

Men's: Sharp shooting negates sloppy play

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when the Thundering Herd cut into the Oregon lead. After trailing 39-24 at halftime, Marshall (1-2) went on a 7-0 run three minutes into the second half to pull within eight. Brooks ended Oregon's scoreless streak with a three-pointer, however, giving the Ducks a 52-41 lead and starting a 22-8 run of their own.

Oregon's only shortcoming was occasional sloppy play. The Ducks turned the ball over 18 times, including 13 in the first half. Forward Mitch Platt turned the ball over three times during the game's first four minutes before being benched for the remainder of the contest.

The Ducks were able to overcome their sloppy passes with a shooting performance that was anything but. For the game, they shot nearly 61 percent from the floor, including 62 percent from three-point range.

Oregon outrebounded Marshall 37-22.

Crosswhite just missed a double-double, grabbing nine rebounds to go with his 13 points. Freshman forward Maarty Leunen added five points off the bench.

Center Mark Patton and guard Tre Whitted led the Thundering Herd with 17 points each. Marshall's biggest inside weapon, forward David Anderson, was held to 10 points during 13

foul-plagued minutes.

Marshall was limited to a 39-percent shooting clip for the game, including 30 percent during the first half.

"It's a road win," Kent said. "Good teams win on the road and I thought this team did a great job."

Next up for Oregon is a showdown with Vanderbilt during the Papé Jam on Dec. 4 at the Rose Garden in Portland. The Commodores advanced to the Sweet 16 of the NCAA Tournament last season and will be the Ducks' toughest opponent to date.

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■ Duck volleyball

Ducks end season on winning note, sweep Vikings 3-0

After losing its final Pac-10 match to OSU, Oregon shuts down Portland State

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Though the Oregon volleyball team didn't see a lot of victories during the course of this season, it did end on a high note as the Ducks defeated Portland State in straight games at the Oregon State Showcase Saturday.

"I could not be happier for the team," Oregon head coach Carl Ferreira said. "The Pac-10 season is long and competitive, and dealing with the loss of Lauren (Westendorf) was not easy."

With the victory, Oregon (10-19 overall, 1-17 Pacific-10 Conference) ended its 15-match losing skid.

The story of the day was senior libero Katie O'Neil. She finished with a game-high 20 digs and finished her career with 1,005 digs.

Outside hitter Sarah Mason once again led the Ducks in kills, collecting a game-high 15. The sophomore has recorded at least 15 kills in four of her last five matches and finished the season averaging 4.01 kills per game.

Though the Ducks did earn a victory in their last match of the season, they didn't fare as well in their last conference meeting of the year.

Oregon fell to rival Oregon State in three games during the 92nd meeting between the two universities in Corvallis Friday in front of 1,078 at Gill Coliseum.

During the first game, Oregon limited its errors to three, but allowed the Beavers a .421 hitting percentage with 21 kills and lost 30-23.

In the second game, the Ducks recorded 15 kills compared with the Beavers 13, but couldn't limit their errors as they committed 10 and lost the game convincingly, 30-18.

Mason led the Ducks with her



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Oregon senior libero Katie O'Neil, seen here earlier in the season, recorded 20 digs in the final match of her career during the Ducks' victory over Portland State Saturday.

second double-double of the season with a match-high 16 kills and 11 digs. The Hilo, Hawaii native, who came into the match with Oregon State leading the Pac-10 in service aces per game, added four more aces to her season total.

Sophomore setter Heather Madison dished out 38 assists, which put her over the 1,000 mark for the season.

It is the second-consecutive season in which Oregon State has swept the Civil War series.

Despite the loss to the Beavers, Ferreira thinks their victory against Portland State was a perfect finish to the Ducks' season.

"My top emotion right now is seeing our players and seniors end the season with a victory," Ferreira said.

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Jones: SpongeBob offers little relief on boring Thanksgiving

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looked horrible.

I needed to watch something else in a serious way.

Unfortunately, my options were limited.

My search for more sports to avert my eyes from what the NFL was calling football was for naught. I have no cable and other networks subjected me to parades with oversized SpongeBobs going down the street and people I will never meet waving at other people that I will never meet.

Who watches a parade anyway? Even as a kid I never understood the concept of giant balloons floating down the street and people throwing candy at other people while avoiding horse droppings.

But possibly the stupidest thing on television while I was avoiding the painful Bears/Cowboys game was a dog show, announced by Seinfeld's Mr. Peterman.

I know dogs are "man's best friend" and all, but having a competition to determine who is "Best in Show" is ridiculous.

The dogs have to do laps around this ring while total strangers (i.e. the judges) stick fingers in their mouths, pinch their skin and rub their hands all over their fur, excuse me, their coats.

Why don't they just throw a stick or a Frisbee and see who is the fastest? Insert your favorite Qyntel Woods joke here.

The greatest part of the whole thing was that the No. 1 dog in the country, according to the announcers, was this toy poodle that weighed about two ounces and had a grandma perm on the top of its head.

That's what my Thanksgiving Day "sports" came down to: boring football, balloon SpongeBob and grandma-permed poodles.

I decided to take a nap.

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