

Women's Hoops

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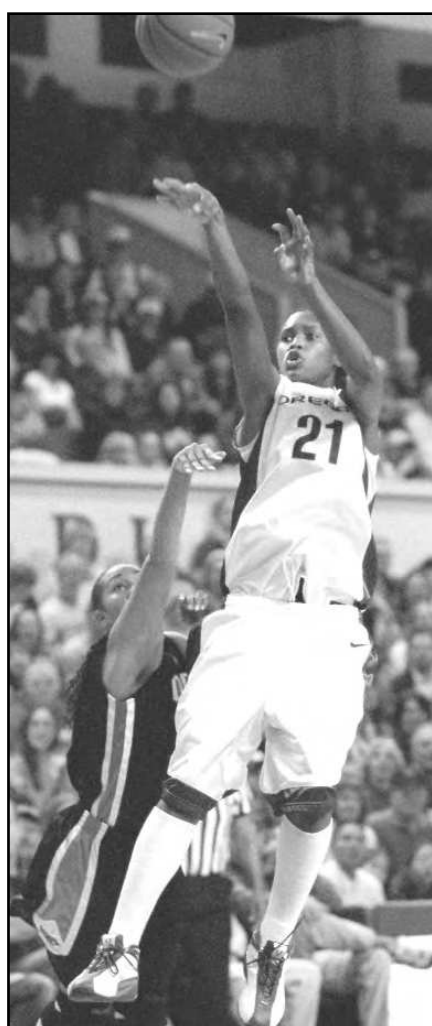
Thrilling Win over OSU a Boost for Washington Trip

Although the Oregon women had a rocky start in league play by losing their first four games, there is more optimism in camp after the come-from-behind win over Oregon State last Saturday. The Ducks continued their hard work on defense by holding an Oregon State team with lots of momentum coming into the game with a 3-1 record to under 60 points. Offensively the Ducks received the scoring punch they had needed as Chelsea Wagner and Brandi Davis combined for 31 of Oregon's 56 points. Wagner's playing time has

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The Ducks celebrate their come-from-behind upset victory over Oregon State.



Davis hit the game-winner with 6 seconds left.

steadily increased as she has become healthy after fighting through some nagging injuries. She brings a blue-collar work ethic and hustle along with her ability to hit the three-point shot (5 for 11). All of Chelsea's 15 points came from 3-pointers in 25 minutes of play against the Beavers while Davis' 16 points came from a variety of shots in 16 minutes. Amazingly, Wagner and Davis in their combined total of 41 minutes accounted for 55% of the team's scoring.

With renewed energy the Ducks will travel to Seattle and try to add to the woes of the 1-5 Huskies who were a consensus choice to finish in the upper division, and even possibly challenge Stanford and Arizona. Washington's latest losses were to USC and UCLA in Los Angeles. A win in Seattle Thursday night will take a great effort by Oregon, but considering the state of the Huskies, what a week ago seemed like a sure loss for the



Chelsea Wagner was 5 of 11 on 3-pointers, and finished with 15 points.

Ducks, now appears to be a real opportunity for another upset. Their goal of a road sweep is now not far-fetched as Saturday they will face a WSU team in Pullman who is 0-6 and will most likely be 0-7 after playing OSU. The point is, nothing can be

taken for granted in Pac-10 women's basketball this season. With a 9-6 record, how Oregon fares this weekend will determine much about whether their goal of a winning season and post-season play will be accomplished or not. **O**

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