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Shane Webster (top) won both matches Sunday and will compete again tonight.

# Webster fights for title tonight as Ducks float

Six Ducks have the opportunity to place in the top six during the Pac-10 tournament finals today

## Wrestling

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After a non-stop day of wrestling, only one of Oregon's 10 wrestlers will compete for a championship today in the Pacific-10 Conference tournament.

Sophomore Shane Webster faces Arizona State's Curtis Owen for the 174 title tonight.

The No. 2-seeded Webster steamrolled his first opponent at 174, winning a 22-8 major decision over Cardinal wrestler Harold Penson.

Facing Oregon State's Jake Huffman, Webster scored a 10-2 major decision to set up the title match.

Owen pinned one opponent and earned a major decision over the other in the tournament.

Top-seeded Jason Harless faced Cal State-Fullerton's David Rodriguez in his first match at 133. Harless came away with a major decision, 11-3.

Facing Sun Devil Mike Simpson, Harless lost a 4-0 decision in his second match. Harless wrestles Nate Ybarra from Cal Poly in today's consolation bracket.

At 125, sophomore Martin Mitchell opened with a 9-7 decision over No. 2-seed Vic Moreno of Cal Poly.

In his second match, Mitchell lost to Cal State-Bakersfield's Efren Ceballos, 9-6. Mitchell wrestles Oregon State's Michael Delaney today in the consolation bracket.

Senior Casey Hunt began by winning a 9-5 decision over Portland State's Eddie Dahlen at 141.

Hunt matched up with Boise State's Gabe Vigil in his second match, with Vigil scoring a 3-1 decision. Hunt will face Oregon State's Mike Unger today.

At 157, junior Branson Phillips lost a 4-1 decision to Arizona State's Rocky Smart in his first match.

In his first match in consolation, Phillips won a 12-3 major decision

over Oregon State's Jeremy Larson.

Phillips continued his winning in the consolation bracket with a 6-1 decision over Cal State-Fullerton's Dustin Vance. Phillips will face Boise State's Ben Cherrington today.

Redshirt sophomore Luke Larwin faced Oregon State's Matt Ellis first. Ellis, the No. 2 seed at 165, took a 3-2 decision.

Larwin scored a fall in his first consolation match at the 3:30 mark for his fourth pin this season. He wrestles Michael Font of Cal Davis today.

No. 3-seeded redshirt senior Tony Overstake faced Cal Davis' Nick Davis for his first match at 149. Overstake came out on the losing end of a 5-3 decision.

Overstake faced Oregon State's Tony Hook for the third time this season in his second match. Hook managed to pin Overstake, the first time Overstake was pinned this year, to win at the 4:58 mark.

Freshman Tony Rolen first battled Beaver Jed Pennell at 184. Rolen lost a major decision to Pennell, 14-2.

In consolation, Rolen lost a 3-1 decision to No. 3-seeded Boise State's Tony D'Amico.

At 197, sophomore Elias Soto faced Scott O'Bear of Cal State-Bakersfield. Soto earned an 8-3 decision to move on to face Cal Poly's David Schenk. Against Schenk, Soto lost a 4-2 decision.

Soto next faced Landon Seefeldt of Cal State-Fullerton, losing a 3-2 decision.

Redshirt freshman Neil Phillips won his first match at heavyweight. Wrestling Cal State-Fullerton's Bryan Webster, Phillips pinned Webster in 3:25 for his second pin of the year.

In his second match, Phillips faced No. 4-seed Dan Howe from Cal Poly, losing a decision, 4-0.

In consolation, Phillips lost a 2-0 decision to Cal Davis' Jason Paul.

The Ducks sit in fifth place after Sunday with 51 points. Webster is the only Duck wrestling for a title with five others in contention to place third through sixth today.

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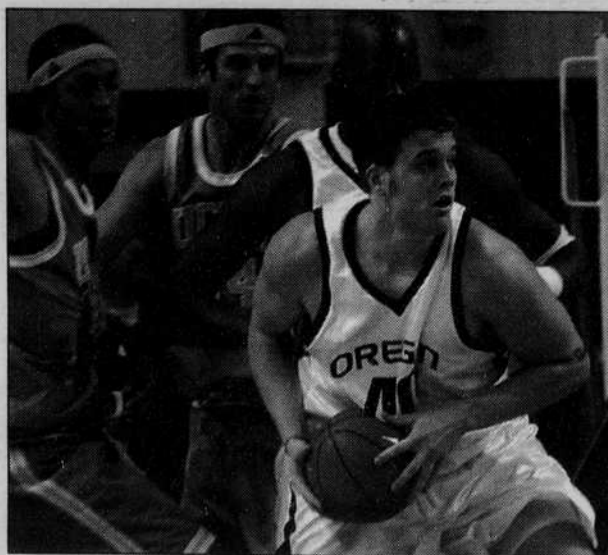
## Threes

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shots, they win. When the shots don't fall or Oregon is forced into one-on-one situations, the Ducks don't always win.

A case in point was the preseason loss to Cincinnati in East Rutherford, N.J. In the 77-52 loss, Oregon had 15 assists but shot 36.4 percent from the field for the game. In Saturday's win over the Bruins, the Ducks shot 47.4 percent and had 22 assists. Oregon shot 18.5 percent from three-point land in the Cincinnati loss, but shot 58.3 percent from three Saturday.

Those 40 percentage points could be the difference between a win and a loss at the NCAA Tournament, in which the Ducks all but secured a berth with Saturday's win. Three-point shooting teams have traditionally done



Brian Helquist had a successful final home weekend, pulling down 10 rebounds in the games against UCLA and USC. Adam Amato Emerald

well in March Madness.

Of course, if Oregon goes cold from three in the tournament, the team can always just recruit the

Outback guy. He was pretty hot from three Saturday.

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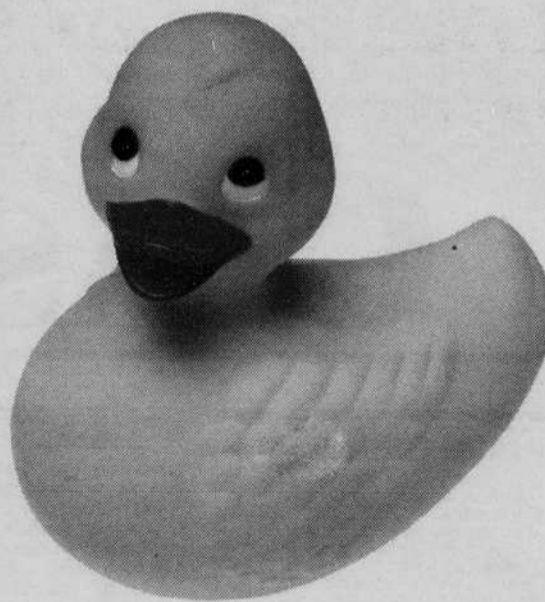
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