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answered before the Wildcats even took the court against USC ...

Arizona survived that contest, went on to play Washington, and fell to the Huskies, 90-85, on Friday.

Oh well.

He wouldn't have hit water if ...

In the last game of his career, Desmon Farmer didn't wow the fans at Staples Center.

He wouldn't have wowed the fans at McArthur Court, or even a high school gym. Maybe, just maybe, he would've been on target in a middle-school basketball game.

He was 2 of 20 from the field in the Trojans' loss. Better yet, the second field goal came late in the game. Lastly, Farmer was 0 for 12 from beyond the three-point line and didn't make a free throw in three attempts.

"Desmon had a tough night, but that's the way the basketball bounces sometimes," USC head coach Henry Bibby said. "We haven't had one of those nights like that from Desmon this year, so I guess he was due for one."

The Trojans might have been in better shape had the team been able to shoot, period. USC hit on 36 percent of its shots, just 31.8 in the first half, and was horrid from the free-throw line.

The Trojans were 12 of 21 from the charity stripe.

And to think, USC lost by just three.

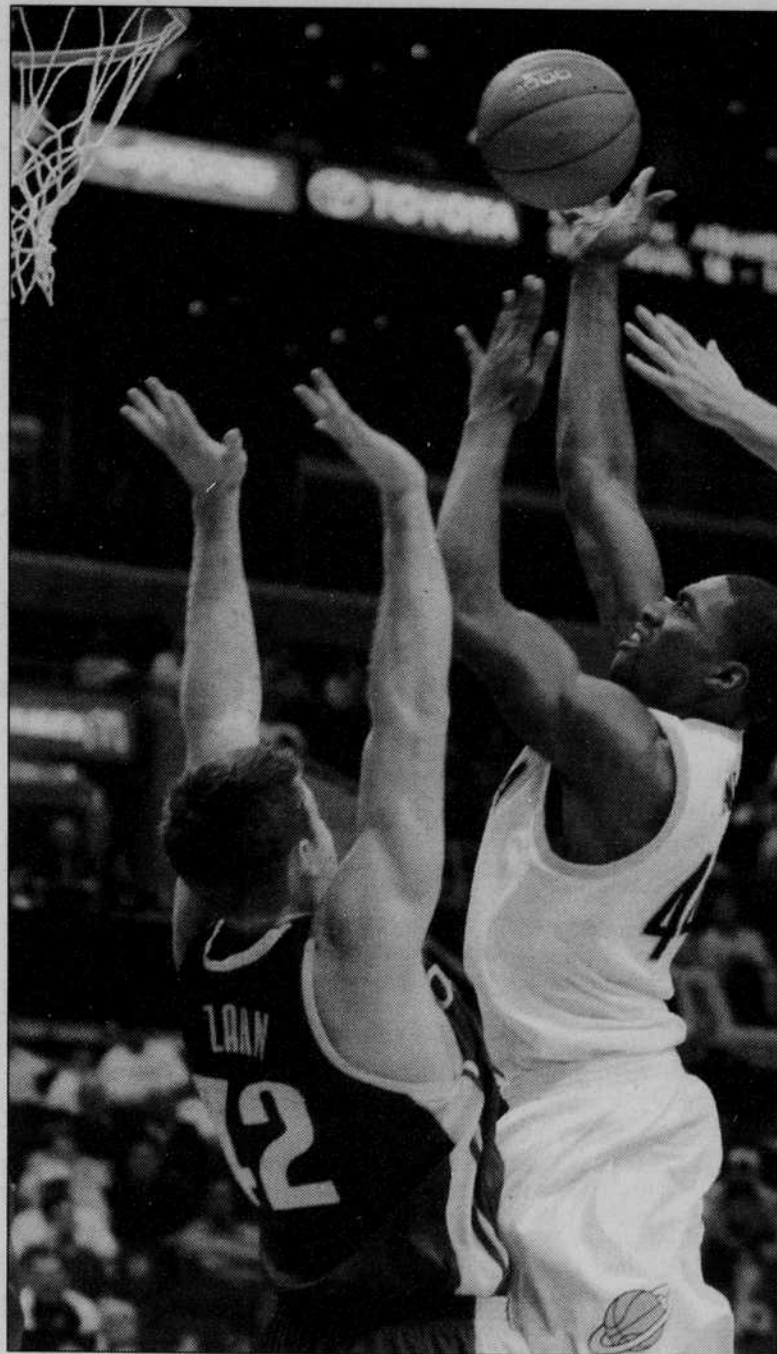
Unofficially, right?

Los Angeles Times' columnist T.J. Simers made sure to give credit to those who deserved it off the court.

Simers rated Oregon's cheerleaders the best in the tournament, "after considerable scrutiny," of course.

It was no question, he wrote, for the third year in a row.

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SPORTS BRIEF

Terrapins win ACC Tournament

GREENSBORO, N.C. — Daniel Ewing pulled the front of his jersey over the front of his face to hide tears on the bench in the closing seconds.

Chris Duhon slumped forward, hands on his knees, and stared at the floor. Duke's drive for a sixth-straight ACC title had been derailed Sunday afternoon by a Maryland team that refused to quit.

After trailing by 12 with 3 minutes, 30 seconds to play in regulation, the Terrapins forced overtime and won, 95-87, in the ACC tournament final at the Greensboro Coliseum. Tournament most valuable player John Gilchrist scored 26 points, including a driving three-point play with 20.3 seconds remaining that sent the game to overtime.

Maryland coach Gary Williams called two timeouts in 20 seconds as the game began slipping away from the Terrapins. Maryland had led by 11 points in the first half but trailed 74-62 when Williams called the second timeout with 4:49 remaining.

Williams told them they had played too well to give it away. Duke went 0-for-6 from the field with two turnovers the rest of the way in regulation.

"Those guys are going to get tired just like anybody else," Gilchrist said. "They got tired. They started missing shots. We got the rebound, and we were off and running."

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