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Christensen leaving UO with a smile

■ He may not receive much playing time, but Christensen's role is appreciated on the team

By Jeff Smith
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Members of the Pit Crew began the chant with 6:20 left and Oregon leading, 98-60.

"Christensen! Christensen!"

It picked up again with the clock showing 3:46.

"I think it's funny. I love it. I'm not going to lie," Oregon senior Kristian Christensen said. "It gets me kind of pumped and ready to go. I'm like, 'Come on coach, when are you going to put me in?'"

Thursday night, Christensen's time came when Ernie Kent motioned for him at the 2:57 mark to replace Anthony Lever.

Christensen played the rest of the way and scored two points in Oregon's 115-77 victory over Washington State at McArthur Court.

In his career, he had scored nine points heading into the game — all on threes — and was eager to record his first two-pointer.

Every time he touched the ball, the crowd would yell for him to launch it, but he said he tries not to force it. Then, with a minute remaining, his opportunity came.

"I got the ball up top, and I kept hearing all the people telling me to shoot it, and I was like, 'Can I get it off?'" Christensen said. "Then, I thought, 'No way,' so I threw it to Jay (Anderson). Jay swung

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Freddie Jones hits a three pointer Thursday night, one of a school-record 16 threes nailed by the Oregon men against Washington State. The Ducks won by a final of 115-77.

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Men bury WSU with long ball

OREGON 115
WASHINGTON STATE 77

■ Oregon scores its most points ever in a Pac-10 game to crush Washington State

By Peter Hockaday
Oregon Daily Emerald

On Thursday night, the No. 15 Oregon men's basketball team served up treys like they were manning the cafeteria lunch-line.

Of the 12 Ducks who saw court time in Oregon's 115-77 blowout win over Washington State, eight made three-pointers as the Ducks sank a school-record 16 treys to crush the Cougars and stay on top of the Pacific-10 Conference race.

"We were just on fire out there, it was great," said junior forward Robert Johnson, who, when asked why he never attempted a three, said "I thought about it."

Oregon (19-7 overall, 11-4 Pac-10) got its 15th consecutive win at McArthur Court over Washington State (5-19, 1-15) in front of 9,050 fans. The victory moved the Ducks one step closer to an undefeated home season, setting up a key final home matchup with Washington on Saturday.

Oregon was led by sophomore point
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Oregon's shooting takes off in road win over Washington State

■ The Ducks defeat the Cougars for their largest margin of victory in 15 years, and ensure a ninth straight winning season

By Hank Hager
Oregon Daily Emerald

You just can't get any better than Shaquala Williams.

The junior guard's 24 points, seven rebounds and four assists led the Ducks to a 88-47 win over Washington State in Pullman on Thursday.

Williams was perfect against the Cougars, shooting 9-of-9 from the field, including four from beyond the three-point arc.

"Both Jamie (Craighead) and Shaquala were into some good space and didn't force anything," Oregon head coach Bev Smith told KSCR radio after the game. "They allowed the team to create some shots for them and at the same time, created shots for themselves."

Oregon (15-11 overall) made a statement to the NCAA Tournament selection committee with their 10th conference win of the season, and sent Washington State closer to the first winless conference season in Pacific-10 Conference history.

In their 12th victory in the last 14 games against the Cougars (2-25, 0-17 Pac-10), the Ducks played their best game of the season.

"We've got to get some wins to get a good seeding in the Pac-10 Tournament," freshman Kedzie Gunderson said.

On Jan. 22, 1987, Oregon defeated the Cougars 101-55 in Pullman, the Ducks' last win of more than 40 points. This year's version was not much different.



Freshman Kedzie Gunderson had a career high 12 points against Washington State on Thursday. The freshman from Kirkland, Wash., played 16 minutes against the Cougars, collecting seven rebounds in the Ducks' 88-47 win.

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