Stoudamire scores 31 in Arizona bash of OSU

Posting nine three-pointers, Wildcat senior Salim Stoudamire was one away from the Pac-10 record

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TUCSON, Ariz. - Senior Day was sensational for Salim Stoudamire.

The left-handed sharpshooter, in his final home game, sank a schoolrecord nine three-pointers and scored 31 points to lead No. 10 Arizona to a 91-70 rout of Oregon State on Sunday. "Salim was disgustingly good,"

said teammate Channing Frye, also a

senior in his last game at McKale Center. "They were trying so hard to keep him from shooting. There is only so much they could do.

Frye added 15 points and 11 rebounds for the Wildcats, who won their sixth in a row and stayed alone in first place in the Pacific-10 Conference. Stoudamire and Frye left the game with 9:43 to play and Arizona leading 74-49. Hassan Adams had 13 points, tied his season high with 10 rebounds, and had five steals for the Wildcats (23-4, 13-2 Pac-10), who finished 15-1 at home. Ivan Radenovic added 10 points.

"We are far and away the best we've been all year," Arizona coach Lute Olson said. "But we're going to get better.

Nick DeWitz and Jason Fontenet scored 16, and David Lucas had 15 for the Beavers (14-11, 6-8). Oregon State is 0-7 on the road in the Pac-10. Stoudamire, 9 for 14 on three-

pointers, broke Jason Gardner's school record of eight, set against Kansas on Dec. 1, 2001.

"I was feeling a career night," he said. "Now I got one with threes."

He fell one shy of the Pac-10 record held by Stevin "Hedake" Smith of Arizona State.

Olson wasn't aware that Stoudamire

was so close to the conference mark. "If I had known, I would have left him in," Olson said.

Oregon State coach Jay John helped recruit Stoudamire when John was an Arizona assistant.

"Salim changed the whole game," John said. "We played well in the first half, but he just changed the game by hitting shots. He drained the energy out of us and gave it to everyone else in the gym."

Olson repeatedly has called Stoudamire the best shooter in college basketball.

'Salim was what Salim is," Olson said. "I swear that every day in practice, he does the same thing.

You give him a look and it's almost automatic."

Stoudamire's only field goal that wasn't a three-pointer came with his foot on the three-point line. He also had his elbow hit on a couple of shots that ended up air balls.

"It was another day at the office," Stoudamire said.

A 55 percent three-point shooter this season - tied for first in Division - Stoudamire was 5 of 5 on threes in the final 6:16 of the first half to put Arizona up 45-33 at the break.

'You just can't guard him," Dewitz said. "He was hitting shots from almost half court.'

Stoudamire made four threes in a breathtaking final 2:22 of the half. He made one from about 25 feet and another from 28 feet out, near the "N' on the "Arizona" decal on the court. The final one, shot just before the buzzer and three feet from the top of the key, capped the outburst.

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double-double of her career with 14 points - including four three-pointers - and a game-high 12 boards. Her three-point shooting ability has been a major factor in Oregon's multi-dimensional offense, which spreads opposing teams' defenses.

Bills continued to show her durability against Arizona's 6-foot-5 Shawntinice Polk down low as she captured 10 points and 10 rebounds.

At point guard, Mizusawa once again completed a game with more assists (nine) than points (two) while choreographing her team's play for 39 minutes.

Regardless of whether they were coming back for another season or not, each senior on Oregon's roster played with the same passion and the same objective on Saturday.

"I'm just so happy for our team because I really feel like their work paid off for them," Oregon head coach Bev Smith said. "We had some ups and downs this year; we had some disappointments and some highs.

"This is a great end to our homecourt season, but the team knows we've got another season coming up, and it starts Thursday night

Men: Malik Hairston leads Duck scorers with 18 points, 11 boards

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officiating, you've gotta play through that stuff and not worry about that. When it's all said and done, we turned the basketball over and there weren't fouls in those situations and there weren't fouls that made us (miss free throws).' Hairston led Oregon with 18 points

and grabbed 11 rebounds. Brooks added 17 points, while Taylor finished with seven points.

Diogu finished with a game-high 23 points for Arizona State, while Serge Angounou grabbed a gamehigh 12 rebounds.

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