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IN BRIEF

Buzzer-beating bucket sinks Ducks in Nashville

Heartbreak marred the Oregon men's first road game of the season as Vanderbilt's Mario Moore sunk an off-balance, one-handed threepointer as the buzzer sounded in front of 12,626 in Nashville, Tenn., to send the Commodores to a 76-75 victory over the Ducks Wednesday night.

'The kid throws up a 45-footer, there is nothing we can do about that," Oregon coach Ernie Kent said. "I can't fault my guys for that type of a shot — throwing it up at the buzzer and letting it go in.

Oregon nearly had the game won when point guard Aaron Brooks made

a high bank shot with 3.3 seconds remaining to break a tie at 73. Following a Vanderbilt timeout, Moore received the inbounds in the backcourt and ran down the right sideline before nailing the game-winner.

Oregon's Malik Hairston scored a career-high 25 points with 10 rebounds, but it was his first-half performance that allowed the Ducks to gain a 35-30 halftime lead. Tied at 29 with just less than three minutes to go in the first half, Hairston scored eight straight points for the Ducks.

"Malik was awesome tonight," Kent said. "Malik had a great, great game."

The Ducks built a 10-point lead eight minutes into the second half, but Vanderbilt wouldn't go away. The Commodores used a 17-5 run to gain their first lead of the second half with 6:27 remaining. Maarty Leunen answered with a threepointer 10 seconds later and Bryce Taylor did the same nearly two minutes later to regain the lead for Oregon's at 66-64.

Brooks, who finished with 15 points, scored seven of Oregon's final nine points. Taylor added 13.

"This team grew up in the heat of the battle," Kent said of the Ducks. "It tells me a lot about their character. They are going to be a good basketball team because they have tremendous character to fight through all of this."

Vanderbilt made 76 percent of its field goals in the second half compared to Oregon's 43 percent. The Commodores scored 17 points off 12 Ducks' turnovers.

The Ducks host Georgetown Saturday at noon.

-Shawn Miller

Jonz: Announcer balances raising daughters with career

as commentators for the Portland Trailblazers. Jonz passed them tapes of himself covering games and wound up doing play-by-play alongside them. His talent had already taken him to the level of professional sports, but after listening to himself years later, Jonz can't help but wonder how he got so far.

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"I don't have that many tapes to be honest," Jonz said. "I think I burned all of them.'

Trying to balance his radio career and life with his wife Stacy, whom he married in 1981, was not easy

"It was hectic trying to follow a dream," he said. "But my wife was very encouraging.

The ball kept rolling for Jonz. After receiving a two-year degree in broadcast journalism in 1982, he had his own half-hour sports talk show and refined his skills doing play-by-play for high school swimming while working for WNND. Jonz recalls passing the microphone between him and coaches in the press box frantically trying to cover swim meets.

"I figured if I could do that I could do anything," he said. In 1987, Jonz joined Magic 94.5

in Cottage Grove where he covered high school and collegiate sports. He spent 19 years in the booth until November, when he signed on with KSCR to work at his new stomping

ground - McArthur Court.

(KSCR) called me out of the blue," Jonz said. "I couldn't refuse."

Now six games into the season, Jonz has his feet wet, and he's loving every minute of it. He enjoys covering women's basketball and his interactions with Oregon's players and coaches. He feels the Ducks can go further than many expect.

"I like to have fun, and working with coach Bev (Smith) is fantastic,' he said. "It's been fun getting to know the new staff and players. The media picked them to finish fifth in the conference and I think they're going to be good. Anything is possible."

Aside from KSCR, Jonz recently made another career move. He became the new Program Director for Cumulus Media's Star 102.3. Acquiring the job was a surprise for Jonz, who still finds time to juggle working in the media and his four daughters.

"God has a sense of humor," he said, referring to the fact that he grew up as one of four brothers. "It was unexpected for me to be here. It started with my wife and me, and I had my one dream. Soon we had four daughters, and I had new dreams to fulfill. As life changes, you change your priorities

For Oregon fans tuned in to the women's basketball games on KSCR 1320 Thursdays and Saturdays, Jonz offers accurate and concise play-by-play commentating. His attention to detail is a tribute to his decades working in radio, which he plans on doing at Oregon for many rears to come.

"I love doing this with the women's team," he said. "And I'd love to do this as long as they keep

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Salazar: Led **UO to 1977** NCAA title

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week, an unheard of amount of training while Salazar was competing, he said. He then pointed to the increased level of training athletes do to run with correct form, which, he said, is necessary to compete professionally now.

'He's always been a role model for me, so I definitely wanted to meet him," said club member Erin Lynch, who ran her first marathon last year and ran competitively through high school and college. "He's a legend among runners."

"He kind of inspired me 20 years ago to start running with his Boston Marathon run," said club member Stan Talbott. "He's a great inspiration for the area.

"He has the ability to mold runners. He's taken nonathletes and made them into athletes," said University student Jessica Brandes, who is a Nike Store employee studying Public Relations in the Journalism School.

Salazar now lives in Portland with his wife, Molly, and their three children. He was inducted into the National Long Distance Running Hall of Fame in 2000. He keeps busy with his job at Nike as well as his work with Rupp.

"I'm just glad to be a part of it," said Nike Store manager Micah Hudson. "I feel like a little kid. I am excited to be running with one of the best runners in the world.'

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