But the Oregon men's basketball team let out a collective sigh of relief Saturday night knowing it would embark on the trip after a hard-earned victory, and not another hair-

pulling defeat.

The slumping Ducks found reason to smile again following their 85-73 victory over the Washington Huskies at the newly renovated Bank of America Arena in Seattle.

"I'm so thankful that we won because I didn't want to go home on the bus for five hours thinking about another loss," freshman forward Luke Jackson said.



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## Jackson shines in victory with superb triple-double

■ Freshman Luke Jackson is the first Oregon player to post such a statistic since the men's season of 1972

By Peter Hockaday  
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SEATTLE — When Luke Jackson stepped into the Oregon locker room after the Ducks beat Washington, 85-73, Saturday night at Bank of America Arena, he found out something amazing.

Oregon head coach Ernie Kent told the freshman forward that he had just tallied a

triple-double against the Huskies, a feat no Oregon player had accomplished since 1972.

"To see him do that goes beyond a special game," Kent said. "It's just a special moment for Oregon basketball."

Jackson's post-game line was remarkable: 14 points, 11 rebounds, 10 assists, two steals and five fouls in 30 minutes of play. The freshman notched the statistical accomplishment in only his fourth start of the season.

"He got the stat I've always wanted," Ore-

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