

Sports

PAC-12 MEN'S BASKETBALL

Ducks upset Arizona in Tucson

By John Marshall
AP Basketball Writer

TUCSON, Ariz. — Oregon could feel the tide shifting. Arizona had found an offensive rhythm, the fans inside McKale Center rising and roaring with each made shot. Unlike a week earlier, when they blew a seemingly insurmountable lead against UCLA, the Ducks turned back the charge and earned a win in one of college basketball's toughest environments. Call it a lesson learned. Dominant defensively early and poised down the stretch, Oregon played a sec-

ond straight solid all-around game since losing to the Bruins, holding off Arizona 59-54 Thursday night. Paul White scored 16 points and Victor Bailey Jr. added 13 for the Ducks, who blew an eight-point lead in the final 45 seconds against UCLA. "UCLA helped us, maybe getting punched in the face, guys knowing they need to step up," Bailey said. The once-fast Ducks have had to slow down in recent games due to a string of injuries, relying on their defense rather than outscoring

opponents. Oregon (11-6, 2-2 Pac-12) got Kenny Wooten back after missing four games with a broken jaw, though he played limited minutes and star freshman Bol Bol was on the bench in a walking boot. The Ducks still stuck to their shut-them-down game plan, hounding Arizona (13-5, 4-1) into one miss after another while building a 13-point lead midway through in the second half. The Wildcats found an offensive rhythm and pulled within 55-51 on Dylan Smith's 3-pointer with 1:24 left. Smith hit another 3 to get Arizona within 57-54 with four seconds left, but Payton Pritchard hit two free throws to seal it. Chase Jeter had 12 points

and 10 rebounds for Arizona, which shot 36 percent and went 6 for 22 from the 3-point arc. "You have to give their defense credit," Arizona coach Sean Miller said. The defensive shutdown continued to start the second half Arizona missed 11 of its first 12 shots and Oregon stretched the lead to 39-26. After more than 30 minutes of struggling, the Wildcats finally found a way to solve Oregon's defense, trimming the Ducks lead to 45-41 with eight minutes left. It didn't last. Arizona had a scoreless drought of more than three minutes and Oregon stretched the lead to nine, then held the Wildcats off down the stretch.

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Beavers' late rally falls short

By Jose M. Romero
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TEMPE, Ariz. — Arizona State's struggles at the free throw line helped Oregon State mount a late comeback. But when the Sun Devils needed two foul shots the most, Rob Edwards delivered. Edwards' 13 points included two clutch free throws with 12.1 seconds to play, and Arizona State held on to hand Oregon State its first Pac-12 loss of the season, 70-67 on Thursday night. The Sun Devils (12-5, 3-2 in Pac-12) have won

10 straight over the Beavers at Wells Fargo Arena. Zylan Cheatham had 10 points and 13 rebounds, and five Sun Devils scored in double figures to offset a pair of 21-point performances from Oregon State's Tres Tinkle and Ethan Thompson. Oregon State rallied from an 18-point second-half deficit to trail by one and almost took the lead. Cheatham slammed home a missed shot for a 68-64 lead, but Tinkle hit from distance again to make it a one-point game with 22 seconds left.

BAKER SWIMMING

Baker girls 3rd, boys 5th at Madras

MADRAS — The Baker girls swim team finished third in the team standings, and the boys fifth, at the Madras High White Buffalo Classic on Saturday. The Baker girls had 55 points, finishing behind second-place Pendleton (60) and La Grande (106). Baker's girls 200 medley relay team finished first. Team members are Brianna Stadler, Corrina Stadler, Caitlin Lien and Hollie Mays. The girls 400 freestyle relay finished fourth. Team members are Corrina and Brianna Stadler, Mays and Katie Huntington. Brianna Stadler won the 100 backstroke. She was second, and Corrina Stadler third, in the 200 individual medley, and Mays was fourth in the 50 freestyle. Corrina Stadler finished second and Lien third in the 100 butterfly. Justin Miller was third in the 100 freestyle and 100 backstroke.

7th-graders open with win

The Baker Middle School seventh-grade girls basketball team opened the season by beating Grant Union 47-7 on Tuesday at John Day. Ryann Paulsen led all scorers with 26 points.

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