

# Zahn gets rare opportunity, steps up to challenge in win

Freshman forward Adam Zahn scored four points and played 10 minutes

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When forward Ian Crosswhite got in early foul trouble and wasn't able to contribute in the post, Oregon had to look at other options.

Enter freshman forward Adam Zahn, who has seen limited action throughout the season.

"It was really nice, I actually broke a sweat," Zahn said. "It was just nice to get an opportunity, coach gave me it, and so I just tried to not let him down."

Zahn finished the game with four points and one rebound. The numbers aren't huge, but his four points equal a season-high and it did impress his teammates.

"Adam Zahn is one of those guys that comes to practice every day and works hard," senior Luke Jackson said. "In my opinion, he could be right in there with all our big guys. It was nice to see him be aggressive. I was happy to see Adam come in and do well."

All of Oregon's post players saw action in the Ducks' win against Southern California. Senior Jay Anderson played 16 minutes and earned five points. Sophomore Matt Short, who started the game, played three minutes but didn't score.

Crosswhite played 20 minutes without attempting a single field

goal. He earned four points off of free throws.

Oregon head coach Ernie Kent was happy to see his post players get some confidence and play within the team's system.

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"When you look at Adam Zahn, Matt Short and Jay, those guys are system players," Kent said. "They've got to gain confidence from our numbers. Our strength is in our numbers. As soon as this team started to play in rhythm and share the ball, that got Adam Zahn involved, it got Matt involved and it got Jay involved."

Zahn, a native of Redondo Beach, Calif., played 10 minutes. It was the most minutes he has seen since playing 19 against Santa Clara on Dec. 18, 2003.

"For a guy that sat there all year

long and to be able to come in and give you those minutes, my hat's off to him, he did a tremendous job," Kent said.

It was a physical game between both teams and Zahn was left to defend USC's Rory O'Neil, who finished with 10 points.

Zahn had a run-in with USC's Desmon Farmer under the hoop at one point. Zahn went up for the shot and Farmer was tagged with an intentional foul for hitting Zahn in the head instead of going for the ball.

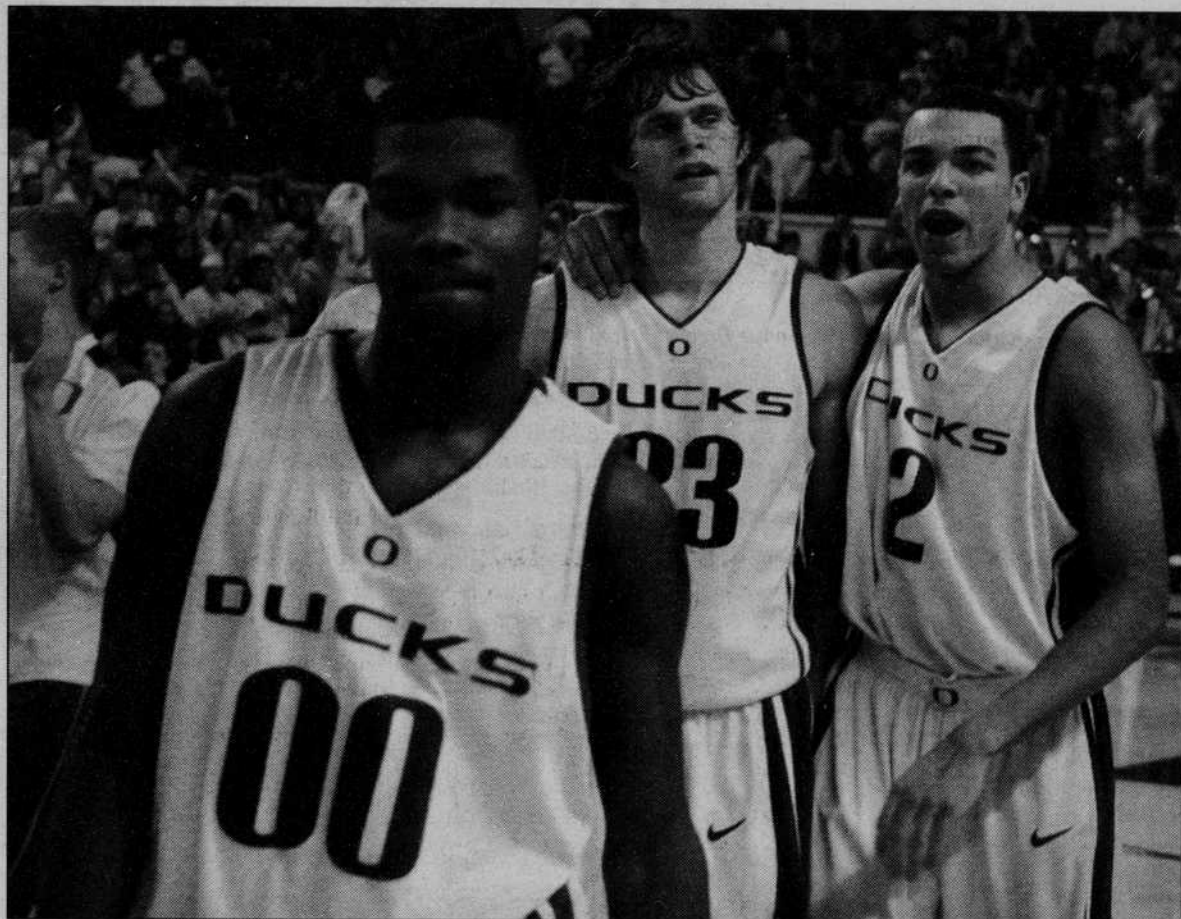
Zahn was happy that he was aggressive. The freshman was quick to always turn to the basket and go up hard rather than hesitate.

