

Ducks fall apart under Beavers' defense

The Oregon State 'D' dominated the Ducks in the second half of Saturday's game

Women's basketball

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CORVALLIS — A pinch of 72 percent shooting for 20 minutes.

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And now we have Oregon State's perfect recipe for the second half of a basketball game in the Civil War. The finished result is a frustrated Oregon offense and an easy 16-point victory against your archrival, 67-51.

"Oregon State has done that to almost every team they have played," Oregon head coach Bev Smith said. "There's been teams that haven't scored 50 points on them, so maybe we were successful."

"Our team takes a lot of pride in that and we always have," Oregon State head coach Judy Spaelstra said. "Defense has always been one of our mainstays."

It began as expected. Oregon played slightly better in the first half to give the Ducks a 28-27 lead after 20 minutes.

And the statistics proved how evenly matched the rivalry was. Both teams shot 37.5 percent from the field in the first half. The Ducks and Beavers were identical on steals and similar in assists.

But after five minutes of the second half, the Beavers opened the gap, and nothing would be identical anymore.

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Oregon guard

Freshman Casey Bunn got hot and junior Brina Chaney continued her defacing of Oregon's post players en route to a 26-3 run by the Beavers.

Before Oregon knew it, the frustration was to a boiling point, and the Ducks were trailing 61-42 with less than four minutes to go. It had been quite some time since Oregon had become so flustered.

"Their defense was a real help to our frustration," sophomore Brandi Davis said, who led Oregon with 16

points on 4-for-6 from 3-point land. "Their defense was great, and you've got to give them that credit. They went out there and played with heart, and had a little bit more heart than we had on the defensive end."

Oregon could never recover from the blow and shot 25 percent in the second half. The Beavers had it all going their way.

The Ducks couldn't get their usual shot selection, found trouble passing the ball around the perimeter, and committed 16 turnovers on the night.

The shot clock also became a consistent problem for Oregon for most of the evening. Oregon State's in-your-face defense caused the Ducks such frustration, they just lost track of time.

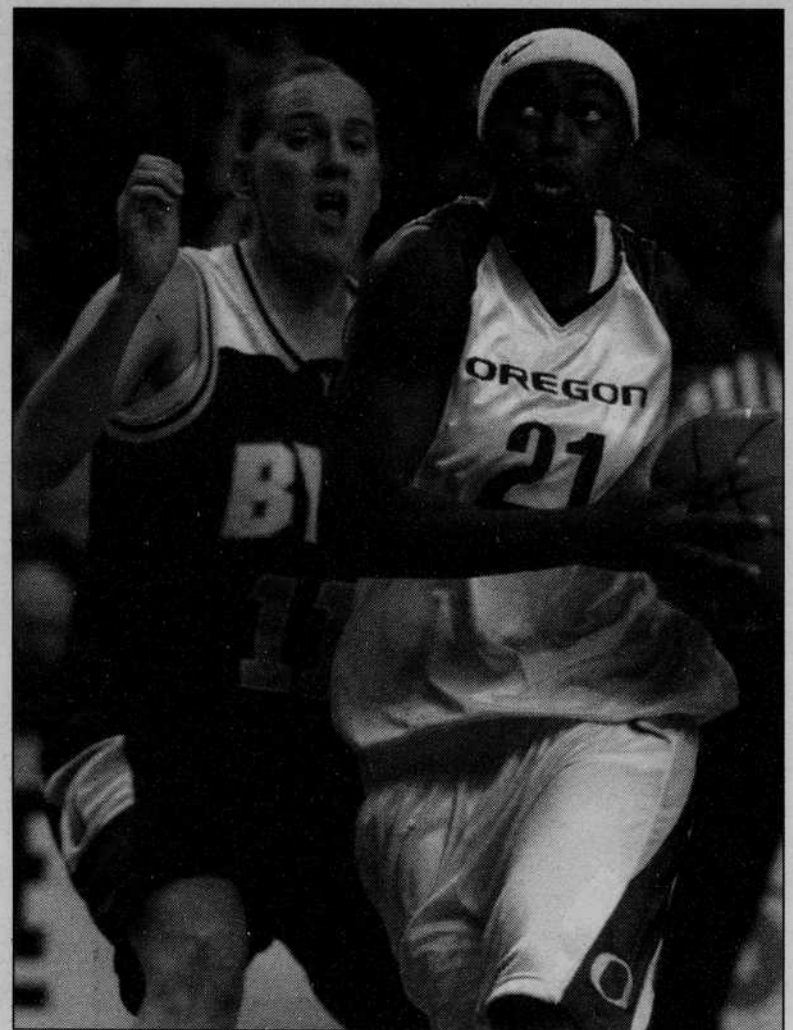
"We weren't paying attention to it," freshman Carolyn Ganes said. "And before you know it, the shot clock was down to nothing."

