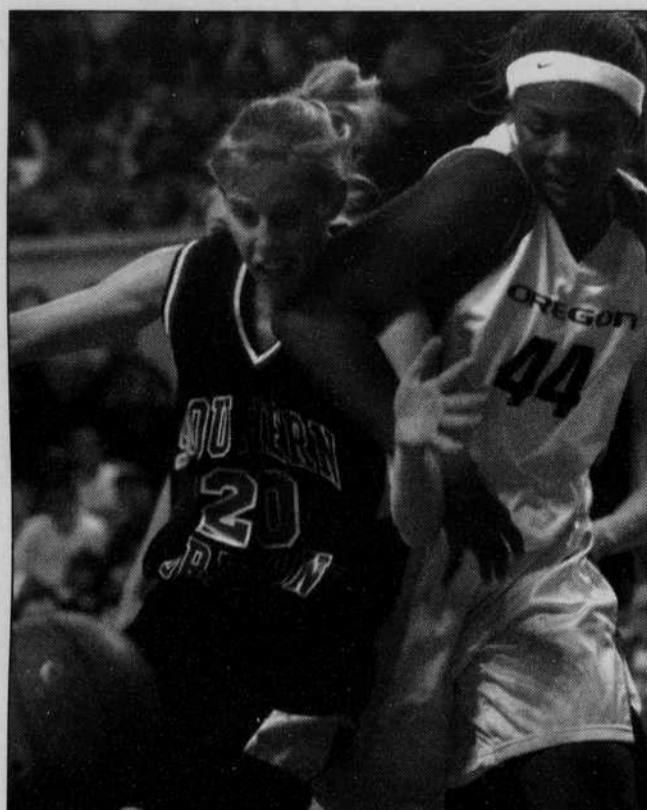


# Ducks take Southern Oregon downtown



Adam Amato Emerald

Senior Andrea Bills dominated in the post for Oregon and came close to a double-double with 15 points and nine rebounds.

Oregon hits six three-pointers in the first 10 minutes of an exhibition blowout Friday night

## Women's basketball

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It was raining in McArthur Court on Friday night.

The Oregon women's basketball team shot 54.8 percent on the night, adding six baskets from beyond the three-point arc in the first 10 minutes as the Ducks jumped out to a 16-0 lead to start the game against Southern Oregon. That run came en route to a 114-54 romp in Oregon's second and final exhibition game. The Ducks held the Raiders to 28 first-half points on their way to 55 of their own.

"We have got some great offensive flow, and we have a great understanding that we can be very good on the inside," Oregon head coach Bev Smith said. "For us, offensively, I feel like we are so much further ahead than last year at this time and possibly even at the end of the year."

Every Duck scored, with six in double figures. The squad was led by sophomore Brandi Davis, who had 23 points on the

night. Davis was 7-of-9 from the field and shot six of Oregon's 13 3-pointers.

"We have been working on my jump shot and I was just really feeling the game," Davis said. "We just went out there with a mission to play just as hard as we did the first game."

"She is exciting, she has a magic touch, and she sees the hoop and makes it look easy at times with her athleticism," Smith said on Davis' shooting spree.

Oregon's other starters also racked up the numbers, with sophomore Andrea Bills scoring 15 points and adding two blocks. Junior Cathrine Kraayeveld brought in 12 points and nine rebounds. Senior guard Shaquala Williams knocked in two from downtown on her way to 10 points in 23 minutes.

Freshman Carolyn Ganes stepped it up in the post for Oregon and played 15 minutes coming off the bench. Ganes was 6-of-7 on free throws, brought down six rebounds and scored 15 points.

"Carolyn did some really good things. She worked her way into the game a little quicker than she did last week," Smith said. "She began to work harder in the post and ran the floor very well. Carolyn Ganes is going to be very, very important for us."

Oregon dominated everything on the

statistical sheet with the exception of turnovers. Southern Oregon had 30 to Oregon's 21. The Ducks continue to place a strong emphasis on rebounds and brought home 48 boards, with 19 on offense.

Even though Oregon was bombing from downtown with six players hitting from beyond the arc, the Ducks feel they need to improve for their upcoming competition.

"For now we are just focusing on what we need to prepare for," sophomore Kedzie Gunderson said. "Right now we need to focus on what we need to improve on and what we need to play hard in. And it doesn't matter who we are playing, we've got to play hard every time."

