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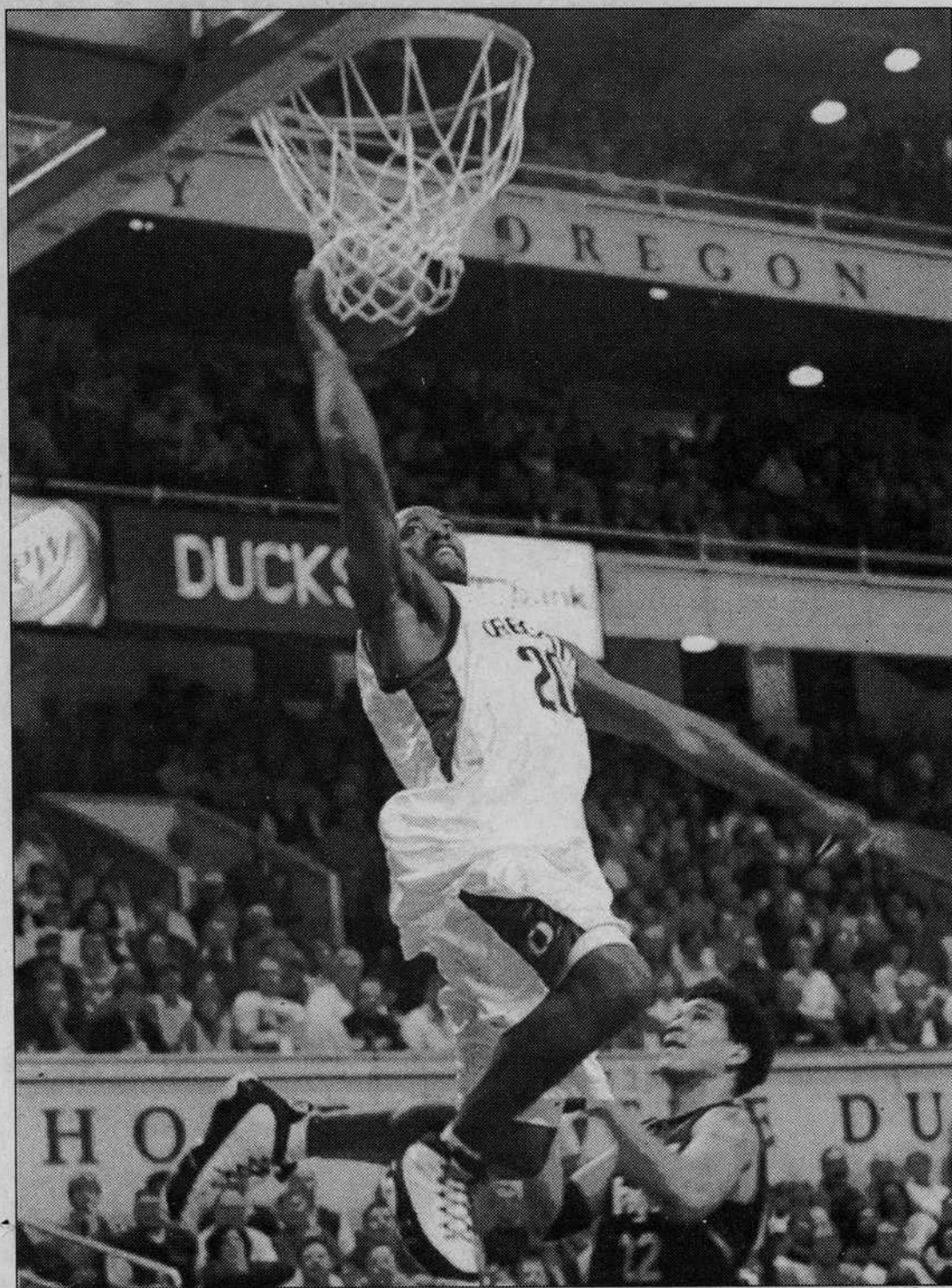
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Oregon's Freddie Jones completes the play of the game when he snares a James Davis alley-oop pass and slams it home during the Ducks' 91-62 blowout victory over Oregon State on Saturday. Jones scored a game-high 23 points.

Ducks bounce Beavers, move back into first

OREGON 91
OREGON STATE 62

■ Jones, Ridnour and Jackson score a combined 62 points as the Ducks beat the Beavers for the seventh straight time

By Jeff Smith
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During the day, they watched — and watched.

At night, they played — and played well.

Knowing what was at stake, the Oregon men's basketball team thumped Oregon State, 91-62, Saturday night at McArthur Court.

The 17th-ranked Ducks (18-7, 10-4) had been glued to the television throughout the afternoon as Arizona State upset UCLA on the road, Southern California dropped Arizona from its first-place perch and Washington pulled out a 15-point shocker over California.



Then, given the chance to play a game themselves, the Ducks ran all over the Beavers (10-14, 3-11) and jumped into a three-way tie for first with USC and Stanford. The Wildcats are a half-game back, while the Bears and Bruins are each a full game out of first.

"After watching the other teams in the conference, it was important for us to give Oregon State our best effort," said head coach Ernie Kent, who was a junior playing for the Ducks in 1975-76 when Oregon last reached a 10-4 conference record.

Oregon's win also continued its dominance over the rival Beavers by winning its seventh straight Civil War and the 17th in the last 18 meetings. The 29-

Pac-10 Men's Basketball

	Pac-10	Overall
Oregon	10-4	18-7
Stanford	10-4	17-6
USC	10-4	18-6
Arizona	10-5	17-8
California	9-5	18-6
UCLA	9-5	17-8
ASU	7-8	14-10
OSU	3-11	10-14
Washington	3-12	9-16
WSU	1-14	5-18

point win tied a 42-13 win in 1921 as the highest margin of victory by Oregon in a Civil War.

