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Tournament, but more importantly, helped extend the team's streak to eight consecutive appearances in the tournament.

What they've accomplished has come in the face of adversity. First came the issues surrounding former coach Jody Runge's resignation, and now with the entrance of Bev Smith and her style, the Ducks have struggled.

"They have been through the toughest year in a coaching transition," the first-year head coach said. "It's been a tough year for them, but they've responded."

Unaka and Fredrick began the season as the starting frontcourt for the Ducks, but have since been replaced. That didn't matter on senior night, as the two joined Craighead and Curry on the floor to start the game.

The four seniors made their presence known immediately.

After junior Alissa Edwards missed a shot to start the game, Fredrick followed with two layups.

One minute later, Craighead hit a jumper, and after Edwards followed with another, Craighead did it again. However, this time, the one she hit came from beyond the three-point arc.

The Elma, Wash., native finished the night 4-of-5, including 2-of-3 from downtown. Known for her three-point prowess, Craighead nailed her last one in a regular season game at Mac Court with 7:08 left in the first half. Fittingly, it came from junior Shaquala Williams, who, had it not been for a torn anterior cruciate ligament last season, would have ended her Oregon home career as well.

In the first eight minutes of the game, the Ducks posted 15 points. Thirteen of those came from the seniors.

And when it was all said and done, the four contributed with a combined 32 points.

"I think that the win tonight is

because the seniors stepped on the floor and did all of the things we talked about to win a basketball game," Smith said.

But the win over California won't be the final time these four will step on the floor at the Pit. Oregon hosts the inaugural Pacific-10 Conference Tournament, beginning March 1, and each knows what they will need to do to win it all.

The only way for the four to win their final game at the storied gym is to win the tournament.

"(The game) got a little emotional, but not really, because I know I've got (at least) one more game here," Unaka said.

And Craighead, who has been a leader for the Ducks in her career, showed no emotion at the end of the game, instead deciding to save it for the tournament.

"I didn't cry tonight," she said. "I've cried at every senior night except my own."

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"I was guarding Tamir; I let him get loose," Jones said. "I'll take the loss on my shoulders."

Oregon's Luke Jackson, who scored a career-high 29 points, had a chance to pull the Ducks within one point with 8.2 seconds left, but missed two free throws. Tamir made a free throw at the California end to seal the Golden Bear win.

Tamir was a thorn in Oregon's side all game long, hitting 14 of the 19 shots he took, including 5-of-6 three pointers. The Ducks have seen several big performances from opposing individuals this season, including 41 points from Stanford's Casey Jacobsen on Thursday night, 35 from Washington State's Marcus Moore, 32 from Jacobsen in January, and 30 from Washington's Doug Wrenn.

Tamir's previous career high was 19, scored against Oregon in January.

"The rim looked so big tonight," Tamir said. "Everything I threw up went in."

For most of the first half, the Ducks had a similarly big rim. Oregon started the game with a 10-5 run and built the lead to 45-26 with 2:22 left in the first frame. The Ducks ended the half shooting 66.7 percent from the floor.

But as soon as Oregon went up by 19, California started chipping the Ducks' lead back to zero. Tamir scored seven straight points at the end of the first half to bring the score to 48-35, and the Golden Bears started the second half as strong as they ended the first. A three-pointer from forward Joel Shipp with 13:24 pulled the Bears within five.

With the Haas Pavilion crowd going wild and 11:38 on the clock,

Legans hit an NBA-range three-pointer to put California ahead for the first time, 61-58.

"We knew we should have been playing better than we played in the first half," Legans said. "We knew we just had to battle."

The teams did battle all the way down the stretch until the final seconds, when Oregon's Jones had a chance to win the game in regulation. With less than 10 seconds left and the score tied at 82, Jones collected the rebound on a Legans miss, drove down the court and missed a floater from eight feet out.

In the first overtime, the Ducks had another chance to win after Cal almost handed the game away. With less than 10 seconds left, Legans passed to forward Ryan Forehan-Kelly, who mishandled the ball out of bounds with 2.1 seconds on the clock. Jackson sent the ensuing inbounds pass all the way to halfcourt, where Jones collected it, got to the three-point line and launched a shot with two defenders in his face. The shot hit the front iron, and the game remained tied at 89 and headed for a second overtime.

Kent was able to put the loss into perspective.

"We're heartbroken," Kent said. "But it's not like we're a bad basketball team. We'll rebound."

Oregon is now 13-0 at home, 4-7 away from McArthur Court and 2-4 on the road in the conference. The Ducks have only two remaining away games, against UCLA and Southern California at the end of the season.

Oregon returns home to face Oregon State in the second installment of this year's Civil War on Saturday.

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how his athletes were competing through the entire meet.

"Both last night and this afternoon, our guys are wrestling the full seven minutes," he said on Saturday. "Whether we are ahead by one or behind by seven, we're still out there attacking our opponents the entire time."

In the Oregon loss to Cal Poly on Saturday, the Ducks were clearly hindered by the absence of Williams at 125-pounds. Beginning the meet at 184-pounds, Cal Poly's Charles Sandin defeated Soto 9-5 and the Mustangs never surrendered the lead.

Jake Leair and heavyweight No. 19 Eric Webb won the next two matches for Oregon, but the Ducks fell behind 13-6 from the forfeit at 125 and Jason Harless's major decision loss to Cal Poly's 133-pounder Nathaniel Ybarra.

Oregon charged back with three straight wins from Hunt, Overstake and Harris to close the gap to 15-16 in favor of the Mustangs, which brought up an important final match involving Webster and No. 13 Steve Strange.

"Steve Strange is very tough and has a lot of other things on his side," Kearney said. "But with Shane, you are talking about a guy that is extremely hard to wrestle. He wrestles with great intensity

and is very physical."

Webster led the match after the first period after a takedown and a Strange escape, but the Cal Poly junior proved too much for Webster. Strange's 8-5 win sealed a 19-15 victory for the Mustangs.

"We were surprised Webster got after him like that," Harris said. "That was a really quality guy that he was wrestling, and if he could have pulled out the win, that would have been great."

The Ducks compete next against Oregon State on Wednesday at 7 p.m. in Mac Court.

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