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Jackson. "I may have been guilty of trying to make too many plays. That put our offense a little out of whack."

The Ducks did end the game shooting 47.2 percent from the field but failed to capitalize late in the game. Oregon State made seven free throws in the final 2:54 of the game and of its final 13 points, made eight from the paint.

David Lucas led Oregon State (7-6 overall, 1-2 Pac-10) with 24 points on the strength of 9 of 13 shooting. He was an inside presence the Ducks were not able to battle, compounded with Ian Crosswhite getting four fouls by the 13-minute mark of the second half.

"We gave them way too much confidence," Jackson said. "They battled us. We played poor defense."

Oregon State came on strong, taking a 12-2 lead in the first three minutes of the game. The Ducks did not make a field goal until the 14:34 mark when Jackson made his first two points of the night.

Oregon (6-4, 1-2) fought back, eventually tying the game, 14-14, with 12:45 remaining. From then on, it was a seesaw battle, with both teams virtually matching each other point for point until the Beavers took a 36-35 lead at halftime.

"They came out with more heart," Oregon guard James Davis said. "They wanted the game more

than we did.

"They just wanted it more and out-hustled us."

Oregon came out strong in the second half, spurred by three early three-pointers by Davis. He ended the game with five from beyond the three-point arc, but he didn't

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Luke Jackson
Oregon forward

score in the final 16 minutes and missed three-pointers that would have given the Ducks the lead or at least would have pulled them closer to Oregon State.

"That shot at the end by James just didn't drop," Crosswhite said. "We got out-toughed and they played harder than us."

Lucas scored 22 points in the second half, hitting on 8 of 10 shots

and sinking six free throws. He led the Beavers with seven rebounds, grabbing four in the second half and had two key blocks.

As a team, the Beavers shot 47 percent of the field, including 56.3 percent in the second half.

"They believed the whole game they could beat us," Jackson said. "Early on, they hit all those threes. In the second half, we just gave them too many looks."

Oregon must now regroup from the loss and look forward to next week when Washington and Washington State visit McArthur Court.

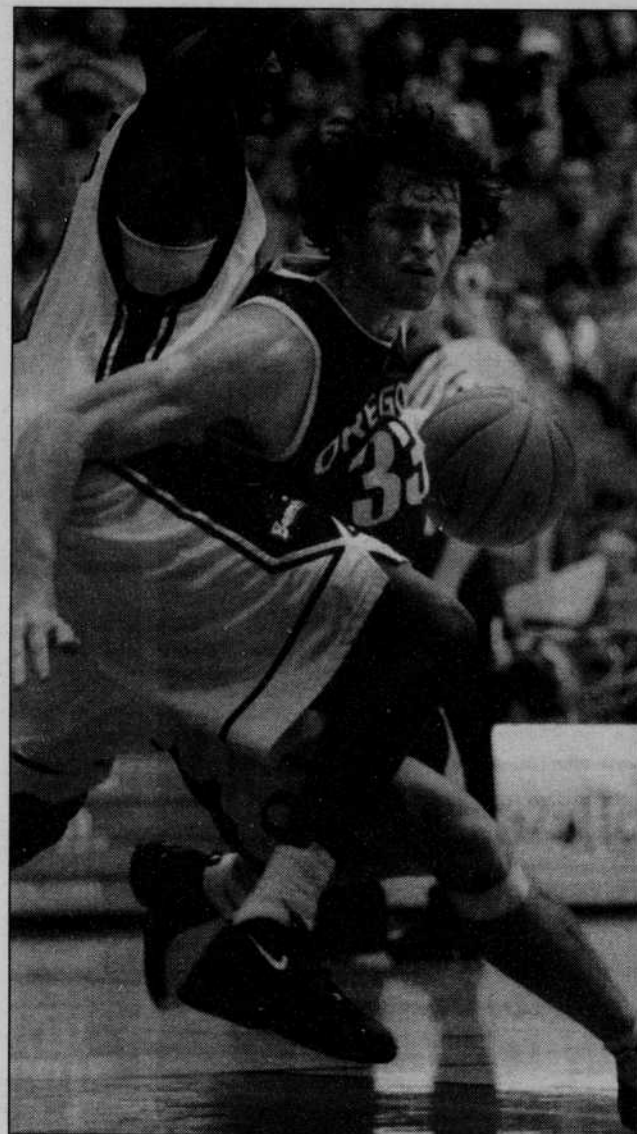
The Ducks sit in the middle of the conference and are coming off two losses — including an 81-74 setback coming from UCLA last week — and must get well before traveling to Arizona and Arizona State in less than two weeks.

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Oregon hosts Washington at 6 p.m. on Thursday.

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Oregon senior Luke Jackson scored a career-high 39 points, which put him just four shy of tying Oregon's all-time record of 43, set by Greg Ballard on March 9, 1977 against Oral Roberts. Jackson also had a personal-best 16 rebounds, but the Ducks couldn't overcome the Beavers.

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picked us up and got us through. The score is not indicative of the game."

After freshman Ivory Latta, who led the Tar Heels with 17 points, tied the game at 53 on a three-pointer with 7:51 left, the Tar Heels (13-2, 3-1) went

0-for-12 from the field the rest of the way. Their only points were four free throws.

"We got defensive stops," said Duke's Alana Beard, last year's National Player of the Year, who scored a game-high 22 points and had five assists. "Any time you want to go on a run, you have to have defensive stops, and we did that. We stepped up our intensity and

basically shut them down."

Duke, which held North Carolina to a season-low 29.4 percent from the field, seemed to have squelched any hopes of an upset in the first half. After North Carolina took its last lead, 12-11, at 12:31 of the half, Duke hit two three-pointers and went on an 8-0 run for a 19-12 lead. The Blue Devils led 29-19 with 5:38 left and went into halftime

ahead 38-27.

However, North Carolina tied the game at 48 when Carrie Davis made two free throws. After Latta's three-pointer tied it at 53, North Carolina had a chance to take its first lead since the first half, but Kenya McBee made only 1-of-2 free throws and the game was 54-54 with 6:57 left.

From there, Duke took control.

Mistie Bass scored 18 points for Duke and Monique Currie added 14 points and 15 rebounds.

"Well, I thought we battled hard for about 34 minutes," North Carolina coach Sylvia Hatchell said. "I told them it was going to be a game of runs and I was proud of my team for battling back."

— Brett Honeycutt

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