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## Women pull out thriller over California



Danielle Hickey Emerald

Junior Kayla Steen (4) led the late Duck charge and ended the game with nine points as Oregon toppled California, 70-67 on Thursday.

Oregon went down to the final seconds with the Bears and found its way to victory.

## Women's basketball

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Sports Reporter

It was a thriller Thursday night at McArthur Court. A missed three-point shot by California in the final 10 seconds of the game ensured the Oregon women's basketball team its second win in Pacific-10 Conference play, 70-67.

Junior Kayla Steen did everything she needed to for her Ducks, going 5 of 6 from the free-throw line in the final 30 seconds to help move Oregon to 6-8 overall and 2-3 in the Pac-10.

"It was an important win for us," Oregon head coach Bev Smith said. "We came back and we were tough in the end. Kayla is a very good shooter and we talked about getting the ball in her hands."

It was a battle from the beginning tipoff for both teams. In a back-and-forth first half, neither team could establish a solid lead.

At 9:30 on the clock was the first point when either team would lead by more than a basket, as Cal took the lead off a free throw, 20-17. Oregon would go on to trail by as many as five after that point until a timeout was called.

As the Ducks walked back onto the floor they headed into an 8-0 run to lead 27-24 with just under six minutes left.

After a continuous battle for control, the teams walked into the locker room with the Golden Bears leading 38-36. Through the first 20 minutes, both teams saw eight ties and six lead changes.

Oregon had to be happy with the score, considering Cal shot a blistering 73 percent from the field and 9 of 12 on the free throw line.

"We did really not keep people in front of us," Smith said. "We had to be much more aggressive and we had to outplay them."

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## California's turnaround shows in loss to Ducks

Despite a close loss to Oregon, California looks to be heading in the winning direction

Hank Hager  
Sports Reporter

The scoreboard may have read 70-67 in favor of Oregon on Thursday night at McArthur Court, but for California, the contest was a good indication of what is soon to come.

The Golden Bears, winless in their last nine games at Mac Court,

pushed the Ducks to the brink, only to see Oregon pull out a close victory. But all indications show that California is heading in the right direction.

"(California head coach) Caren Horstmeyer is doing a very good job," Oregon head coach Bev Smith said. "Her teams, whether at Santa Clara or California, have had that identity as a very hard-working team."

The Golden Bears (5-7 overall, 1-2 Pacific-10 Conference) have

failed to finish the season with a winning record since the 1992-93 campaign when they finished the year 19-10. That same season also marked the last time California had a winning record in Pac-10 play, when it ended the season in fourth place with a 10-8 record.

In 2001-02, a 7-21 overall record seemed to show that the Bears would be on the fast track to another losing year in Berkeley.

But that's not the case. Already having beaten Arizona State for its

first Pac-10 win of the season, California headed into Mac Court, usually an arena of horrors for the Golden Bears.

"This is the best we've played at Mac Court to this point," Horstmeyer said. "We're not even necessarily concerned with wins and losses. It's all about playing well right now."

The Golden Bears shot almost 74 percent in the first half in the loss, but saw that dip to 39 percent in the second half.

They were led offensively by junior Nihan Anaz' 22 points, while junior Timea Ivanyi, a physical presence at 6-foot-4, was perfect from the field on eight shots. However, her fifth foul with 1:48 may have ultimately led to California's demise.

Still, Horstmeyer was all smiles when asked about her center's play, and ultimately, the confidence and aggressiveness her team played with.

"Coming off Georgia (a 91-64 loss), it tells us about the character

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## Bears maul Oregon in Berkeley

Amit Tamir again torches the No. 12 Ducks in an 88-72 Cal win

## Men's basketball

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There's something about the Oregon Ducks that brings out the best in Amit Tamir. And there's something about the Bay Area that brings out the worst in the Ducks.

Tamir, California's 6-foot-11 sophomore center from Jerusalem, Israel, continued his hot hand against Oregon, scoring a game-high 25 points in the Golden Bears' 88-72 win Thursday night at Haas Pavilion in Berkeley, Calif.

Tamir scored a career-high 39 points in Cal's 107-103 double-overtime victory over the Ducks in Berkeley last year.

"Tamir seems to just love seeing Oregon walk in the gym," Oregon head coach Ernie Kent told KUGN-radio after the

game. "We're still not there yet. We're pretty good at home, but we're still figuring things out on the road."

Luke Jackson had 17 points on 2-for-5 shooting (12-of-14 free throws) and Luke Ridnour added 14 points on 4-for-14 shooting, as the No. 12 Ducks (10-3 overall, 1-2 Pacific-10 Conference) shot .444 against the Bears (9-2, 2-0). Oregon also committed 19 turnovers in its first conference road game of the season.

"I felt like we never had momentum from start to finish," Kent said. "It ended up being a tough lesson for us."

On a positive note, the Ducks held a 30-29 rebounding advantage, which has been a sore spot for Oregon all year.

The Bears shot .536 for the game, including 7-of-18 three-pointers. Tamir's trey with about five minutes left gave Cal a 76-56 lead, the largest of the game. Oregon never led in the game.

"We've got to understand that we're going to get everybody's best game," Kent said. "If you're not ready for that, you're

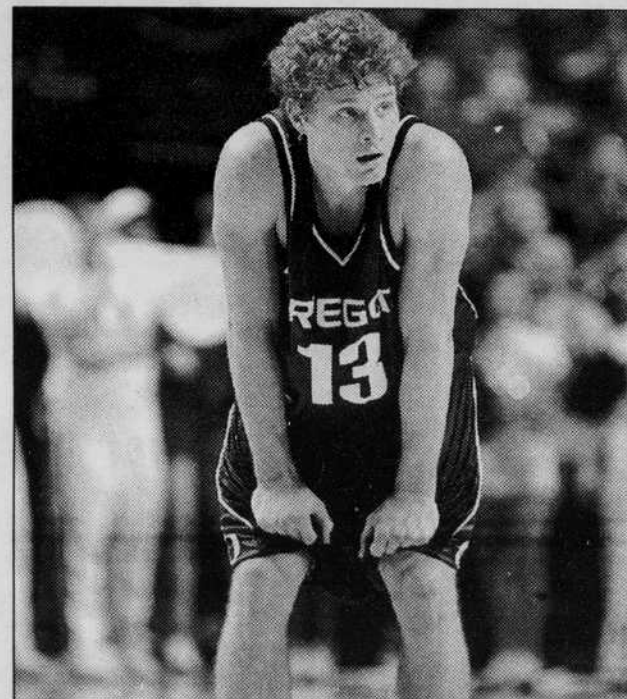
going to put yourself in a hole."

Cal jumped out to a 9-2 lead early as Oregon committed six turnovers in four minutes.

Andre Joseph entered the game early and hit consecutive three-pointers to get the Ducks within one at 9-8. He finished with 12 points.

Joe Shipp (22 points) hit a short jumper in the closing seconds of the first half to give Cal a 43-33 lead at the half, capping off a 14-4 run. Oregon had gone on an 11-0 run earlier in the half to tie the game at 27.

Oregon's Ian Crosswhite, a redshirt freshman center, continued to struggle Wednesday, scoring just four points and fouling out late in the game. He had just two points in two minutes in a win over Arizona State last week and four points on 2-of-12 shooting in a loss to Arizona. Crosswhite, who prior to this road trip averaged 10.3 points per game, has made 5-of-21 field goals in the last three games.

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Adam Amato Emerald

Luke Ridnour went 4-for-14 from the floor and had 14 points for the Ducks in their losing effort in Berkeley, Calif. They moved to 10-3.