











Senior forward Lindsey Dion grabs a loose ball as Arizona State's Rainy Crisp dives to the floor in Oregon's 63-56 win.

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Technically, the Sun Devils shot 71.4 percent from the field in the second half, compared to the Ducks' poor 34.3 percent showing in that time.

Arizona State improved to 12-14, 4-11, thanks in large part to Mason's team-high 25 points, and now it has an outside chance at making the NIT itself.

"It would've been easy to throw the towel in, but they came in really focused," Arizona State head coach Rob Evans said of his team. "This is a great win for our guys.'

Now, it all comes down to this for the Ducks: There are two games left. They need to win both if they want to keep playing beyond March 10. And it must start with a tough up-

set victory against the revengeminded Wildcats, who have not forgotten about their loss in Eugene.

"We just want a win," said Jones, who scored the most points by a Duck since Orlando Williams tallied 40 on Feb. 19, 1994. "For me, this is not an individual sport. It's all about the team, and we're not giving up.

"I'm going to fight until the final whistle of the final game."

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cause Oregon, instead of Arizona State, is the underdog, the one trying to spoil the giant's hope

'We like to be the giant killers ... we haven't had the pressure on us as of late," said junior Jamie Craighead, who scored 11 points against Arizona State. "And they're coming in with a chance at winning the Pac-10 title, so we get to knock them off. So it's kind of been a relief for us."

Before the then-22nd ranked

Ducks lost in Tempe Feb. 3, Oregon had won 11 straight against the Devils. That weekend in Arizona, the Ducks were dropped from the top of the Pac-10 and began their five-game descent into the middle of the pack.

'We were sick of losing, and we knew we needed to win to have a chance of getting to the NCAA Tournament," said sophomore point guard Alissa Edwards, who sank consecutive three-pointers late in the game. "We just didn't want to lose anymore.'

Wolvert, clad in the old light

green Oregon shorts during postgame interviews, said she just wants play hard in what could be her final two games as a Duck.

"We just want to come out and play well," Wolvert said. "I don't know what we're looking for right now, other than to just come out and play well and have fun, but that's just all we can do. At the end of the season, other people are going to decide where we're going to be and what's going to happen.'

Oregon hosts Arizona at 1 p.m. Saturday.

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going in .. And it did.

Wolvert's miracle three-pointer was the stone that killed Goliath, as Oregon (15-11 overall, 8-8 Pac-10) knocked off the first-place Sun Devo, at MCAITHUI Court Thursday night.

"If it didn't go in, it would not have surprised me. Let's put it that way," said Wolvert, who led the Ducks with 15 points and seven rebounds. "It came off the palm of my hand, and it just went in. It's just lucky; it's not like I've got the green light or something.

"It was awesome. I knew she was going to make it though, because she's been practicing that in practice," Edwards said. "It kind of shocked everyone, I think, but it was awesome.'

Junior guard Jamie Craighead compared Wolvert's shot to throw-

ing a shot put.

"It was good," she said, "I was smiling all the way down the court."

The Ducks didn't look like a sixth-place team as they stayed one step ahead of Arizona State for most of the game. In fact, a putback by senior forward Brianne Meharry with 13:41 left in the first half gave Oregon a 9-8 lead, and the Ducks never trailed again.

Edwards posted solid numbers in her second consecutive start at point guard. She finished with 10 points, four assists and four rebounds — with no turnovers — in 36 minutes of play.

As a team, the Ducks committed just 13 turnovers, compared to their season average of 20.

"I was really pleased with our performance tonight," head coach Jody Runge said. "I think that although we didn't keep them off the offensive boards really well, we did a great job of defense without fouling. Overall, we did a pretty good job of neutralizing their outside threat."

Craighead struggled on offense but finished with 11 points and three steals. Senior forward Lindsey Dion scored just five points but had three assists and four steals.

Senior center Jenny Mowe scored nine points, grabbed five boards and went 5-of-5 from the foul line, including two clutch free throws w four minutes left to give Oregon an eight-point lead.

After the game, players talked about the win as if it were a glimpse of what could have been this season.

"It's kind of frustrating knowing that we've beat both the teams that are supposed to be number one," Edwards said, referring to the Feb. 17 home win against Washington. "That means we could be up there too."

"It shows that we could be in the tournament, or maybe should be in the tournament, but I don't know if we'll get in or not," Craighead said.

Next up for Oregon, Arizona comes to Mac Court at 1 p.m. Saturday.