

# Oregon falls hard to Washington State

Penalties hurt the Ducks as they get shut out by the Cougars at home

## Hockey

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Knowing what his team is capable of, Oregon Club Ice Hockey head coach Garreth MacDonald didn't sugarcoat what he thought of his team's performance Friday.

"We just got outplayed," MacDonald said of the Ducks' 6-0 home loss to Washington State.

The Ducks fell to 5-9 on the season but still have a winning record (4-3) in Pacific-8 Conference play.

The Cougars improved to 6-5, 1-1 in the Pac-8.

Penalties played a large role in the demise of the Ducks. They were whistled for 10 penalties, leading to seven power-play opportunities for the Cougars, two of which they converted. MacDonald said the need to use special penalty killing lines interfered with the Ducks' offensive flow, as they were outshot 43-21.

"We weren't taking shots," MacDonald said. "You can't win a game getting outshot 2-to-1."

Duck goalie Joe Fagliano, who finished with 37 saves, also voiced his displeasure, as he faced twice as many shots as his counterpart, Cougar goalie Stu Palmer.

"(Penalties) get me frustrated," Fagliano said. "(The Cougars) were

just dominating the game."

The Cougars took a 2-0 lead on Dane Robertson's power-play goal just after the 14-minute mark of the

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first period. Ryan Lundrigan's one-timer from the slot at the eight-minute mark of the second period made it 3-0, and a goal from Chris Detzel three minutes later gave the

Cougars a comfortable 4-0 lead.

The Ducks' scoring chances were few, but they were unable to capitalize when one arose. During a five-minute stretch in the second period, the Ducks had three opportunities go awry. During the fourth minute, assistant captain Michael Tornabene escaped with the puck from a pack of defenders just outside the right faceoff circle in the Cougar defensive zone. Tornabene fired a shot from about 15 feet, but a kick save by Palmer kept the Cougar lead at 2-0. Just after the six-minute mark, a potential breakaway by Steven Budke was nullified when Cougar defenseman J.J. Powell and Duck defenseman Whit Ackerman were whistled for a double minor. Just

after the eight-minute mark, the Ducks had a four-on-one break, but Tornabene's shot from the left wing missed wide to the right.

Despite playing from behind the entire game, the Ducks stayed aggressive, continuously laying Cougar players out on the ice.

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The two teams played a late game Saturday night. It was Oregon's final game until after winter break, when it will resume play Jan. 10 against USC. The Ducks have not beaten the Trojans since the creation of the Pac-8 in 1995.

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with barely more than a minute left. That sent a majority of those in attendance at the Rose Garden to their feet and Oregon to its second straight victory.

"Everything was clicking, and before we knew it, we were back in it," Ganes said of Oregon's first victory over a ranked opponent this season.

After a first half in which the Ducks shot just 32 percent from the field and connected on just one 3-pointer, Oregon was a different team in the second stanza.

The Ducks shot 61 percent in the second half, and turned the ball over just five times. Oregon had turned the ball over just three times in the first half but was

not able to capitalize on its opportunities.

"That was a real key," Oregon head coach Bev Smith said about the team's turnovers. "For an overall game, that was tremendous. That speaks to the work we focused on in the last few days of practice."

Smith admitted the Ducks had a "number of things" they could have discussed in the locker room at the half, including an offense that was "not executing, but a defense that was doing OK."

Sophomore Brandi Davis, who scored a season-high 19 points Thursday against Portland, played just 18 minutes against the Cougars, including just four in the second half en route to three points on the night.

BYU head coach Jeff Judkins, clearly disappointed with the loss, suggested the

Ducks may have played better without Williams, who was suspended earlier this week, because the Ducks had to find offensive output from other sources.

Overall, he was impressed with Oregon's play.

"Oregon is a very good team," Judkins said. "They did a good job of making it simple. Good teams understand what they have to do. But it's very hard to get your team believing in one another."

Aside from their third win of the season, what the Ducks get from the victory is far more moral than physical.

"We just proved something to ourselves tonight," Ganes said.

Said Shreve: "We're coming together as a team well right now."

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had the luxury of visiting the foul line much more often than usual. Oregon was 16-of-23 on the night.

Oregon was 7-of-9 in the second half and 69.6 percent overall from the free-throw line.

"BYU is a very physical team, and because of that, you have to be aggressive," Smith said. "And from driving to the boards and with fadeaways, you will be rewarded for that, and I think we did a great job of that in the second half."

Oregon was solid in its ball handling, turning over the ball three times in the first half and eight times overall. It was a large improvement for the Ducks, who turned over the ball 17 times against Portland in their last game.

"In the past, I think we have just been a little bit careless with the ball," Kraayeveld said. "And tonight, we just took care of the ball. Collectively we played better as a team, and that helps with the turnovers."

Through it all, Oregon's post players were able to carry the load and execute when needed.

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**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (Dec. 9). You've had just about enough of "putting up with." You're ready to do whatever's necessary to make your life easier and more satisfying. Yes, you will have to learn a few new skills. It'll be fun when you start getting results.

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 9 \_ If you want to make changes, start now. Follow a friend's suggestion and go farther than you've ever gone before. You'll make it back, but you won't be the same.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) \_ Today is a 5 \_ Limitations prevent you from doing exactly what you'd like to do, but that just makes the game more interesting. And right now the game is all about procuring abundance.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21) \_ Today is an 8 \_ Something unusual from far away could be just the thing you're after. You'll find it in a favorite place. Check there again, even if you've looked there before.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22) \_ Today is a 6 \_ Have you noticed lately that you've stopped miming words and beating around the bush? You're more willing to say what's on your mind, even if feathers are ruffled. This is good.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) \_ Today is an 8 \_ You don't think you have to do it all personally, do you? You'll accomplish more by sharing the work, and it's a lot more fun that way.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) \_ Today is a 5 \_ The orders are coming in fast and furious. There's not much time for conversation, but you can sneak in a few kind words. They'll be much appreciated.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) \_ Today is a 10 \_ Recent discoveries open up new possibilities. A romantic fantasy you've long cherished could come true. Lookin' good!

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) \_ Today is a 5 \_ To the naked eye, it may appear that you're sitting perfectly still. But you're actually thinking, and waiting for the perfect time to make your move \_ which will be tomorrow. Be prepared.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) \_ Today is an 8 \_ You may have to hit the books in order to keep up with the others. Don't feel dumb. Actually, that's pretty smart.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) \_ Today is a 6 \_ The game is to work smarter, not harder. You can multiply your levels of production. Alone? Not hardly!

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) \_ Today is a 9 \_ You can get your message across if you persevere. If you can't find a way, ask a friend who's good at thinking outside the box.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) \_ Today is a 5 \_ If you stop and think about it, you can fix just about anything. The problem is finding the time, so try to think about it while you're doing something else. Don't stop.