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*"We just got run over by a team that is playing well."*

Oregon head coach Ernie Kent after his team's 92-67 loss to No. 11 Arizona

### Women's basketball

## Ducks get defensive in victory over ASU

*Oregon forced 21 turnovers, including at least one from every Sun Devil that played in the game*

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In last month's 74-65 defeat against the Sun Devils in Tempe, Ariz., the Oregon women's basketball team learned just how frustrating Arizona State's defense was.

In that game, the Ducks committed 25 turnovers.

In tonight's 66-59 victory over the Sun Devils at McArthur Court, Oregon borrowed a page from Arizona State's playbook, switched roles and forced them to turn the ball over 21 times — 15 of them coming in the first half.

In addition, the Ducks forced every player that played for the Sun Devils into committing at least one turnover.

"Defensively, we really buckled down and we understood their strengths," Oregon head coach Bev Smith said. "They are a very good team and they are very hard to play against sometimes."

Arizona State came into the game at or near the top in all defensive categories in the Pacific-10 Conference.

The Sun Devils led the conference in scoring defense, allowing only 53 points per game. They ranked fifth in field-goal percentage defense and first in three-point percentage defense — allowing opponents to make 49 three-pointers all year. They ranked third in the Pac-10 in steals with 10.7 per game.

But while Arizona State's defense gets all the credit, the Ducks are nearly equal to the task.

"We always talk about how our defense fuels our offense, and that's how we are going to play well," Oregon senior Cathrine Kraayeveld said. "We knew the scouting report, and we took pride in that, and we did what we could in stopping the (opposing) personnel on the floor."

The Ducks rank third in conference in scoring defense. In addition, Oregon is second in field-goal percentage defense.

It seemed the Ducks played a little bit harder and wanted it a little bit more against the Sun Devils, equal to the task of competing with the ninth-ranked defense in the nation.

"It was one of our main focuses going into the game," Oregon senior Brandi Davis said. "Defensively we had to turn it up because we had no choice."

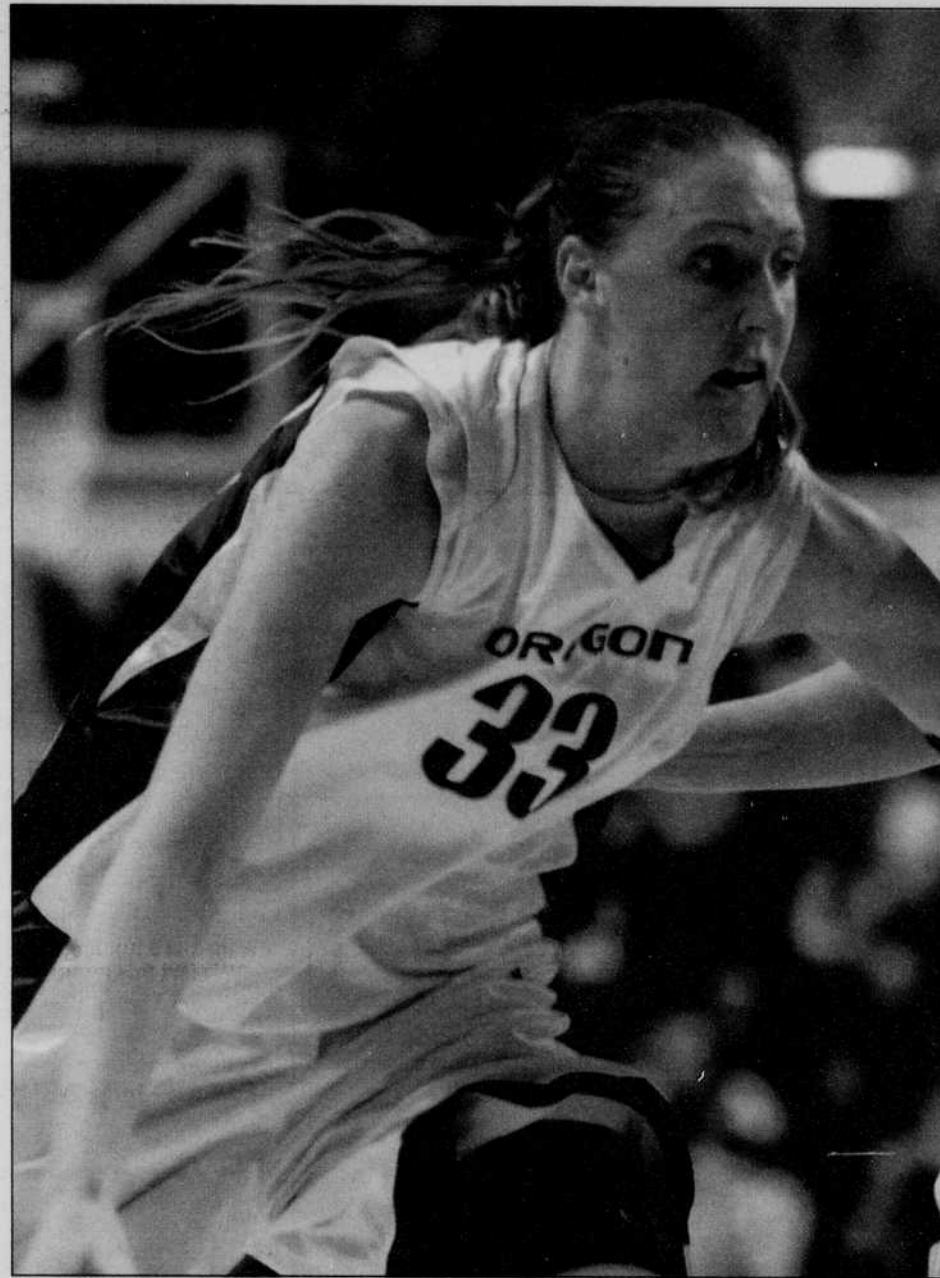
The Ducks snagged eight steals, equaling the Sun Devils' total. Oregon also added three blocks.

