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Los Angeles, as the Ducks and Bruins met for the first time since Oregon took a huge 93-68 loss in December at McArthur Court.

From the opening tip, which went to the Bruins, Oregon struggled. UCLA opened a 9-0 lead early on the Ducks as it took Oregon more than five minutes to get on the scoreboard. But after a timeout by Smith, Oregon stepped out on the floor a changed team.

After patience and composure from the offense, the Ducks led 16-15 with just more than five minutes until halftime. The Ducks continued to dominate on Senior Day at the Pavilion and led 28-22 heading into the locker room.

The final 20 minutes provided much more theatrics than the first 20 as Oregon caught fire and opened up a 13-point lead early. But the Ducks soon realized the game was far from done.

The Bruins quietly crept their way back, and the full-court press helped to scatter Oregon's offense. With more than six minutes left, UCLA trailed 46-44.

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turned up their defensive pressure, we started to play tentative and we started going into a passing mode rather than an attack mode - that got us the lead in the first place," Smith said

It went back and forth, but after sophomore Kedzie Gunderson fouled out with 4:46 left, the Bruins soon saw daylight with a 51-51 tie. Tragedy again struck Oregon as junior Kayla Steen went on a fast break when her knee buckled and then a Bruin defender landed on her.

The Ducks took the lead once

more, 54-52, after free throws from Kraayeveld, but with just more than one minute to play, it was all Greco.

As a fifth-year senior for UCLA, Greco couldn't have wished for a better script in her last game at Pauley Pavilion. She led all scorers with 18 points and had five rebounds. Jones and freshman Nikki Blue, who combined for 50 points in the first meeting, each had just seven.

Sophomore Andrea Bills led Oregon as an offensive catalyst all afternoon, with 15 points and 11 rebounds. It was just the second double-double of Bills' career. Kraayeveld added nine points and Taylor had eight for the Ducks.

After shooting 10-of-24 from the field in the first half, the Ducks finished at 38 percent for the game. Oregon won the rebound margin, 41-34, but turned the ball over 22 times.

The Bruins were just 33 percent from the field but shot 87 percent from the foul line. UCLA also had nine assists and 15 turnovers.

UCLA won the battle at home, but in five days the two will do war at the Pac-10 Tournament.

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Hockaday

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media. We tell you what to do, try to form your opinion for you. But we here in Eugene are pussycats compared to the lions who cover the NBA. During your three years on the team, the hardest question I've asked you is, "How do you deal with academics when you're on the road?" In the NBA, every reporter's going to ask questions like 'So, Luke, what about that test you cheated on in third grade?"

I could go on. But enough about the NBA. What about Oregon?

What about Aaron Brooks coming in here next year? Sure, he's talented, but remember your freshman year? Bad passes? Frustration? Struggling to learn a system? You don't think you would've benefited from the tutelage of an NBA-bound point guard?

If you stay, next year's team can practically sew the Final Four patch onto their jerseys before the season starts. Think about it. A healthy Luke Jackson, a threepoint firing James Davis and you for the senior leadership. An older, smarter, battle-tested Andre Joseph to supplement athleticism. An older, smarter, hopefully bulkier Ian Crosswhite starting alongside an older, smarter Matt Short or Jay Anderson. Brooks, Jordan Kent and Adam Zahn coming off the bench. That should send chilly shivers up your spine. Chilly shivers.

Am I in denial about the fact that you're NBA-bound? Hell yes. I'm in denial about this as much as I was in denial that Onterrio Smith could leave early, that Gary Payton could ever get traded from the SuperSonics, that there could ever be a hockev team in Phoenix. Denial is a sports fan's middle name.

Denial also explains why thousands of fans chanted at you this weekend, audibly willing you to stay. I won't leave you with those three words, those words that cascaded on you like a waterfall all weekend. You probably wake up in the middle of the night with those words ringing in your head.

I will, however, leave you with three words of advice.

Watch for kidnappers.

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Men's

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to bid farewell to two Ducks - and possibly a third.

Seniors Robert Johnson and Brian Helquist were honored before and after the game, and ended their two-year careers at Mac Court with a 30-2 home record.

Junior point guard Luke Ridnour, who led the Ducks with 21 points and eight assists Saturday, was given a standing ovation when he exited the game with 1:26 remaining. He hugged Kent and everyone else on the bench as the crowd chanted "One more year."

Ridnour may opt to enter the NBA draft after this season.

"It's cool to know that fans appreciate not only what I've done, but what the team's done the last couple of years," Ridnour said. "It's a neat feeling and a credit to my teammates that I can ever consider leaving early (for the NBA).

The Bruins played like they wanted to leave the building early Saturday. In the midst of one of the worst seasons in its history, UCLA didn't sink its first field goal until the 12:26 mark of the first half. By then, Oregon was already ahead 19-4.

