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Oregon State's lead to 44-42. Ragland then hit a jumper on the Beavers' next possession, and after an Oregon turnover, freshman Jessica Jones nailed a wide-open try — just her second bucket of the season — to spark a 10-3 Beaver run. "I don't think she thought twice

about it," Spoelstra said of Jones' three. "As a coach, those are the kind of shot you want your team to take." From there, it was in the hands of Beaver guard Leilani Estavan. Two free throws by Shaquala Williams brought Oregon within four at 55-51, but Estavan sank six-straight freebies in the final 36 seconds to seal the Oregon State victory. "I know I made them all — I had

to," Estavan said. In the end, Oregon hit just 26 percent of its shots and scored just 53 points, both season lows. "Our emphasis was on defense," Ragland said. "Our defense is what kept them from not shooting well on the outside." Ho-hum, said the Ducks. "We had some great open looks, we just weren't knocking them down,"

Oregon guard Ednisha Curry said. And what about that Oregon State celebration? "I was not surprised," Curry said. "This makes or breaks their season. I don't think it does anything for us — it doesn't hurt or help us." "This isn't an easy place to play, so good for them," Oregon head coach Bev Smith said. "Maybe there'll be that opportunity for us at Gill Coliseum

(in Corvallis on Feb. 16)." "If I hadn't beat someone in (nine years), I'd do it too," Williams said. "I'm just going to wake up tomorrow and worry about USC." Now tied for fifth in the Pac-10, the Ducks host Southern California and UCLA this weekend. E-mail sports editor Adam Jude at adamjude@dailymerald.com.

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great open looks; I don't think we were knocking them down. It was just one of those nights for our perimeter." Instead, the Ducks had problems getting their offense going, especially in the second half. After allowing Oregon State (10-9, 6-3) to stay with them throughout the first half, the Ducks needed to get their act together in the second stanza. It didn't happen. After Craighead nailed her only three-pointer of the game 17 sec-

onds into the half, the Beavers went on a 9-0 run over the next eight minutes. Oregon was able to keep it close by winning the battle of the boards, but their inability to capitalize on second and third shots kept them from pulling even with the Beavers. While the Ducks out-rebounded OSU on the offensive boards overall, the Beavers still had more second chance points. "They were getting a lot of second and third shots, but our kids just stayed in there and battled," Oregon State head coach Judy Spoelstra said. Kraayeveld grabbed a career-high 16 rebounds

but was just 2-of-9 from the field. "We got most of the shots we wanted, but they just weren't falling," Kraayeveld said. "We kind of let it get to us, and we kind of rushed them toward the end." The Ducks said they will not dwell on the loss, though. Southern California enters McArthur Court on Thursday and will put out the same kind of intensity that allowed them to pin an 83-73 loss on the Ducks in Los Angeles earlier this season. Oregon shot 48 percent from the field that game and played well against a strong Trojan defense.

Oregon needs to find out what happened to its shooting against Oregon State. Then the Ducks have to take it and bring back the magic. "When you want something to happen and you only focus on that happening, you begin to focus on the result rather than the process," Oregon head coach Bev Smith said. "When you start to rush things and start to really want to score, then you forget the little things that need to be done to create good scoring opportunities." E-mail reporter Hank Hager at hankhager@dailymerald.com.

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Horoscope by Linda C. Black

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 22). You have a lot to think about this year. You've got theories to prove, details to analyze, fantasies to explore and gadgets to invent. With all this mental exercise going on, you don't need any other changes. Keep your surroundings intact. Only fix the things that break. And try to be more creative!

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 7 - There are a few problems coming, but nothing you can't handle. They all have to do with money, or rather the lack of it. You can't use your meager resources to fund everything, so don't.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) - Today is a 6 - You're stronger now, so stand your ground. Make sure those in authority understand your position, even if it's not popular. You may have to explain it over and over, but that's OK. You're a very patient person.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21) - Today is a 7 - If you weren't so cute, you wouldn't get away with half of what you do. Today, you might not get away with things. A person with no sense of humor wants the results you said you'd produce. Better make it happen.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) - Today is a 6 - You have a friend who's good to be around. The two of you don't talk much - there's no need to. You cheer each other up just by doing things together. Hanging out with that person now will be good for you both.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 6 - You may have to report to a higher authority. Better have all your ducks in a row. Another person can help you with the tables and graphs that show how much you've accomplished, but when it comes to mistakes you've made, fess up to those on your own.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is a 6 - Beware of complications concerning travel, long-distance calls and the Internet. There are about five things that could go wrong, and they may happen in rapid succession.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct 22) - Today is a 7 - Uh oh. Looks like your bubble may burst. Reality is interfering, again. What you want costs much more than you have. Should you give up your dream? Heck no! Dreams are more important than so-called "reality." Back to the drawing board!

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is a 5 - It may feel as if you've come to a grinding halt. Something you thought would work, doesn't. Must you change your plans completely? No. Just take new input into consideration.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 6 - Many of your theories are about to be tested. It's much easier to think about these things than to actually do them. But keep hammering away at your precious new theories. You're building something useful.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is a 7 - Why do you go to all that bother? To show the people you care about how much you love them, of course. It's not for the money. Never has been, never will be. You'll soon get another chance to show them. Grab it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is a 7 - You may feel inhibited or weighted down. You're going through a testing phase. Don't worry. Just answer your own questions.


PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is a 5 - It'll be easier to concentrate. That's always a problem, but now you can manage it. Next, put a lid on your worries. Guilt is a big waste of time. If there's something you can do about whatever you regret, do it. If not, confess. Promise not to do it again, then get on with your life.

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