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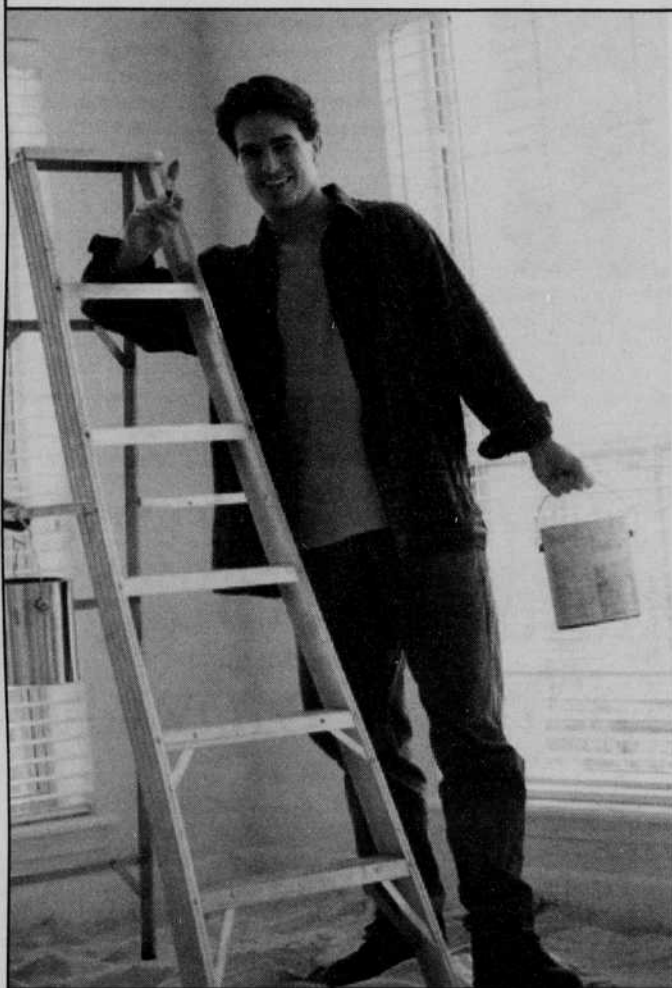
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Oregon's Andrea Bills fights for the ball with Arizona State's Emily Westerberg during the Ducks' win Thursday night. Bills scored 14 points to go along with 11 rebounds.

Women: Bills leads Ducks with game-high 11 boards

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attempts and committed 10 turnovers. The Ducks held a 27-22 lead at halftime.

Oregon's lead diminished to a one-point advantage at the 11:30 mark of the second half. Sophomore Eleanor Haring started a 10-2 scoring tear for the Ducks that killed five minutes and put Arizona State down by 11 with six minutes to work.

"We definitely wanted it more," Oregon senior Brandi Davis said. "It was something we knew we had to do and we had no choice — it was do or die basically. Tonight we had to do, not die."

Hard-nosed Andrea Bills turned in 14 points for Oregon on 6-of-13 shooting, which included an unsuccessful three-point attempt — the first of her career. The senior center added a game-high 11 rebounds from the paint in 29 minutes of action.

Davis had Oregon's only two successful three-pointers and provided the team's biggest offensive contribution with 16 points (6 of 11).

"She had a great start, and that's really important for us and her," Smith said. "Her energy is important to us on both ends of her floor."

Senior Cathrine Kraayeveld scored 11 points and finished 5 of 7 from the free-throw line for Oregon.

Arizona State's Amy Denson went under Oregon's radar for most of the game. The junior forward out of Central Point recorded team-highs of 16 points and 10 rebounds in her first double-double of the season.

"Denson went off on us in terms of her numbers, but a lot the shots she hit were tough," Smith said.

Arizona State, which usually causes turnovers, committed 21. The Ducks also faulted 21 times to tie a season-high for turnovers in a home game.

Sophomore Emily Westerberg was held to only 12 points for the Sun Devils after she mutilated Oregon in Tempe, Ariz., on Jan. 22 with a career-high 26 points.

Oregon temporarily holds a tie for second place in the conference with Southern California (16-8, 10-5) and Arizona (18-8, 10-5).

The Ducks are now 8-0 at home against Pac-10 teams, and 10-1 overall with only one game left at Mac Court. Saturday's game against the Wildcats will be recognized as Senior Night.

"It's going to be a big physical game," Bills said. "Senior Night is going to be emotional. It's going to be a down-to-the-wire game and we just have to come out as aggressive as we did tonight."

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