

# Men's: Vanderbilt shoots meager 39 percent

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of athletes." Kent and Brooks led the defensive surge in the second half. The Ducks employed a shorter lineup that featured the 6-foot-5 Kent at the power forward spot.

Oregon held Vanderbilt to just 15 points during the first 15 minutes of the second half with the short lineup, which also included guards Malik Hairston and Bryce Taylor and center Ian Crosswhite. Crosswhite was the only Duck on the floor taller than 6-foot-6.

"They (the Ducks) were the aggressor for more minutes in the game than we were," Stallings said. "We hit that stretch in the second half where we couldn't get any points. We were just stuck there, and their defense forced us into things that we didn't want.

"We certainly give them credit; they outplayed us."

One of the Commodores' top

offensive players in the game, forward Julian Terrell, had 14 points in the first half but was unable to score after halftime.

For the game, Vanderbilt was held to just 39.1 percent shooting from the field. It marked the fourth-straight game that the Ducks have held an opponent to less than 40 percent field goal shooting.

"To hold them to the numbers that we did was, I thought, fantastic," Oregon head coach Ernie Kent said.

Kent mentioned that his team's defensive efforts early in the season have demonstrated how athletic his players are and how much depth they have.

"We can do a lot of things, and we have a lot of versatility on this team," Kent said.

For the season, Oregon has held opponents to just 39.3 percent field goal shooting, while the Ducks have shot 52.1 percent through four games.



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Oregon freshman guard Bryce Taylor scored six points to help the Ducks defeat Vanderbilt 75-65 in Saturday's Papé Jam.

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however, and rose up to block Moore's shot off the backboard. Moore appeared hesitant after the play, missing two other layups and getting blocked by Brooks again in the second half.

"I've been watching Dikembe Mutombo," Brooks joked. "I don't know if it took (Moore) out of his game, but it was a good block, I guess."

Despite entering the game averaging a team-high 16.2 points, Moore was held to 14 points on 4 of 18 shooting.

Offensively, Oregon stayed aggressive, attacking the hoop at every opportunity. The Ducks drew 27 Commodore fouls, though they connected on only 24 of 39 free throw attempts.

While aggressiveness led to points at the foul line for Oregon, it

led to turnovers as well. The Ducks turned the ball over 18 times, including five first-half miscues by Brooks, who started the second half on the bench.

"I knew I had to play better (in the second half)," Brooks said. "I had some unforced turnovers and was sort of out of it."

Despite the turnovers and the slow, grinding pace of the game, the Ducks shot 55 percent from the floor and led by as many as 14 in the second half.

Oregon forward Ian Crosswhite won the game's most valuable player honors, scoring 16 points and grabbing 11 rebounds in 34 minutes.

"It was a tough one out there," Crosswhite said. "We probably didn't have our best game, but seeing as we are a young team and we're

coming together, I think that shows great character."

Brooks and Brandon Lincoln were the only other Ducks to finish with double figures, scoring 11 and 10 points, respectively. Jordan Kent and Malik Hairston added nine points each. Hairston, who injured the thumb on his shooting hand (right) midway through the first half, finished 1 of 7 from the field and 7 of 13 from the foul line.

"It's great that we're getting these wins. We need them," Kent said, "but when we go look at tape, we realize how much better we can still play."

Next up for Oregon is a showdown with No. 5 Illinois in Chicago Dec. 11. Illinois defeated No. 1 Wake Forest 91-73 Wednesday.

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