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Alyssa Fredrick (31) battles for a rebound in Oregon's 76-54 win over UCLA.

Ducks make noise in second

■ The Oregon women overcome first-half miscues to torch the Bruins for 50 points in the second half

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The scoreboard keeper tried to record Cathrine Kraayeveld's layin with 10:07 to play, which gave Oregon a 49-45 lead over UCLA on Saturday at McArthur Court, but the scoreboard didn't quite respond. It flashed, moaned with an obnoxious buzz, flashed again, then buzzed some more.

While referees and technicians tried to fix the malfunction, the Bruins gathered around head coach Kathy Olivier for a free timeout. The five Oregon players stayed on the north side of McArthur Court, talking, giggling and getting harassed by the Oregon mascot.

Finally, after about five minutes, the scoreboard's yellow lettering reappeared and the buzz subsided. UCLA was accidentally given 150 points, but by the time the Bruins put the ball back in play, everything seemed to work properly, and the score read 49-45, with 10:05 remaining in the game.

The Duck mascot must have said something to ignite the Duck players during the delay as Ore-

gon (12-8 overall, 7-4 Pacific-10 Conference) rattled off nine unanswered points, including five from senior sharpshooter Jamie Craighead, to awaken the 5,142 fans at Mac Court.

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Cathrine Kraayeveld
Oregon forward

After a timeout with 7:41 to play, UCLA installed a full-court press, which nearly won the game for the Bruins in the teams' first meeting in Los Angeles on Dec. 20, but the Ducks were driven on Saturday. From the scoreboard incident on, Oregon outscored the Bruins 26-9 en route to a 76-54 victory.

This came after the Ducks shot a horrid 25 percent from the floor in the first half and trailed 27-26 at the break against the Bruins (5-14, 2-9).

"We weren't really going as hard as we could (in the first half). We were just going through the motions," said Kraayeveld, who finished the game with 16 points and 14 rebounds. "But we played really well as a team in the second half."

Junior guard Shaquala Williams could hardly miss in the second half, scoring 16 points on 6-for-7 shooting with no turnovers. In the first 20 minutes, she was 3-for-10 with seven points and four turnovers.

"It's about the team," Oregon head coach Bev Smith said of Williams's play. "It's our shot, not Shaquala's shot. But I thought she made some very good decisions."

What wouldn't fall in the first half, fell for the Ducks in the second. They made the extra pass, balanced their scoring and didn't panic. "We made the adjustments in the second half," Smith said.

"We started reversing the ball, getting inside and getting better shots," Williams said. "We were able to get over our early woes. In the past, we may have sulked."

Senior guard Edniesha Curry, who scored 22 points against UCLA in December — all in the first half — brought the crowd to its feet with 1:15 to play after she hit a long three-pointer as the shot-clock expired.

The horn sounded as the scoreboard hit quadruple zero, the score flashing 76-54. Oregon. It was a noise worth hearing for Duck fans.

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But that still wasn't enough for the Ducks to maintain a sizeable lead, with UCLA virtually matching the Ducks point-for-point until midway through the second half.

Then the wheels fell off.

"With 10 minutes left, that's kind of been our problem all year," UCLA head coach Kathy Olivier said about the Bruins' inability to remain competitive to the end. "We have a good basketball team for 20 minutes, we're an average basketball team for 30 minutes, then things start going a

little bit for our opponents and we get a little down."

After going 3-for-10 from the field in the first half, Williams sprung out in the second, nailing 6-of-7 from the field and 2-of-3 from beyond the 3-point arc. Her 23 points paced the Ducks.

Up by four, 49-45, with 10 minutes left in the second, the Ducks went on an 11-4 run, finally separating themselves from the Bruins.

Minutes later, Oregon would take another run against the Bruins, and this time, one that was good enough to put the game away for good. The last five minutes of the game would

be all Oregon, with the Ducks posting 16 points to the Bruins' four.

After making the 5,142 fans at McArthur Court gasp for air in the first 30 minutes, the Ducks put on a show at the end, showing what they can do when all cylinders are in motion.

Prior to this weekend, the Ducks had dropped two straight to Oregon State and Stanford. But wins over USC and UCLA now have the Ducks back on the winning road.

"We just take it one game at a time," sophomore Cathrine Kraayeveld said. "I think we really needed to get these wins (against USC, UCLA) to stay in the Pac-10 race."

Kraayeveld, for the third time this season, recorded a double-double, grabbing 14 boards and scoring 16 points. Her 63 rebounds in the last five games is the most any Oregon player has had since Alison Lang had 63 toward the end of the 1983-84 season.

"Rebounding is one of the things I try to do every game," Kraayeveld said. "But I don't look at individual statistics."

After being punished on the boards against teams early in the season, the Ducks again led the Bruins in rebounds, 42-34. While it is not the key to their success, the

Ducks have fared well when dominating the glass.

The Ducks also regained their perimeter shooting prowess against the Bruins, knocking down 9-of-21 from downtown.

"I think that we need an inside-outside presence," Smith said. "We have to have that balance. Certainly, for our team to beat a team like Arizona State, we need to have that balanced scoring."

Speaking of Arizona State, the Ducks visit the Sun Devils in Tucson, Ariz., on Thursday.

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Horoscope by Linda C. Black

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 28). You're so powerful this year, you may get overconfident. You might convince yourself that nobody else is as good as you. Then, you might decide that you have to do it all. How smart would that really be? Get a partner and learn to share.

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 - You're in great demand. You hardly have a moment for your true love, though. You know how he or she gets when left unattended. Send roses. Call as often as you can. Make big plans for next weekend.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) - Today is a 5 - Somebody is soon going to try talking you into doing things their way. Are you prepared? Sure, you have some good ideas of your own. Write them down so you'll remember them under pressure.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21) - Today is an 8 - Things are getting more interesting. What you thought was one way turns out to be another. You're beginning to understand a new point of view. This will help you teach the opposing factions how to get along with each other.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) - Today is a 6 - You may have to draw a little from reserves to pay off a pressing debt. You may hate to juggle things around, but you're pretty good at it. Also, ask for more. Odds are good you'll get it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is an 8 - You'll be more effective with the people on your team if you bring in an expert consultant. If you can't do that, pass along what you've learned from one, even if it was from a book.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is a 5 - You hold yourself to high standards and always try

to please. That's why others are so impressed by your work. You're your own worst critic, because you notice all the little things that didn't get done.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Today is a 9 - You're eager to take action, and so is your team. It means leaving something, or somebody, you love for a while, but only temporarily. As you take new ground, new challenges arise. It's nothing you can't handle.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is a 5 - Do you need a raise in order to cover new expenses? Getting one won't be easy, but not impossible. Can you offer to take on a task nobody else wants?

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is an 8 - New opportunities are beginning to show up. Travel, adventure, fascinating challenges. Imagining you could do it was the first step. Learning how was the second. Are you ready for the third?

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is a 5 - You'll soon have the chance to make a few household improvements. Before, you had neither the time nor the money. Now, you have the money. Maybe you could hire somebody to do it for you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is a 9 - It's time to get back to work. You're ready, willing and able. Your lists and plans are memorized, or close to it. You're committed. Let's roll!

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