Averages held form Saturday night as the Pacific-10 Conference's highest scoring offense broke free from the league's lowest one. The Ducks scored about five points more than their 86.3 points-per-game average while the Beavers scored two less than their 64.1 average.

Doing most of the scoring for the Ducks was senior Freddie Jones with a game-high 23, Luke Ridnour with 20 and Luke Jackson with 19.

"When us three score like that, it's tough for people to defend," Ridnour said. "We played our style of basketball for the whole 40 minutes," Jackson said.

"We're just out there having fun," Jones said.

Jones was certainly having fun in one stretch with less than three minutes to play in the first half. First, he skied up for a one-handed offensive rebound and rolled it back in the hoop.

On the next trip down the court, James Davis lofted an alley-oop pass that Jones hauled in with his right hand and emphatically threw down.

The back-to-back athletic efforts came amid a 17-2 Oregon run to close out the first half and give the Ducks a 45-27 lead at the break.

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Curry's game-winner sinks Oregon State

■ Senior guard Edniesha Curry banks in a 10-footer with 1.8 seconds left to give the Ducks an 84-83 win over the Beavers

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CORVALLIS — Suddenly, the bank opened.

With the game knotted at 74, Oregon State guard Felicia Ragland's desperation heave bounced off the backboard and off the rim as time ran out in regulation, sending the Ducks and Beavers into overtime.

After five minutes of bonus action, Oregon guard Edniesha Curry, with her team trailing by one and the clock dwindling, also tried the bank shot on the other end of the court. A pump fake got the defending Ragland off her feet, and Curry drove the lane, leaned for a 10-footer, changed her shot in mid-air, released, kissed the glass, rattled the rim once, twice ...

Money.

"It's probably the shot of my career," Curry later said of her game-winning basket with 1.8 seconds left on the clock, giving the Ducks an 84-83 victory over Oregon State at Gill Coliseum.

"It was a good shot for me to take and I had courage to take it," the senior guard said. "I've never hit a game-winner before."

Curry's bucket saved the Ducks (14-11 overall, 9-7 Pacific-10 Conference) from getting swept by Oregon State (13-13, 9-

7) for the first time in nine years. The Beavers won at McArthur Court on Jan. 19, their first victory in Eugene in nine years.

Fans numbering 3,629 — the most to see a women's game at Gill Coliseum this season — were treated to a nationally televised game that was "great for women's basketball," Oregon head coach Bev Smith said.

"If you are a true competitor, that is the kind of game that you wish for — a game that comes down to the last shot, the last possession," said Oregon guard Shaquala Williams, who had 20 points. "Whether you were on the bench or on the floor, it was just so much fun because it was competitive."

In overtime, Oregon senior center Alyssa Fredrick began by blocking a Ragland three-point attempt and was awarded at the other end with a nice feed from Cathrine Kraayeveld. Fredrick scored six points in overtime.

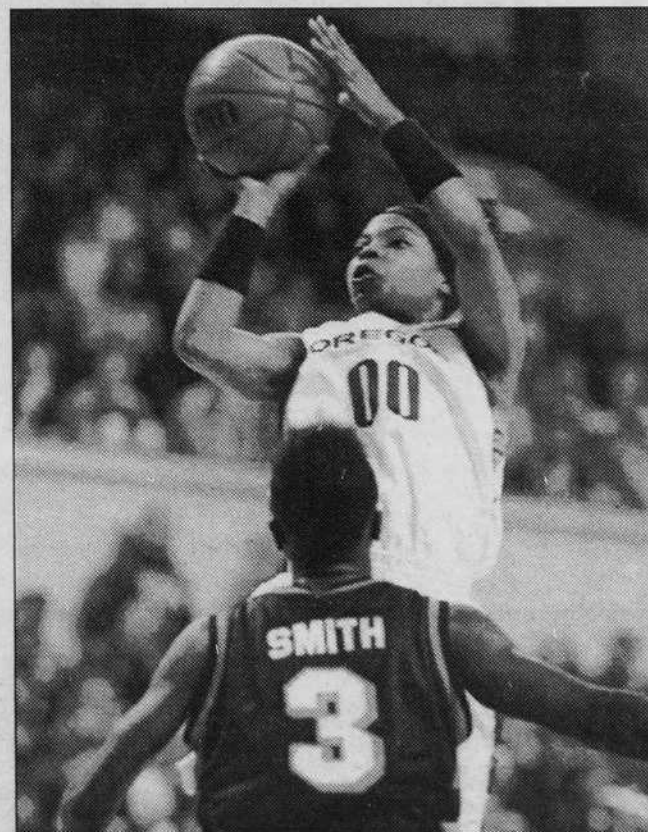
"It was just a lot of fun," said Fredrick, who finished the game with 13 points. "They beat us at home and we knew we had to get revenge."

Oregon State guard Juleen Smith sank a short jumper in the lane with 1:10 left to give the Beavers an 83-82 lead.

Curry's game-winner came after an Oregon timeout with 18 seconds left. The Ducks did not have a set shot for the play — they stuck with their zone offense — but planned to hit whoever was open. Curry was open and Williams found her on a cross-court pass, setting up the game's final shot.

"Curry saw her opening and did the right thing," Smith said. "It couldn't have been a finer shot."

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Senior Edniesha Curry, shooting over Oregon State's Juleen Smith on Jan. 19, scored the game-winner Saturday with 1.8 seconds left.