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SPORTS IN BRIEF

UConn pulls away late to knock off **Oregon 71-63**

PORTLAND — Terry Larrier scored 18 points, Alterique Gilbert and Jalen Adams both added 16 points each, and Connecticut knocked off Oregon 71-63 in the opening round of the PK80 Invitational on Thursday night.

The Huskies (4-0) overcame an awful night of shooting to knock off the Ducks playing essentially a home game a couple hours north of their campus in Eugene. Most of the lower bowl at Moda Center was clad in green and yellow but went home disappointed at Oregon's first loss of the season.

The tight matchup saw 17 lead changes, the final one coming with 2:24 left when Antwoine Anderson cut baseline and dunked off a perfect pass from Gilbert to give the Huskies a 64-62 lead. UConn led 68-62 in the closing seconds and could finally celebrate the victory when Payton Pritchard missed a deep 3-pointer with 11 seconds left.

Duke overcomes tenacious **Portland State**

PORTLAND — Marvin Bagley III said the Blue Devils knew they had to wake up for the second half against Portland State.

And eventually, they did. Trevon Duval had 22 points and No. 1 Duke pulled away for a 99-81 victory over the surprisingly tenacious Vikings on Thursday to open the Phil Knight Invitational.

Bagley added 18 points, and Grayson Allen had 14 points and nine assists. The Blue Devils (6-0) will face the winner of the Thursday game between Butler and Texas.

Duke trailed by as many as eight points but took control midway through the second half when Wendell Carter Jr.'s dunk put the Blue Devils in front 67-62. They would go on to lead by as many

Maye leads No. 9 **North Carolina** to 102-78 rout of **Portland**

PORTLAND — When Luke Maye took stock of what North Carolina was losing from last season's championship squad and what was coming back, he made it a focus to become a better scorer in the post.

Maye made scoring around the basket look easy against overmatched Portland.

Maye had 20 points and 10 rebounds, Joel Berry II added 18 points and No. 9 North Carolina had five players in double figures in overwhelming Portland 102-78 on Thursday to open the PK80 Invitational.

Ponds scores 26, St. John's beats **Oregon State**

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. - Guards Shamorie Ponds and Marcus LoVett helped St. John's get off to its best start in years.

Ponds scored 26 points and LoVett added 18 as St. John's rallied from a double-digit second-games half deficit to beat Oregon State 82-77 Thursday in first round of the Advocare Invitational.

"If the guards set the tone, then it sets the tone for the game," Ponds said. "So I feel like if we come out there hungry with a dog mentality, it changes the whole

After trailing by 10 midway through the second half, St. John's went up 69-67 with 4 minutes left on Kassoum Yakwe's rebound slam.

— Associated Press



AP Photo/Timothy J. Gonzalez

Oregon State running back Ryan Nall, top, dives over Oregon's Danny Mattingly for a touchdown in last year's Civil War game.

Highlights (and lowlights) of the Civil War rivalry game

By ANNE M. PETERSON Associated Press

UGENE — Oregon coach Willie Taggart has never experienced a Civil War game, but he certainly knows hard feelings when he sees them.

And that's what he sees among the Ducks. Oregon lost 34-24 to Oregon State last year in the 120th Civil War rivalry game, snapping an eight-year losing streak for the Beavers. The Ducks finished at the bottom of the Pac-12 North and a few days later fired coach Mark Helfrich.

"You hear everybody was ticked off, not just our players but everybody, and considering it had been so long since that happened that really just stays with you," Taggart said. 'And unless you want that taste to continue you've got to do something about it, and we talked to them to do something here in Autzen Stadium, and send these seniors out the

The Ducks (6-5, 3-5 Pac-12) are coming off a 48-28 victory over Arizona that made them bowl eligible for Taggart's first season. The Beavers, who parted ways with coach Gary Andersen earlier this season, are 1-10 overall and still seeking a first conference win.

This will be the 121st meeting between the teams, a series that dates to 1894 and is the longest-running rivalry game west of the Rocky Mountains.

Some of the more memorable Civil Wars: EARLY DAYS: Oregon State — then Oregon Agricultural College — won the first one 16-0 in a showdown between the "Farmers" and the "Lemon-Yellows" in front of some 500 fans. In 1916, Oregon beat OAC 27-0, giving the Ducks a 6-0-1 regular-season record and their first appearance in the Rose Bowl, where they topped Penn 14-0.

