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Last-second foul allows Jackson to sink Bruins

The Ducks earn the No. 5 seed in the Pac-10 Tournament with the win over UCLA

By Hank Hager
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Everybody knew Luke Jackson was going to get the ball. Thing is, nobody could have imagined the scenario that unfolded with 13 seconds left.

With UCLA up by one, Trevor Ariza fouled the Oregon forward, sending Jackson to the line. The Creswell native nailed both free throws — possibly the final points of his career at McArthur Court — to send Oregon to a 60-59 win over the Bruins on Saturday.

Jackson caught the ball and it immediately flew out of his hands. The officials whistled Ariza, sending Jackson to the charity stripe and Ariza to the UCLA bench with his fifth foul.

UCLA head coach Ben Howland didn't like the call one bit. Jackson did.

"(Jackson) wasn't making a play when we fouled him," Howland said. "He was just catching the ball and Trevor was right there with him and he got in and hit the ball."

Everybody knew the ball was going to Jackson. The Bruins expected him to pull up for a jumper or streak down the baseline.

Jackson never got a chance to make even the slightest move. "I just couldn't believe he hacked me like that," Jackson said. "I was just amazed. As soon as I caught the ball, he fouled me without me even making a move. I was really surprised they defended like that, but we'll take it."

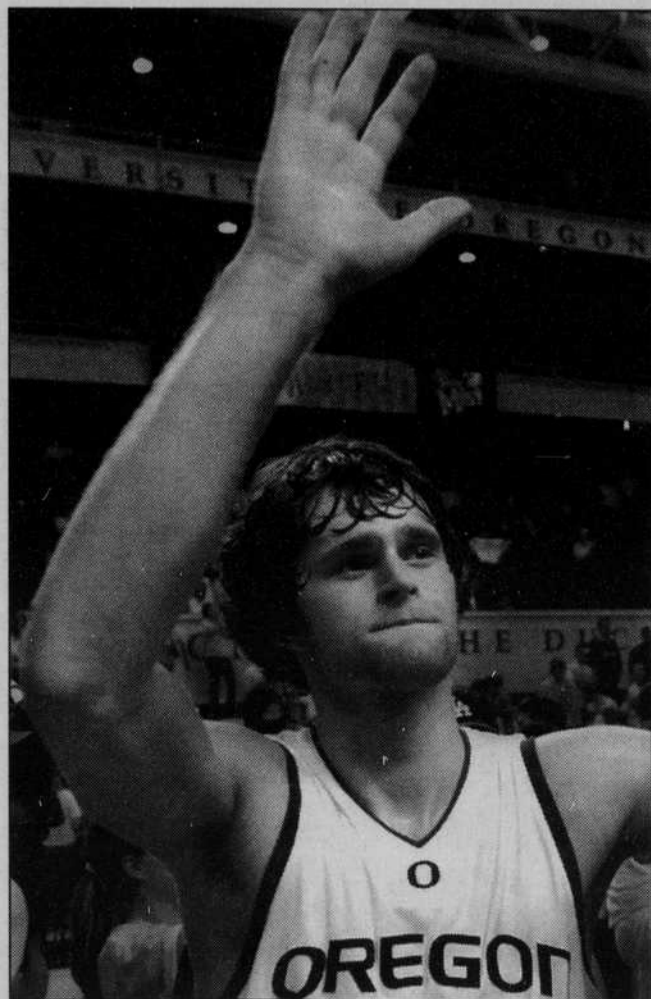
The free throws and ensuing win gave the Oregon a tie for fourth in the conference with California, but the Golden Bears get the higher seed based on a tiebreaker.

Not that it matters. The teams will square off Thursday for a 2:50 p.m. tip in Los Angeles.

"We said before that we need to win these final two games so we can get on a roll for the Pac-10 Tournament," Oregon forward Ian Crosswhite said. "It does give us momentum and confidence."

That momentum wasn't fully cemented, though, until the final seconds ticked off the clock. Immediately after Jackson sank the free throws, UCLA (11-16, 7-11) had a chance to win the game.

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Erik R. Bishoff Photographer

Luke Jackson capped his Oregon career with game-winning free throws.



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Oregon's Erin Andrews has taken a 180 degree turn since her days as a freshman last year. The sophomore leads the Ducks at the Duck Invitational today at the Eugene Country Club.

Settling in

Sophomore Erin Andrews can now let her game do the talking as she leads the Ducks in the spring season

By Brian Smith
Freelance Reporter

In a sport that is almost entirely mental, a sport where the only finger pointing is at oneself, the last thing a golfer needs is a distraction.

For Erin Andrews, the distractions that came with leaving her hometown to attend a Division I school led to more disappointments than achievements in her 2002-03 campaign as a freshman at Oregon.

Andrews came to the University with an impressive golf résumé compiled from her time in high school. She was the two-time MVP for Durango High School in Las Vegas, leading the school to two state titles. She earned the American Junior Golf Association All-American honors in 2000. Andrews was the Arizona Silver Belle champion and the most impressive stat was her perfect record in tournaments entered as a senior, finishing with a third-place finish in the state championships as an individual.

She was heavily recruited by San Jose State and Tulsa. Perennial powers Florida, Arizona, and Arizona State sought the talented senior, but in the end, Oregon won out with an all-day, unofficial campus visit and an immediate bond that was formed between Andrews and the head coach, Shannon Rouillard.

"I felt that Oregon had more to offer," Andrews said. "Especially coach (Rouillard), we seem to have a different bond. It was her that really sold it for me. She would come out and actually watch me play the whole round instead of just four or five holes like the other coaches, who would then go and watch somebody else. It just seemed that she wanted me, and that put her on the top of the list."

Andrews, Rouillard said, is a sophomore that fits into the team's overall character.

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Oregon bows out of Pac-10 tourney with loss to Bears

Oregon can't get its offense off the ground in a 25-point loss to California in San Jose

By Jon Roetman
Sports Reporter

SAN JOSE, Calif. — The worst three-point shooting team in the Pacific-10 Conference couldn't miss Friday night.

California, which shot a conference-low 29 percent from beyond the three-point line this year, burned Oregon with a season-high 11 three-pointers en route to an 82-57 victory on the opening night of the Pac-10 Tournament at HP Pavilion.

The Golden Bears capitalized on the Ducks' zone defense, connecting on 11 of 16 three-point attempts, including 5 of 5 from junior forward Kiki Williams.

"I thought we came out shooting the ball very well," California head coach Caren Horstmeyer said. "And that led to confidence for us."

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

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Oregon tennis suffers setbacks

The Oregon men and women are now on losing streaks after both dropped two matches

By Alex Tam
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A sense of disappointment characterized the Oregon men's tennis team Sunday, just days after its huge upset win against 18th-ranked Washington.

The 45th-ranked Ducks (7-4 overall) dropped two of the last three singles matches en route to a 4-3 loss to No. 27 Minnesota at the Student Tennis Center.

Minnesota started off by winning its first doubles point of the year despite experimenting with two new doubles teams. Oregon head coach Chris Russell said his team did not come out with the energy needed to set the tone for the rest of the match.

"It is up to them to take some responsibility for increasing their intensity level right from the beginning in doubles," Russell said. "We squandered an opportunity."

The Oregon duo of junior Sven Swinnen and sophomore Aron Spencer had their undefeated record snapped after losing to Minnesota's Dusan Tabak and Avery Ticer, 8-6 at the No. 1

DUCK TENNIS

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