

# Tournament

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grabbed 12 rebounds and swatted three shots. Dion recorded 16 points, six rebounds and five assists.

Most of Oregon's scoring came in the paint against Iowa's smaller post players. The Hawkeyes' tenacious perimeter defense prevented Duck shooters from getting good looks at the goal.

Oregon's best long-range shooter, junior guard Jamie Craighhead, shot 4-for-22 from the field, including an NCAA record for most three-point attempts (she finished 3-for-21).

"We were glad to see her keep shooting the ball," sophomore point guard Alissa Edwards said. "She's a great shooter and we need her."

Oregon trailed 43-40 shortly into the second half when Iowa began pulling away. Hawkeye point guard Cara Consuegra hit a jumper that

sparked a 17-5 Iowa run.

Still, the Ducks refused to roll over. A jumper by Mowe and two inside hoops by Wolvert energized Oregon. Dion's free throw with 3:54 remaining in regulation tied the score at 64.

"Usually if a team has adversity on its side, it crumbles at that point," first-year Iowa coach Lisa Bluder said. "But they came right back."

Two controversial calls late in the game, though, didn't help Oregon's chances of winning.

The first was a jump-ball call with 29 seconds left in regulation, when Iowa center Randi Peterson got her hands on the ball held by Wolvert, who was ripping it away from Peterson when the referee blew his whistle.

Then, with 27 seconds left in overtime and Oregon trailing by a surmountable four points, Dion was called for an intentional foul in the backcourt when she grabbed Meder's arm.

Meder — who torched Oregon for a game-high 25 points in 43 minutes — made both free throws,

and forward Leah Magner made two more with 25 seconds left to seal the game.

"I think it's appalling to see [the game] be stolen away like that," Wolvert said. "I think that we would have had a chance, it could have gone either way, but we would have had a chance if those calls weren't made. It would have been in our hands, not the refs' hands."

Saturday's game may have been the last for Runge. Two weeks ago, eight yet-to-be-named players met with athletic director Bill Moos behind closed doors and recommended that Runge be fired.

Now that the season is finished, the Athletic Department will soon begin its evaluation of Runge's performance as Oregon's coach.

As of Saturday night, Runge said she didn't have any meetings set up with Moos and reiterated that she plans to return next season.

"I have no intentions of going anywhere," she said.

Iowa-89 Oregon-82	
<b>Leading scorers:</b>	<b>Leading rebounders:</b>
<b>Oregon</b>	<b>Oregon</b>
Wolvert- 18	Wolvert- 13
Mowe- 17	Mowe- 12
Dion- 16	Meharry- 7
<b>Iowa</b>	<b>Iowa</b>
Meder- 25	Peterson- 7
Peterson- 19	Three tied with 6
Consuegra- 13	

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ing, because the game was much closer than the score depicts. Likewise, Oregon's season was much closer than its record portrays.

While the Ducks will go down in history as a 17-12, No. 13 seeded team that was eliminated in the first round of the NCAA Tournament, Oregon was only an

injury and a handful of points away from perhaps so much more.

Four of Oregon's losses during the regular season were by four points or less. And that was without Oregon's leader on the floor, point guard Shaquala Williams, who missed the entire season due to injury.

"It was a tough season and Iowa was a tough game," Mowe said. "We came back and we just

never quit playing and that was a great thing. It would have been better to end it all with a win. I think we played well and came together as a team."

As Iowa advances to today's second round game against host Utah, Oregon returns home to an uncertain future and with plenty of time to reflect on one of the most exciting games and interesting seasons in Oregon women's basketball history.

# Sports brief

## Football adds new director

The Oregon football team continued to plug holes in its administration during this offseason, as Ducks head coach Mike Bellotti hired a former colleague to be Oregon's director of football operations Friday.

Jeffrey Hawkins, who Bellotti hired to the position, worked with the Oregon coach at Chico State from 1985-87. Since then, Hawkins has worked as

an assistant coach and recruiting coordinator for Dartmouth and Tulane. He has also worked with the New England Patriots, New Orleans Saints, the Nokia Sugar Bowl, the Special Olympics and the Manning Passing Academy.

"We're very fortunate to be able to hire someone with his expertise," Bellotti said.

Hawkins replaces Mike McHugh, who left the Ducks to work with the Detroit Lions last month.

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## Horoscope by Linda C. Black

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (March 19). One success leads to another, but don't get wasteful or throw your money around. A person you admire agrees with you in March. A change with your boss in April puts money in your pocket. Help a friend in May with a lesson you learned the hard way. Settle down in June to a nest full of new ideas. Make time for love in July. The best gift of all comes in December. Let your mind wander to find what you seek in February. 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 an 8 — Avoid a confrontation with an older person. You'll be getting more powerful over the next few days, so instead of getting irritated at a person who's telling you what to do, thank them.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 7 — Get an old assignment out of the way because a new one is about to come in that will have to be done quickly. The better prepared you are, the more you'll profit.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21) — Today is a 6 — Your date book is about to fill up with fun engagements. But first, pay the bills, balance the checkbook, and ask for a raise. If that's not likely, get your resume out.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22) — Today is a 6 — Your mate wants to take the lead on a purchasing decision, but don't hand over all authority. You have information the other person lacks.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 6 — Great possibilities will become available soon. Before that happens, clean up a big mess quickly. You want to look sharp when opportunity knocks.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 7 — Follow a creative partner's suggestion regarding a personal matter. Your life's about to become more complicated.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is a 6 — It may be hard for you to wake up this morning. Play and travel through Wednesday if you can. Pulling that off will take luck and talent.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is a 7 — New skills you've learned lead to new opportunities. You may think you're not ready, but you'll get better with practice.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 7 — If you lack the money to get what you want, learn how to make it instead. Start by reading a book on the topic. It may be easier than you thought.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 7 — Try a new recipe or a new way to fix up your home. Let a roommate's nagging provide your motivation. Disrupt your dull routine.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 6 — A question you've been pondering in the back of your mind is about to float to the surface. You'll soon see the results of your subliminal efforts, as the answer becomes obvious.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 6 — Your curiosity could be piqued by a friend's recent comments. This could lead to a new field of study and more money. Don't talk much about it yet. Let it develop for a while.

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