PYRAMID PLAY: The 1933 game was notable because Oregon's extra-point attempt was blocked by Clyde Devine, who was lifted in the air by his teammates. The Ducks none-



Oregon head coach Willie Taggart congratulates Oregon guarterback Braxton Burmeister after a score against Utah in a Oct. 28 game in Eugene.

UP NEXT: CIVIL WAR

· Oregon State Beavers (1-10) at Oregon Ducks (6-5)
• Saturday, 4 p.m. **TV:** CSNW

theless defeated Oregon State 13-3, and the so-called Pyramid Play was later banned by the NCAA.

THE INTERCEPTION: The visiting Beavers stunned the Eugene crowd in 1953 when Oregon quarterback Barney Holland's pass bounced off the hands of George Shaw - the first pick of the 1955 NFL draft by the Baltimore Colts — and was intercepted by Oregon State's Tommy Little. He returned it 30 yards for the only touchdown in a 7-0

TERRY BAKER: In 1962, the Beavers and their Heisman Trophy-winning quarterback trailed 17-6 at halftime but dominated the second half. Baker's 13-yard touchdown pass to Danny Espalin in the fourth quarter sealed a 20-17 victory. Baker was the only Heisman Trophy winner from an Oregon school until Oregon quarterback Marcus Mariota in 2014.

GIANT KILLERS: A week after beating



AP Photo/Timothy J. Gonzalez Oregon State head coach Cory Hall gestures during last week's game against Arizona State.

No. 1 USC and O.J. Simpson 3-0 in the mud in Corvallis, the Beavers' famous 1967 Killers" team came back from a 10-0 deficit to win the first Civil War at the new Autzen Stadium, 14-10.

TOILET BOWL: A futile 0-0 tie on a blustery and wet day in November 1983 featured 11 fumbles, five interceptions and four missed field goals. It would go down as the last scoreless Division I college football game.

"It was almost like neither team wanted to win," Oregon coach Rich Brooks was quoted as saying.

FINISHING BIG: In his first year with the Beavers, Jerry Pettibone led Oregon State to a victory after 10 straight losses to start the 1991 season. Ian Shields, playing with a broken big toe, scored on a 6-yard bootleg for the go-ahead touchdown. Oregon State won 14-3, the Beavers' first victory in Eugene in 18 years.

ROSE BOWL BOUND: The Ducks entered the 1994 Civil War tied with USC for the Pac-10 championship and needed a win to clinch their first Rose Bowl berth since 1957. Trailing 13-10, Danny O'Neill drove the team 70 yards, hitting Dino Philyaw for a 19-yard touchdown with 3:47 to play, giving Oregon a 17-13 victory.

PHIL KNIGHT INVITATIONAL

No. 17 Gonzaga routs Ohio State in 86-59 win

By ANNE M. PETERSON Associated Press

PORTLAND — Moments after walking off the court following a victory over Ohio State, Gonzaga was already thinking about No. 7 Florida.

The 17th-ranked Bulldogs will face the Gators today in the Phil Knight Invitational.

"In tournaments as great as this you don't get a lot of time," Gonzaga coach Mark Few said Thursday night after his team's 86-59 win over the Buckeyes. "We've got to move on and get ready for a big one

Johnathan Williams had 21 points and Gonzaga was boosted by an enthusiastic crowd that turned out for an event featuring four teams ranked

in the top 10 in the country.

Josh Perkins added 20 points for the Bulldogs, who improved to 4-0 after playing in last season's NCAA Tournament championship game.

C.J. Jackson and Jae'Sean Tate each scored 12 points for Ohio State, which trailed by as many as 26 in the second half as the Zags pulled away. The Buckeyes (4-1) will face Stanford on Friday.

The tournament involves 16 teams playing in two brackets on Thanksgiving, Friday and Sunday, with a break on Saturday. The field also includes top-ranked Duke, No. 4 Michigan State and defending NCAA Tournament champion North Carolina.

Dubbed the PK80, the event celebrates Nike co-founder Phil Knight's 80th birthday.



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Ohio State's C.J. Jackson guards Gonzaga's Josh Perkins during Thursday's game at the Phil Knight Invitational tournament.