

Ducks outlast Rhode Island

Oregon's Tyler Dorsey hit two three-pointers to tie the game and take the lead in the final minutes of the Ducks' second-round match against the Rams. Oregon now moves on to the Sweet Sixteen to play Michigan on Thursday

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It was a scary moment on Sunday for the Oregon Duck's Men's Basketball team. The Ducks faced off against the University of Rhode Island in the second round of the NCAA tournament after soundly handling Iona in the first round.

With just under two minutes remaining in the game, Oregon's Tyler Dorsey hit a clutch three-pointer to tie the game at 72 and continue a run that gave the Ducks an outstanding comeback victory. A minute later, Dorsey pulled up from the top

of the key to hit the go-ahead three-point shot with 38 seconds left. Rhode Island's E.C. Matthews attempted to send the game into overtime with a desperate three-point shot with under 10 seconds left, but he air-balled and Oregon was able to hold on to win a 75-72 thriller.

Initially, the Ducks had a shaky start, with several turnovers within the first few minutes of the game, but Dorsey began to put on a show and helped Oregon maintain a lead for the majority of the first half. But Rhode Island wasn't going to lay down so easily.

In the final three minutes of

the first half, the Rams went on a 14-2 run which gave Rhode Island a dangerous 46-38 lead at halftime.

The 11th-ranked Rams held onto a strong lead for the majority of the second half, and it looked like Rhode Island was on its way to another upset after defeating Creighton in the first round.

But a 20-10 run for Oregon late in the second half put the Ducks within striking distance of their first lead since just under four minutes in the first half.

Rhode Island's Stanford Robinson was a massive threat for the Duck's defense, and Robin-

son matched his career high of 21 points on the night.

Oregon also saw another star player rally late in the game. Dillon Brooks was just seven-for-20 from the field but racked up 19 points for his team. Brooks also took a charge late in the game—just after Dorsey tied the game—which sent Oregon to the free-throw line.

Dorsey went nine-for-10 from the field and finished with 27 points on the night. He was also four-for-five from beyond the arc.

Jordan Bell led the Ducks in rebounds with 12 (six offensive and six defensive) on the game.

The Ducks were 25-for-52 from the field overall, and shot a solid 43.8 percent from beyond the three-point line. But the Ducks only shot 66.7 percent (18-for-27) from the free-throw line.

Rhode Island sank 30 of its 59 field goals (50.8 percent), but was just six-for-22 (27.3 percent) from three-point range. The Rams did, however, have a much better day at the free-throw line, shooting at a rate of 75 percent.

Throughout the game it looked as if Oregon was struggling to get defensive rebounds, but the Ducks still out-rebound-

ed the Rams 20-19 on the defensive side, and 15-9 on offense.

Oregon has now won its second tournament game without defensive stud Chris Boucher, who tore his ACL late in the season. Boucher leads the team in blocks and his absence has been felt in the Ducks' defense.

Oregon now travels to Kansas City, where the team will play seventh-seeded Michigan. The Wolverines have just come off of an upset victory over second-seeded Louisville and have a strong potential to send the Ducks packing after their Sweet Sixteen matchup on Thursday.

CGHS Boys' Golf 2017 Lineup



Due to a production error, The Sentinel was unable to publish the roster for the boys' golf team in the Sports Preview. Here is the 2017 lineup:
Seniors: Jeremy Hall, Garren Taylor, Jessy Thomason; **Juniors:** Johnny Bench, Aaron Boitz, Gabe Glenn, Trey Husko, Mitchell Johnson, Tyler Woertink;
Freshmen: Zac Anlauf, Dawson Husko, Braeden Rinck. The starting varisty players include: Jessy Thomason, Jeremy Hall, Trey Husko, Gabe Glenn and either Garren Taylor or Tyler Woertink for the fifth spot.

Lions baseball kicks off season with shutout win

The Cottage Grove Lions' baseball team was scheduled to host Douglas on Friday, but the St. Patrick's Day season opener for Cottage Grove was moved to Douglas High School in Winston.

Cottage Grove defeated the Trojans 4-0 to give Douglas its second loss of the season.