If Oregon can keep this pace, the Ducks will hit triple digits 27 more times this season. Oregon hit the 100-point mark for the second time with a two-pointer from Davis with 3:40 left, after the squad finished with 100 against Horsholm BBC Nov. 9.

Friday's game began with a Williams 3-pointer just 17 seconds into play, and it ended on Davis' sixth make from beyond the arc with just seven seconds left in regulation to bring the Ducks to a 60-point victory.

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# Volleyball drops season's last two road games

Oregon plays well but can't fend off the Arizona schools

## Volleyball

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Senior Lindsay Closs has been the go-to player for the Oregon volleyball team this season.

That was never more apparent than this weekend in the desert. Closs posted 10 kills against No. 16 Arizona Friday and 13 Saturday against Arizona State.

However, Closs' offense wasn't enough, as the Ducks lost both matches in their final road trip of the season.

Against the Wildcats, sophomore

Lauren Westendorf had eight kills, and freshman Dariam Acevedo had seven, but Oregon fell in three straight games (30-20, 30-26, 30-22). The loss was Oregon's second to the Wildcats this season and upped Arizona's all-time record in the series to 29-8.

Oregon has not defeated Arizona since 1998.

Closs' .471 hitting percentage led the Ducks, but as a team, Oregon (11-19 overall, 1-15 Pacific-10 Conference) was off its game offensively. The Ducks hit .029 in Game 1, .200 in Game 2, and .120 in Game 3 to finish the night with an attack percentage of .121.

"One thing that we had been doing was getting a balanced offensive attack," Oregon head coach Carl Ferreira said. "We struggled with that a little tonight, but the thing I

liked is that we still put ourselves in a good position to win games two and three."

Arizona's (15-9, 10-6) Bre Ladd led the match with 17 kills and a .640 hitting percentage. Lisa Rutledge pitched in with 14 kills of her own as the Wildcats hit for a .254 percentage overall.

Arizona out-killed Oregon, 55-32, and out-dug the team, 40-34, in a dominating victory.

Against Arizona State Saturday, the Ducks were far improved but still unable to pull out the win.

The Sun Devils, whom Oregon came close to defeating earlier this season, won in four games (28-30, 30-23, 30-17, 30-27) and pushed their all-time record against the Ducks to 27-7.

On Arizona State's Senior Night, junior Juliana Escobar dominated,

posting 23 kills and 15 digs. Three other Sun Devils posted kill figures in the double digits, while Brittany Arnett led the match with 20 digs.

For the Ducks, Acevedo had 18 kills to lead the team, while Closs' 13 was close behind. However, offensively, Oregon was off for the second night in a row.

Oregon managed just a .058 hitting percentage. The Ducks connected on 48 kills in 173 attempts but racked up 39 attack errors.

After taking Game 1, the Ducks were in prime position to jump ahead 2-0 late in Game 2. Up 22-19, Oregon dipped, allowing the Sun Devils (12-9, 8-8) to go on an 11-1 run to win the set, 30-23, and even the match up at one apiece.

The Sun Devils rolled in Game 3, 30-17, and outlasted the Ducks in Game 4, 30-27.

Game 4 proved to be a seesaw battle, with the lead changing hands seven times. However, hitting percentage proved to be a telltale statistic in the set, with the Sun Devils hitting .232 to Oregon's .130.

The match win was Arizona State's 11th straight against Oregon. In addition, the contest was the final home match for 14-year Arizona State head coach Patti Snyder-Park.

The win was Snyder-Park's 213th in her career, and she now holds an all-time winning percentage of .545 (213-178).

Oregon travels back to Eugene for its final matches of the season, Thursday against Washington State, and Friday, to end the season, against Washington.

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that has turned out to be much more than minor. The injury, Smith said, has not led him to

make any decisions about next season, which many have speculated he will play in the NFL.

"I have not really been thinking about that," Smith said. "I'm just trying to get my knee better and

get back for the bowl game."

In the final home game for Oregon's seniors — and perhaps the last for Smith — the Oregon offense flew south for the winter without Smith. And the same

thing could happen in Corvallis this week.

"I want to get out there," Smith said. "We wanted to send out the seniors with a bang. I really wanted to be a part of that."

If he had, things may have turned out differently, regardless of the weather.

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