"I was kind of timid and hesitant and I've realized that just gets you nowhere," Zahn said. "Trying to go up and trying to dunk everything, tonight I should have tried to dunk that other one. Definitely that aggressive nature is what coach wants and he's probably going to give me more playing time."

Zahn admits he still has plenty to learn. He finished 1 for 3 from the field and was 2 for 4 on free throws.

"Tonight I got a lot of minutes," Zahn said. "It gives you that confidence to know you can play with somebody. I definitely think there's going to be some times where I might be able to step up especially with the matchups."

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Aaron Brooks (00), Luke Jackson (33) and Jordan Kent walk off the court after the Ducks clinched a Pac-10 Tournament berth Thursday.

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leads to points, balance and less turnovers. Oregon gave it away nine times while earning 18 assists.

Key fact: Those nine turnovers came a game after Oregon turned the ball over nine times against Stanford. That's the first time the Ducks have had single-digit turnovers in two consecutive games under head coach Ernie Kent.

"A bigger thing you need to look at in the game is our ability to share the ball," Kent said.

Jackson was the biggest beneficiary of Oregon's spread-out offense. The forward scored just two points in the first half but scored 18 in the second

on the strength of 6 off 11 shooting from the field. He also hit three three-pointers in the second half.

Those 20 points gave him 1,833 for his career, bumping him past Greg Ballard for third on Oregon's all-time list.

"It's kind of a special weekend, but at the same time, I know my days at Mac Court are over so I try to approach every game like its my last," Jackson said.

Oregon controlled the second half, but the game's fate wasn't sealed until the final seconds ticked off the clock. The Ducks led by six, 71-65, with a little more than two minutes to play.

That's before Jeff McMillan pulled the Trojans to within four after a put-back off a missed shot. Jackson countered with his final two points on a

layup half a minute later.

USC scored its final points of the game when Derrick Craven hit a three-pointer with 49 seconds left.

So the win over the Trojans seals the Ducks' destination next week. Oregon players said after the game that it's a nice feeling, but not the most important thing right now. UCLA visits McArthur Court Saturday in the team's final regular season game.

Win that and momentum, the Ducks said, will carry Oregon into the Pac-10 Tournament.

"It's so important for a team to have confidence, especially going into the Pac-10 Tournament," Jackson said. "I don't want to go out on a bad note at Mac Court."

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