Ganes did account for 12 points in her 30 minutes, but they were not easy to come by. Oregon's post players suffered a rough evening as the Beavers' 6-foot-5 Chaney tied the school record with eight blocks.

Oregon State's defensive dominance and poised ballhandling allowed the Beavers their first win at Gill Coliseum in six years. The recipe for success came at the right time, and the Beavers ate up every minute of it.

"We weren't going to let anyone come in and win on our home court," Chaney said.

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Brandi Davis (21), seen here against BYU in the Papé Jam, led Oregon with 16 points, but the Ducks lost to Oregon State in the Civil War on Saturday in Corvallis.

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victory in the last five seconds with a takedown and a near fall to win 7-3.

"That's all the coach is asking me," Rolen said. "Just compete and do my best. I just got into the zone of wrestling."

Improving to 10-4 on the season, senior Tony Overstake picked up two four-point major decisions at 149 for the Ducks. Overstake dominated the match against Scott Polley of Stanford — scoring five takedowns, one reversal and earning a point for riding time — while allowing only four escape points for Polley.

Overstake dominated his second match also, managing seven take-

downs and earning one escape, two points for stalling penalties against UC Davis' Kevin Jones, and one point for superior riding time.

Sophomore Martin Mitchell bounced back from a 10-5 defeat against Stanford to pin his Aggie opponent at the 2:47 mark in the first period. More than half of Mitchell's wins this season have come by pinning his opponent.

"It was really important for me to bounce back and have a good match this evening," Mitchell said.

Shane Webster, the sophomore ranked No. 8 in the 174 weight class, had a four-point major decision against his Stanford opponent — scoring eight takedowns, one near fall, one escape and a point for riding

time. Against UC Davis, Webster and his opponent were tied at one when Webster got a takedown with 25 seconds left to win 3-1. Webster improved to 18-2 on the season.

Redshirt sophomore Luke Larwin at 165 and sophomore Elias Soto at 197 both won their two matches of the evening.

"Our focus from now to the conference tournament is going to be on us and wrestling with emotion," Kearney said. "We want to go in (to Oklahoma) and be a team that wrestles with everything to gain."

Oregon travels to national powerhouses No. 9 Oklahoma and No. 1 Oklahoma State this weekend.

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Brian Jackson, Oregon State's other talented big man, who had nine points and was in foul trouble for much of the game.

The Ducks dominated both big men and the rest of the Beaver team on rebounds, hauling down 42 boards to Oregon State's 30. The Ducks were led on the boards, surprisingly, by backup guard Andre Joseph, who hauled in a career-high 10 rebounds.

"We've talked and talked and talked about doing the little things," Kent said. "It's not so much about us making them or

telling them any more, it's about them just doing those things. They're doing everything right for us, but they've got to learn how to bounce back, how to make themselves ready and how to handle themselves."

Oregon will host Washington on Thursday and Washington State on Saturday as the Ducks continue Pac-10 action. The Huskies have been a thorn in the Ducks' side over the past few years. Washington and Oregon have split the regular-season series in each of the past three years.

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