The Lions sit at just 1-0 but have earned themselves an 11th-ranked spot in the OSAA rankings, tied with North Valley, who Cottage Grove will host on Thursday. The loss for Douglas dropped the Trojans to 30th on the state rankings for class 4A teams.

Though it is still early in the season, the Lions will have their work cut out for them when it comes time to begin league play. The Sky-Em League holds two teams in the top 10, with Sisters ranked fifth and Junction City ranked 10th.

The Lions will look to succeed in the upcoming Hidden Valley tournament, where they will face off against Cascade, Hidden Valley and Cascade Christian (March 27-28). Cottage Grove will then finish its non-league matchups against North Bend, which sits at 14, despite its two losses to start the season.

There's a pot of gold in Empire Lakes

Courtesy of the ODFW

The pot of gold isn't at the end of the rainbow; it's swimming in Empire Lakes. A \$50 VISA gift card goes home with anglers who catch a specially tagged rainbow trout here.

Anglers who harvest trout with a specially marked four-digit tag number will receive a \$50 VISA gift card when the tag is brought to the Charleston ODFW Field Office. All other tags can be reported by calling the field office or using this online form.

Empire Lakes is a popular coastal rainbow trout fishery, and ODFW biologists need anglers to help them keep it that way by reporting tagged fish they catch.

ODFW is tagging 500 legal-plus (12 to 13 inches) hatchery rainbow trout through June. Fisheries biologist Gary Vonderohe asks anglers to report tags on fish they catch even if they don't harvest them.

"We stock a lot of trout here, and we want to make sure we're giving anglers a quality fishery to enjoy. Tag reporting helps us know how many fish are being



Athletes of the Week

Lady Ostriches take first place in CG Women's Volleyball Association



The Cottage Grove Women's Volleyball Association finished up its second season last week. The Lady Ostriches took first place. The players from left to right are: Courtney McGowen, Alexis Gaethle, Lia Davey, Shawna Burdett, Brook Hand and (front) Shannon Davey. The team finished with a total of 35.5 wins on the season. The Ballers took second place with 32 wins, and the team Soft Serve took third place with 24 wins.

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The Big O Roller Derby Rolls into Eugene May 5-7

Nine countries, 35 teams, hundreds of bodies, three days, three tracks and eight wheels: The sixth-annual Big O Roller Derby Tournament has grown to become the premiere early-season tournament for men's and women's flat track roller derby teams from around the globe.

The three-day Big O Tournament takes place May 5-7 at the Lane Events Center, and will host 35 women's, men's and junior roller derby teams. Teams

from as far away as Argentina, Sweden and Finland will be competing this year, as well as many of the highest-ranking teams in the world. Competition is fierce and the stakes are high. Teams compete to gain ranking points to attend playoffs and to ultimately compete for the title of world champions.

Teams include the repeat 2015 and 2016 Women's Flat Track Derby Association World Champions, Portland's Rose

City Rollers, along with six more of the top-10 women's teams including Victorian Roller Derby League, Angel City, Arch Rival Roller Derby, Denver Roller Derby and the Texas Rollergirls. Local Lane County Concussion and Emerald City Reservoir Dolls will be playing in the men's and junior divisions, respectively.

The 2016 Men's Roller Derby Association World Champions—the St. Louis Gatekeep-

ers—will also be competing, along with several other top-ranked men's teams including Portland's Bridgetown Menace and Puget Sound Outcast Roller Derby. The full line-up of teams is available on the Derby's website at <http://ecrg.com/big0/2017/teams>.

More than 4,000 skaters, fans, officials and volunteers from all over the country and beyond are expected to attend. The 2016 big O had 40 registered teams,

including nine of the top-ranked men's and women's teams in the world, as well as Team USA. The event had more than 4,000 participants in 2016. It was recognized by Eugene, Cascades & Coast Sports Commission's 2016 Sustainable Event of the Year.

Daily and weekend tickets are available for \$15-\$60 at Brown Paper Tickets. On Friday and Saturday nights, tickets are \$15 after 5 p.m., day passes

are \$25, and weekend passes are \$60.

The event will have a full house of local and national vendors, as well as local food and beer for the attendees. Volunteers are still needed. No experience is necessary and volunteers receive one-day entry for each three-hour shift worked. To volunteer, please email bigvolunteers@ecrg.com.