UCLA shot 22.2 percent in the first half and 24.6 percent for the game. Ray Young (10 points) was the only Bruin to score in double figures. Jason Kapono, UCLA's leading scorer, didn't make his first shot until there was 6:52 remaining in the game and was held to just five points on 1-of-8 shooting.

"That was the best defensive execution of the game plan all year," Kent said. "It's nice to see at this time of the year."

Steve Lavin, likely making his last trip to Mac Court as the UCLA head coach, said Saturday was "the worst of the worst" for the Bruins.

'Obviously we're not playing well this year, and we're playing a team that's hitting on all cylinders," Lavin

said. "We played as poorly as we've played all season. We just couldn't

Lavin was called for a technical foul early in the game after Luke Jackson and James Davis hit backto-back three-pointers to give the Ducks a 6-0 start. Similar to USC coach Henry Bibby, who was given a technical on Thursday, Lavin said he was simply signaling to call a timeout.

"I was pretty animated," Lavin said. "Maybe (the ref) thought I was giving myself a technical. With the kind of season we've had, I deserve many more technicals."

Oregon hit 14 three-pointers,

shot 47.4 percent from the field and had 22 assists on 27 field goals. Jackson had 16 points and seven rebounds; Davis had 12 points, all on threes, and Andre Joseph, who returned from his suspension on Thursday, added 10 points off the bench.

Johnson highlighted the win late in the game with the first threepointer of his career, giving Oregon a 77-44 lead.

"This team was focused and made an extreme statement," Kent said.

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Strike

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article An www.warresisters.org states that the \$1.1 billion it will take to wage a single day of war in Iraq could prevent all current proposed education cuts.

OSU alumnus and Wrench member Angus McBrian said he also is against the war because of potential civilian and military casualties and

the increased likelihood of anti-American terrorism.

While there is reason for concern about the political situation in Iraq, McBrian said there are "more appropriate ways of dealing with those concerns." He said U.N. inspections and support of democratic and human rights movements would be suitable.

No strike is planned for the University of Oregon campus. Levi Strom, senior and co-founder of

Students for Peace, which has organized several anti-war events on campus, said the group is not organizing a event for March 5 because it is planning an anti-war march from campus to the federal building on March 15. Strom said although the world should be worried about Saddam Hussein because he is a dictator, he is not a threat to the United States or neighboring Middle Eastern countries.

"There are more important is-

sues - domestic and international - to worry about, like health care, education, North Korea and Israel and Palestine," Strom said.

Sophomore KyleAnne Mabey said she also thinks important issues have been put on the back burner because the government is devoting resources to a potential war.

"The government is scrambling to find a reason to justify a war that just isn't reasonable,' she said.

OSU strike organizers said they have not heard of any organized resistance to the strike from groups supporting the war or from the school's administration. However, all groups are invited to participate in the forum, as one of the strike's stated goals is to create an open forum for discussion and debate.

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 3). Changes are Your partner nearly has everything under under way this year, so pay attention. This isn't a good time to be passive. Stay tuned in so that you can keep everything in healthy balance. Your opinion matters, now more than ever. Don't keep it to yourself.

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 5 It's OK to be lost in thought for a while. Your friends will cover for you. You're surrounded.

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20) _ Today is an 8 _ You can get a lot done with the right team. Focus on the objective so that you can keep others on track. And keep control of the money, You're the most practical one.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21) _ Today is a 6 _ Life's more exciting when you're taking a risk. You won't get everything right away, but make your intentions known. You could

attract a collaborator.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) _ Today is an 8 _ You'd probably like to stay gone for another day or two, but other work demands your attention. Don't quit until you've got next year's income set aside.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) _ Today is a 6 _ You hate financial hassles. They shouldn't apply to you. You should be able to get whatever you want. And maybe you will, eventually, but you won't get it all today.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) _ Today is a 7 _

and your well-chosen words will keep every-

one on course.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) _ Today is a 7 _ Try
not to get too frustrated if plans go awry.
You're better off staying flexible, and you're
good at that.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) _ Today is an 8

- Your resources may not extend quite as far as you'd like. Don't plunge yourself into debt, even for something a loved one wants. It's not worth the cost.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Today is a

6 _ You're being pressured to tell the truth about a domestic matter. A change may be required, but this is a good time for it. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) _ Today is an 8 You know something needs readjust-ment, but you may not be quite sure what. The key to discovery is listening. Give it all the time that it takes.

the time that it takes.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) _ Today is a 6 _
You've been free to draw castles in the air, but that doesn't work anymore. From noon, gravity had better be included in your calculations. Focus on making a crazy scheme

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) _ Today is an 8 _ Your faith is based on good reasons, and your reasoning comes from your faith. Consider the opinions of others, too. They may have something good to add.

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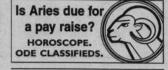
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