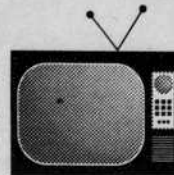


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Oregon survives Wake, advances to Sweet 16

■ The Duck men win their second game in Sacramento and advance to the tourney's second weekend

By Peter Hockaday
Oregon Daily Emerald

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — The Oregon men's basketball team had such an entertaining game on Saturday that head coach Ernie Kent wished he was in the stands instead of pacing the sideline.

"I want to go home and watch this game," Kent said with a grin afterward. "What a great, entertaining game."

The game was a 92-87 Oregon win over Wake Forest in the second round of the NCAA Tournament, a victory that set up a matchup between the Ducks and the Texas Longhorns in the Sweet 16 on Friday in

Madison, Wis. Saturday's entertainment came mostly from three players — Oregon's Freddie Jones, Luke Ridnour and Luke Jackson — who scored all but two of the Ducks' points in the second half.

"We all expect to have games like this," Jones said.

The trio spearheaded Oregon's multiple comebacks in the game. Down by as many as 11 points in the first half and eight in the second, the Ducks twice stormed back in front of 16,144 fans at Arco Arena.

During the Ducks' second-half comeback, the key play came on an injury instead of a basket. Wake Forest guard Craig Dawson left the game with 7:45 left and the score 78-73 in favor of Wake Forest. Dawson's scoring presence — he

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Cramming in all the memories that will fit

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Don't let this day end.

Don't let Wake Forest and Oregon walk off the floor, change in their locker rooms and exit Arco Arena.

Bring them all back.

Bring back the teams, the fans, the bands and the cheerleaders.

Heck, even bring back all the media.

But, if March 16, 2002, must come to an end, then at least do me one favor.

See that gigantic box in the basement of Arco Arena? It's right there in the corner, looking as if it could probably hold at least two refrigerators.

See it?



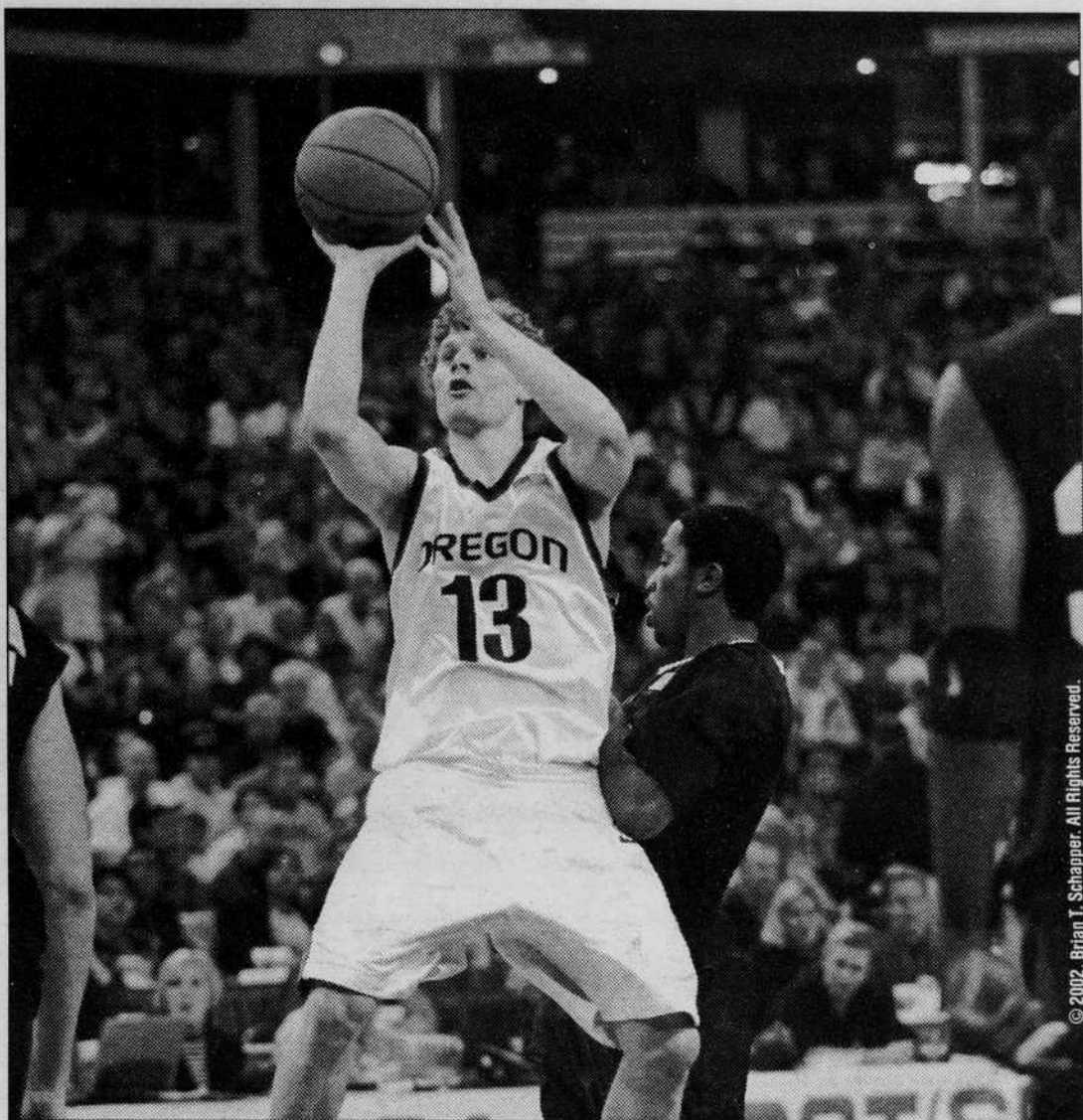
Jeff
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Yep, that's the one. Let's put that thing to use.

