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"That was a game won on nerves and sheer will," said Oregon head coach Bev Smith. "I don't think we could play another team in the nation that would give us a more competitive game."

Similar to Oregon's woeful shooting performance in the first meeting of the year since Jan. 19 — Oregon State's first win at Mac Court in nine years — the Ducks shot just 26.7 percent in the first half Sunday, as the Beavers took a 29-19 lead into the break.

"We shot 26 percent. We didn't know how we were still in the game," Craighead said.

"We weren't too discouraged," Kraayeveld said of the halftime deficit. "We held them to 29 points, so we were playing good defense. Our offense just wasn't there."

In the second half, Oregon's offense showed up, and the Beavers were taken out of the game mentally.

Oregon State senior Felicia Ragland was issued a technical for arguing a traveling call with an official early in the second half. From there, the Beavers and head coach Judy Spoelstra were constant-

ly battling the refs.

"I think the momentum was really taken away in the second half by the officials," Spoelstra said. "I think we were the better team, and we deserved to win."

Kraayeveld, who finished the game with 12 points and 10 rebounds, converted a three-point play with a free throw at the 12:55 mark, cutting the Beavers' lead to 34-29.

A Shaquala Williams jumper at 9:27 capped off an 8-2 run that gave the Ducks a 37-36 lead.

"It obviously wasn't a pretty game, but we won the game because of our defense," Williams said.

The Beavers led by as much as seven in the final seven minutes, but Craighead cut the lead to 44-40 with a three-pointer with 6:08 to play.

"Maybe offensively we didn't show up, but everyone came to play today," Craighead said.

Oregon freshman Andrea Bills, who had a career-high 15 rebounds, hit a short jumper with 1:54 left to tie the game at 48.

"We're looking at the big picture," Bev Smith said. "Oregon State was just a hurdle for us to get over to get where we want."

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Oregon's Jamie Craighead (right) battles with Oregon State's Felicia Ragland in the Ducks' 50-48 victory at McArthur Court on Sunday. Oregon plays the University of Washington in an Elite Eight match on Saturday in Seattle.

Civil War

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call a timeout before time expired. They were eventually granted that request. However, Smith said she felt there should have been less time on the clock.

The clock ended up being reset at 1.2 seconds, and both coaches denied that any negative words were exchanged.

"It's hard to hear in (Mac Court)," Spoelstra said. "We were both trying to get our points across. I have complete respect for Bev and would never argue with another coach in that position."

Said Smith, "It was just a difference of opinion, and maybe we were a little too animated than we should have been."

Before the game, Smith said the contest was going to be physical and was going to bring out the best in both teams — at least in competitiveness, if not in ability. That showed, as both teams failed to shoot better than 33 percent from the field, including a 23 percent clip for Oregon State in the second half.

"They're a good team, and it's always going to be a good game when Oregon and Oregon State play," Kraayeveld said.

Oregon, which has won 13 of 14 against the Beavers, will move on to the third round of the Women's National Invitation Tournament. The Beavers, on the other hand, finish their season after losing at McArthur Court for the ninth time since 1993.

"We've been hearing them talk all week," Oregon sharpshooter Jamie

Craighead said. "It's a good feeling to know they talk all week and they don't own McArthur Court."

"It ended their season, and we're moving on."

The loss marks the end of a career for Oregon State senior Felicia Ragland. What has turned into a mini-rivalry on its own between Ragland and the Ducks ends in acrimonious fashion.

After drawing a traveling violation at the outset of the second half, Ragland was charged with a technical foul for arguing with a referee. She finished her career game fittingly, grabbing 14 rebounds and scoring 11 points en route to her fifth double-double in a row against Oregon.

Her technical may be what most Duck fans will remember. The 3,140 in attendance immediately jumped

to their feet after the referee initiated the two shots that Oregon's Williams took after the call and gave the Ducks what very well could have been the fuel for the win.

Spoelstra felt the Ducks didn't truly earn that momentum. In her opinion, the officials took the game out of Oregon State's hands.

Oregon State was visibly upset after the game. Leading by 10 at halftime, the Beavers seemed to be in control heading onto the court at halftime. However, Oregon's defense came alive.

"We should have beat them," Oregon State freshman Juleen Smith said. "There is no excuse for us to lose."

With the win, Oregon now travels to Seattle on Wednesday to play fellow Pacific-10 Conference foe

Washington. The Ducks and Huskies will meet for the fourth time this season.

After playing perhaps their No. 1 rival, Oregon goes on to a close second. There's no love lost between the two schools, and it promises to be a grudge match.

But throw away the scouting reports and anything the two teams have done against each other this season. The game will be won by the players who will show they want it more.

"I think I hate UW even more because I'm from Washington," Craighead said. "It's going to be about the team who wants it more. I'm looking forward to it."

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Horoscope by Linda C. Black

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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 6 - Take it slow and easy. No need to rush. You need to study the situation so that you can move quickly when the right opportunity shows up.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) - Today is an 8 - Your charisma makes you the company's best salesperson. You make other people's decisions for them, and it's always for their own good. You're trustworthy, dependable and cute. Ask for a raise.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21) - Today is a 5 - Nobody promised you a rose garden. You knew there'd be difficult parts in this process. Even rose gardens require digging in the mud, and you have to watch out for thorns. Accept barbed criticism graciously.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) - Today is an 8 - You have an idea that's too big to finish all by yourself. Luckily, you also have a loyal team. They're just waiting for you to inspire them.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 5 - Somebody is full of good ideas, suggesting things you ought to be doing. Don't be defensive. Just re-

member: Somebody loves you, and they're smart. How lucky can you get?

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is an 8 - Ask probing questions. Try something new. Don't be afraid. It'll be easier than you expected, and a lot more fun.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Today is a 5 - Don't be intimidated by a difficult assignment. They wouldn't have asked you to do it if they didn't think you could. If they haven't asked yet, keep practicing. They will.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is an 8 - Call a meeting to discuss your next big move. This might be something you'll all have to build upon together, or something you have to build using all your talents. You're one big family. Whatever it is, you can do it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 6 - You're in a four-wheel-drive state of mind. No matter how difficult the road, you'll find a way through. Take your time, don't give up, do it right.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is a 9 - You may have had trouble making commitments in the past, but that's not a problem now. Ignore your doubts and trust your intuition.

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