Kraayeveld led the way with three steals to add to an 11-point, six-rebound performance.

As a team, Oregon contained Arizona State sophomore forward Emily Westerberg, who scored 26 points in the last meeting with the Ducks, to 12 points on 5-of-9 shooting.

"They did a good job of denying the post and we didn't show the patience (to get good shots)," Arizona State head coach Charli Turner Thorne said. "I think they did step up their defense and they did a nice job."

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Oregon's Cathrine Kraayeveld drives to the basket in the Ducks' 66-59 victory against Arizona State on Thursday night at Mac Court. The senior finished the contest with 11 points, six rebounds and three steals.

### Women's basketball

## UO outlasts Sun Devils, 66-59, at Mac Court

*The game moved the Ducks into a three-way tie for second place in the Pacific-10 Conference*

BY STEPHEN MILLER  
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There are four teams bunched up in the middle of the Pacific-10 Conference battling for third place. Oregon's 66-59 victory over Arizona State in front of 3,601 McArthur Court fans on Thursday showed just how competitive it has been this season.

The Ducks scored their final 10 points from the free-throw line on 16 trips in the final minute and a half to improve their conference record to 10-5 and 17-7 overall.

"Free throws are very important," said Oregon head coach Bev Smith, whose team shot only two free throws in the first half but converted 18 of 28 in the game. "It wasn't perfect, but we made enough to get the win."

Arizona State (17-8 overall, 9-6 Pac-10) let another low-scoring game slip away despite collecting 16 assists — twice as many as Oregon — and shooting 25 of 55 (.455) from the floor.

The first half featured four ties and three lead changes. After Jenny Thigpin sank a jump shot for the Sun Devils with 6:47 left in the first half, Oregon went on a 10-1 run during which Arizona State missed six field-goal

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### Men's basketball

## No. 11 Arizona hammers Oregon in 92-67 blowout

BY CLAYTON JONES  
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An aggressive veteran Arizona basketball team showed Oregon why it's the top team in the Pacific-10 Conference, as the No. 11 Wildcats pounded the Ducks 92-67 on Thursday night at the McKale Center in Tucson.

Arizona (22-4 overall, 12-2 Pac-10) was ignited by its veteran players, led by the strong effort of Portland native Salim Stoudamire. The senior led all scorers with 22 points, including 4 of 6 three-pointers.

Wildcat center Channing Frye chipped in 19 points and added five rebounds and seven blocked shots in the victory.

"They've been playing some great basketball of late," Oregon head coach Ernie Kent told

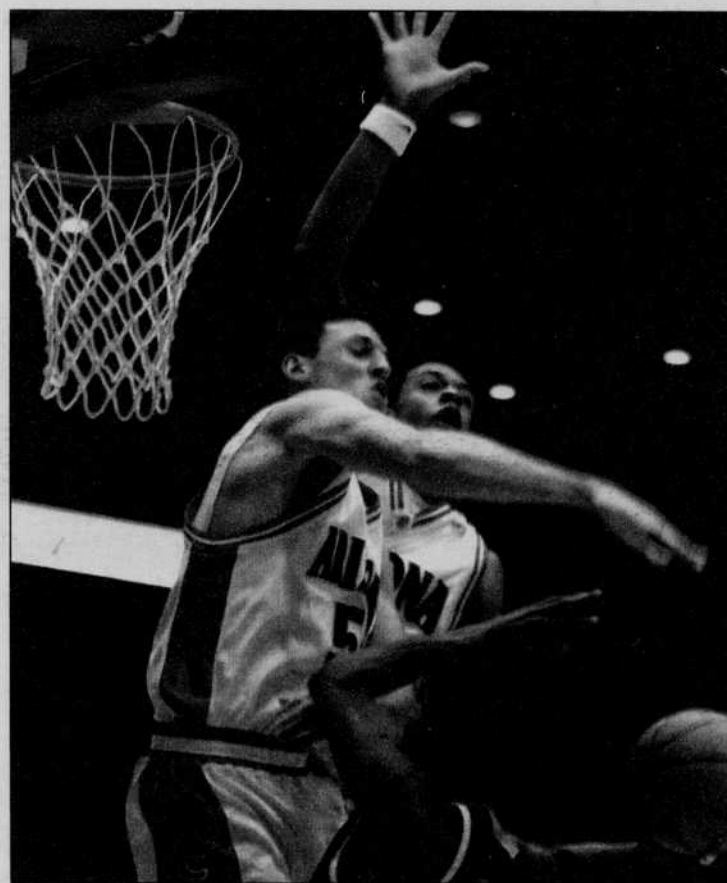
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Despite shooting 50 percent from the field, Oregon (4-9, 12-10) was plagued by 19 turnovers, which helped Arizona put up 16 more shots in the game. The Wildcats shot 52 percent from the field.

Arizona used an explosive second half to accumulate its large advantage. The Wildcats went on a 10-0 run early in the second half to give them a 17-point advantage at 68-51.

"We probably played good basketball for about 28 minutes this game, but unfortunately there is 40 minutes in a game," Kent said. "We had an eight-minute stretch where we didn't play very well and they

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Arizona's Ivan Radenovic, left, and Channing Frye defend Oregon's Aaron Brooks' shot during the Wildcats' 92-67 victory over the Ducks on Thursday at the McKale Center.