Let's cram as many of Saturday's moments as we can into that box, utilizing every inch. When we're done, we can use the rolls of tape sitting right next to the box to close it shut and take it with us.

Because Oregon's 92-87 victory

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Oregon's Luke Ridnour sets up for a basket during Saturday's 92-87 victory over Wake Forest, which moved the Ducks forward to the Sweet Sixteen. Ridnour had a career-high 28 points and a career-high seven three-pointers in the game.

Ducks sink OSU, advance to Elite Eight of WNIT

■ Kraayeveld hit the game-winner for the Ducks, who will face Washington in the third round of WNIT competition

By Adam Jude
Oregon Daily Emerald

In a game where both teams combined to shoot just 32 percent from the floor, it's fitting that the final shot rattled off the rim.

Juleen Smith's three-point shot fell short as time expired Sunday, ending Oregon State's season and sending Oregon, a 50-48 winner at McArthur Court, on to the third round of the Women's National Invitation Tournament, where the Ducks will play Washington at 7 p.m. Wednesday in Seattle.

Sophomore forward Cathrine Kraayeveld grabbed a rebound and scored an easy layin with 4.4 seconds left to give the Ducks (18-13) the margin of victory — but not before some controversy.

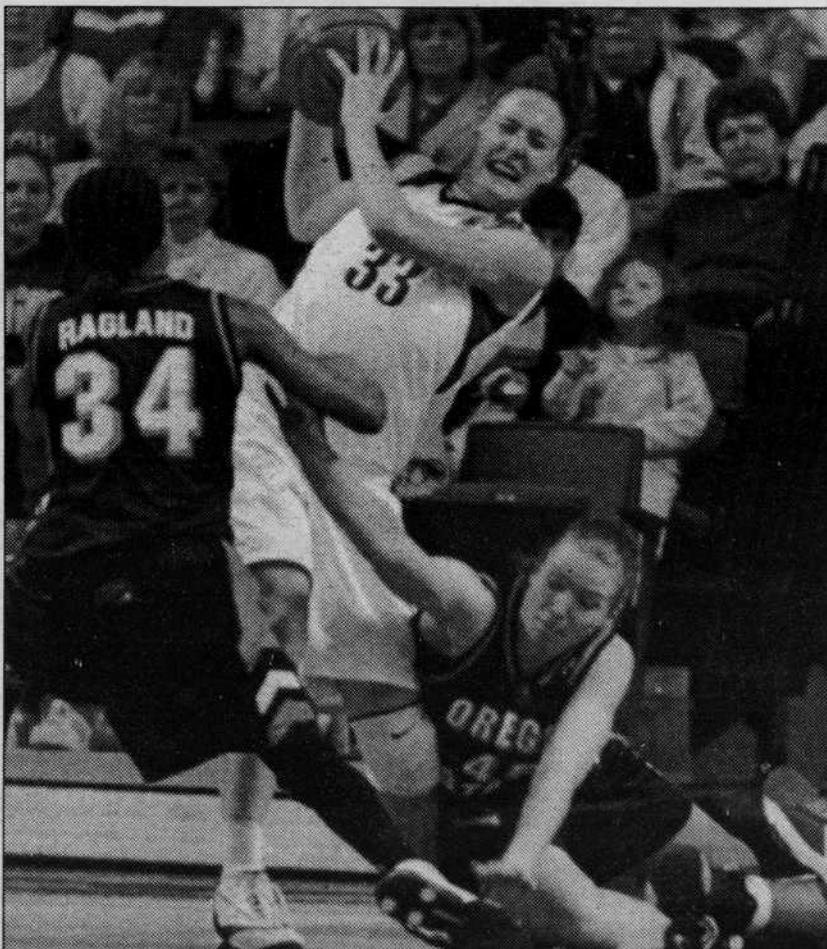
After Kraayeveld's putback, Oregon State's (17-15) Leilani Estavan took the inbounds pass and dribbled past half court, where she stopped and called a timeout. A debate ensued over how much time was left. Initially, officials administered 1.6 seconds, but after a conference between coaches and referees, 1.2 seconds was put on the board for the Beavers' desperation three-point attempt.

"I thought it was going to go," Smith said of her shot, which was contested by Oregon's Jamie Craighead. "I had to change my shot a little in midair, but I thought it was in."

With less than 10 seconds remaining and the game tied at 48, Oregon's Ednisha Curry drove the lane and had her shot blocked. Alyssa Fredrick recovered the ball, but her shot sailed over the rim, where Kraayeveld picked up the rebound and sank the game-winner.

The Ducks, one of just eight teams left in the WNIT, won consecutive games in the postseason for the first time since 1989, when Oregon won the National Women's Invitation Tournament.

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Oregon's Cathrine Kraayeveld fights for a loose ball against the Beavers' Felicia Ragland (34) and Hollye Chapman (on ground) in the Ducks' second-round WNIT victory Sunday.

Ducks drop OSU in win once again

■ The third installment of this season's Civil War turns out to be no different than the first two

By Hank Hager
Oregon Daily Emerald

Just because it's the postseason doesn't mean the Civil War is going to be any different.

The Ducks and Beavers showed the same intensity as in previous matchups on Sunday at McArthur Court. Cathrine Kraayeveld's game-winning shot with four seconds left capped off a physical game between the in-state rivals.

The third installment of this year's Civil War left the Ducks battered and bruised but gratified that they had just sent Oregon State home for good this season.

"There's no better way to beat a Beaver than to say 'You're not going to play for the rest of the season,'" junior Shaquala Williams said.

The game was so intense, Oregon head coach Bev Smith and Oregon State's Judy Spoelstra seemed to get into a heated conversation toward the end of the game.

After Kraayeveld's bucket put Oregon ahead 50-48, the Beavers attempted to

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