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here that was capable of winning, but we still came up short," said Jones, whose 10 rebounds gave him his fourth career double-double.

Jones seemed to make big play after big play, but he wasn't around for the game's conclusion as he fouled out with 24 seconds left in overtime with the Ducks trailing, 87-85. He committed his fifth foul when he got caught up with Stanford's Casey Jacobsen in mid-air with the shot clock winding down.

'I'm upset with myself that I'm in that situation (of having fouled out)," Jones said of his reaction to walking off the court amid the taunts of the Cardinal student section. "I wanted to be out there fighting with my teammates.'

Jacobsen, who had missed four previous free throws, proceeded to calmly connect on the last two of his game-high 41 points, but this game was far from over.

Ridnour was fouled on the other end of the court and made both of his free throws to cut the lead to two. Giovacchini then was fouled and made his two free throws

Instead of attempting a three with 17 seconds left, Ridnour dashed coast-to-coast for a layin to bring the deficit back to two. And again, Giovacchini was fouled.

This time, though, the Stanford senior missed one of two, setting up the game's final play with Oregon trailing by three and 12 seconds showing on the clock.

Ridnour drove, lost control of the ball at the top of key around a wall of defenders, dove to the floor and scooted the ball behind him. Oregon's Johnson scooped it up and heaved a desperation three that clanged off the rim to end the intense affair.

"It was a tough shot, but hey, it was a great game," Johnson said. 'We played Stanford tough. We just can't even begin to describe how heartbreaking this is."

The feeling was more of elation on the Ducks' bench in the closing minute of regulation after they forced Jacobsen to miss a tough jumper with 15 seconds left and Jones skied for the rebound.

Jones was fouled, connected on both free throws to give the Ducks a three-point lead, and Oregon's first win at Maples in 16 tries appeared to be a reality with 14 seconds left to defend the Cardinal (14-6, 7-4).

Oregon did what it wanted as it forced Jacobsen to give the ball up, but that's when Giovacchini threw up his NBA-range three-pointer that accounted for his only field goal on the night.

"I don't think I've ever taken a shot like that," he said.

Oregon head coach Ernie Kent isn't sure his team has ever played game quite like that. Kent stressed afterwards how proud he was of his team.

And he expressed the utmost

confidence in his team and doesn't believe there will be a lack of energy on Saturday in Berkeley when they play the Golden Bears at 5 p.m. on ABC.

"These are young guys and if you put a rap concert on Saturday at 5 o'clock, they'd have a lot of energy so they'll be ready," Kent said. "We're playing for the Pac-10 championship. You can rest in

"This team will bounce back."

That the Ducks could have the perspective of the big picture just moments after such a devastating defeat is as big a sign as any that they will do just that.

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coming - and so did the Cardinal. 'Up six with that much time left, you might as well be tied with Stanford," Williams said. "You can't take comfort in that."

Fowell nailed a three just after the halfway point of the second half to knot the game at 56, which is where the game stood for nearly five minutes. Freshman center Andrea Bills scored a bucket inside to give the Ducks a 58-56 lead, which would prove to be their last.

"I knew we were going to win this game," said Powell, who finished the game with 20 points, six rebounds and six assists. "(Oregon) took it to us, but we kept our poise and didn't panic."

All of Stanford's points in the final four minutes came at the charity stripe as the Cardinal converted 17-of-20 free throws.

"One of the things we talked about in practice was trying to give our maximum effort," Oregon head coach Bev Smith said. "I think everyone left the floor tonight with nothing left to give.'

Williams paced the Ducks with 22 points, but no one else scored in double figures. Kraayeveld had eight points and nine rebounds.

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in the conference, albeit by a thread. Arizona is tied with the Ducks, but has one less overall win.

Now the Ducks await California (6-16, 1-12), but are on shaky ground. Oregon has lost its last three games, and desperately need a win against the Golden Bears.

"Coming out and playing the way we did, we proved we can

play with a team like (Stanford)," sophomore Cathrine Kraayeveld said. "Now we just have to bring that same confidence on Saturday.

Said Smith: "There's four games left and the tournament still, and we've got a statement to make.'

They'll have to make that statement fast as the season is quickly coming to a close.

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Horoscope by Linda C. Black

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 8). Start by reviewing your notes on research you've already done. That will be the foundation for you to build upon. Fantasies are great, but this year it's practical, commonsense reality that you're after.

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 - It's time for your big report. You get to explain what you've done, and why. It could be to reporters, because of your heroic deeds. It could be to a potential new employer, as you apply for a better job. Be confident, accurate and thorough, but not arrogant, and you'll do fine.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) - Today is a 6 - You can find the right words to express your concerns, but should you utter them? Maybe not. If you suspect that an influential person isn't interested, you're right. No point in talking to a brick wall. Wait for a better time.

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GEMINI (May 21-June 21) - Today is a 7 - You'd like to run and play, but that's not a good idea. Do the calculations instead. Run the numbers. What will you need? What do you have? It's cord for you to keeper. CANCER (June 22-July 22) - Today is a 6 - You may have thought you were all alone. You know

w that you were wrong. A person who isn't aid of hard work is willing to lend a hand. To-her, even the toughest job will be almost fun. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is an 8 - You continue to work best with a strong partner. You're more effective than you would be on your own. Don't be jealous if this person's getting all the attention. Be his or her biggest fan.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is a 7 - Make

meal and talk about what you've been through You'll get some practical advice and, perhaps even more important, a well-earned hug or two. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct 22) - Today is an 8 - Take a few moments to get your house in order. You may soon want to entertain a very special person. Get as much paperwork done as you can, too. Don't leave any loose ends. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is a 6

Draw upon your own experience, or somebody else's, to get through a difficult situation. It's all esses, to get through a difficult about being stubborn, never giving up, and not taking "no" for an answer.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 6-No getting around it, you have to crunch the numbers. How much will it cost, and how much will you get? Look hard for hidden expenses. They're in there.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is a 7 - Money is still on your mind, as well it should be. You could make, or lose, a lot in the next few days. Don't gamble, Base your decisions on ex-perience, and achieve a dream.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is a 7 - Information you've been trying to find suddenly becomes available. Somebody has stopped giving you the runaround. Gather up as much as you can before this window of opportunity slams shut.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is a 7 - You still have a lot on your mind, so it's hard to be objective. That's where your practical friend comes in. Together, set priorities. Some of the things you're concerned about can wait. Get help deciding which ones.

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