

# Sports

## OREGON MEN'S BASKETBALL

### No. 14 Ducks rolls over Texas-Arlington

EUGENE (AP) — Payton Pritchard came to Oregon's rescue with some timely offense.

Pritchard scored 24 points and Texas Arlington could only respond with one missed shot after another in No. 14 Oregon's 67-47 victory over the cold-shooting Mavericks on Sunday night.

"Payton finished some shots," Oregon coach Dana Altman said about the senior guard who was 10 of 16 from the field. "He's got the ball in his hands so much, I think

he's got to set the tone. He took the ball to the basket and made some good plays."

UTA had no answer. The Mavericks (2-2) set a program record by shooting a woeful 23.4 percent from the field, making 15 of 64 shots overall and 6 of 30 from 3-point range, where their offense usually thrives.

"There were some empty offensive possessions and we can't beat Oregon only scoring 47 points," UTA coach Chris Ogden said. "There were some open shots that went

in and out and that we've got to knock down to beat these guys because they're so good."

Jordan Phillips led the Mavericks (2-2) with 14 points but made only four of 12 shots from the field. Rashad Davis and Jabari Narcis, the team's co-leading scorers entering the game, were a combined 1 of 10 from the field.

"We have guys who can really shoot the ball ... but that happens," Ogden said of the dismal shooting performance. "When you have those

stretches where you can't hit a shot we've got to have something else we can go to and get fouled."

The 23.4% shooting broke the school record of 23.5% in a 1999 game against Texas State.

Oregon scored 13 consecutive points midway through the first half to take a 29-16 lead and built that margin to 37-21 before the Mavericks scored the final seven points of the half to pull to 37-28.

"It kind of opened the door for them there," Altman said.

### Blazers rally late to top Spurs, 121-116

By Raul Dominguez  
Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — Tim Duncan was back in charge in San Antonio and the Spurs were flourishing under his leadership again.

Duncan was directing players on defensive assignments, encouraging them and providing needed leadership. But in the end, he couldn't provide the same late-game heroics from the bench that he did on the court.

CJ McCollum scored 32 points and the Portland Trail Blazers beat the Spurs 121-116 on Saturday night to spoil Duncan's first shot at coaching following Gregg Popovich's ejection.

Duncan took over just 13 games into his first season as an assistant coach. Popovich was asked if he considered having Becky Hammon take over to make history as the first woman to lead an NBA team.

"I'm not here to make history," Popovich said. LaMarcus Aldridge had 30 points and 13 rebounds but the Spurs lost their fifth straight and fell to 5-8.

Damian Lillard added 22 points and Hassan Whiteside had 21 points for Portland (5-8), which rallied from a 15-point deficit in the fourth quarter to snap a four-game skid in San Antonio.

"We've blown leads before, so we kind of know what to expect," McCollum said. "Once you do it, you've got to stay grounded, focus on the little stuff."

Before the game, Popovich said coaching could only go so far and it was up to each player to take responsibility for his own mistakes and performance during this losing streak. Popovich put that responsibility squarely on the Spurs when he was ejected early in the third quarter.

Popovich was ejected after walking onto the court to berate official Jason Goldenberg over a non-call. Popovich calmly walked off the court following his first ejection of the season.

Duncan, Hammon and Will Hardy coached by committee, but it was Duncan calling the plays and screaming out instruction.

"It was cool," Spurs guard Bryn Forbes said. "It didn't really feel like a huge difference. I think he did a good job. He took control. He helped lead us to a big lead."

San Antonio took a 111-104 lead with 4 minutes remaining but couldn't hold on.

## OREGON STATE MEN'S BASKETBALL

### Beavers cruise past Cowboys, 83-63

LARAMIE, Wyo. (AP) — Tres Tinkle scored 16 points to help Oregon State cruise to an 83-63 victory over Wyoming on Saturday night.

Tinkle was 5-of-11 shooting, made all six of his free

throws and grabbed nine rebounds. He surpassed Roberto Nelson (1,745) for fifth on the career scoring list. Kylor Kelley and Ethan Thompson added 13 points apiece for the Beavers (3-1). Gianni Hunt chipped in a

career-best 11 points, and Zach Reichle scored all 10 of his points in the second half.

Hunter Maldonado scored 18 points and A.J. Banks added 10 for Wyoming (1-3). The Cowboys made 18 of 20 free throws but shot just 5

of 24 from 3-point range.

Oregon State built a seven-point halftime lead.

The Cowboys stayed within single digits until Reichle hit a jumper with 14 minutes left, sparking a 17-6 surge.

## PAC-12 FOOTBALL

### Gordon leads Cougars past Stanford

By Nicholas K. Geranios  
Associated Press

PULLMAN, Wash. — Washington State quarterback Anthony Gordon threw for 520 yards and five touchdowns in a victory over Stanford, and coach Mike Leach was full of praise for the senior on Saturday.

"Right now he is probably playing quarterback better than anyone in the country," said Leach, who has coached many top quarterbacks. "He made play after play in that game that other quarterbacks can't do."

Washington State scored the final 24 points of the game in beating Stanford 49-22, to move within

one win of becoming bowl eligible. It was their first victory in almost a month.

"It was our most complete game of the season," Leach said.

Gordon completed 44 of 60 passes and was intercepted once. He now has 39 touchdown passes on the season, which leads the nation and is a team record.

"He's real accurate," Leach said of Gordon. "He throws for a great deal of yards. When pressured he can do something with the ball. He typically doesn't take many sacks."

"That's quite the compliment coming from coach Leach," Gordon said.

"But I haven't reached my ceiling yet," he said. "I can improve."

Easop Winston Jr. caught 11 passes for 107 yards and a pair of touchdowns for Washington State (5-5, 2-5 Pac-12), which has a four-game winning streak against the Cardinal. Max Borghi rushed for 111 yards and scored a pair of touchdowns.

Brandon Arconado caught nine passes for 148 yards for the Cougars.

"He's gotten better and better," Leach said. Davis Mills, starting in place of injured K.J. Costello, threw for a team record 494 yards for Stanford (4-6,

3-5). Mills completed 32 of 49 passes for three touchdowns and a pair of interceptions.

Connor Weddington caught seven passes for 109 yards and Michael Wilson had five catches for 114 yards.

Stanford played without Costello and All-Pac-12 defensive back Paulson Adebo, who were out with injuries.

## BULLDOGS

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Slifka's point after kick missed and Banks led 6-0 early.

Myer returned the ensuing kickoff to the Baker 45 but the Bulldogs couldn't take advantage of the field position, going 3 and out.

A strong punt by Long pushed Banks to its own 30, but the Braves quickly moved down the field.

Martial Stegemeier ran for 34 yards to the Baker 14, but there the Bulldog defense, a strength throughout the season, bowed their backs.

Banks lost a yard on its next three plays, but Slifka, the Braves' do-everything player, booted a 34-yard field goal to give Banks a 9-0 lead with 4:47 left in the first quarter.

On Baker's ensuing possession Gauge Bloomer ran twice for 12 yards to give the Bulldogs their first first down. But an interception by Jarred Evans ended the scoring threat.

Banks again moved into

the red zone, thanks in part to a 20-yard run by Stegemeier. But Baker's defense tightened again and on the first play of the second quarter Slifka kicked a 33-yard field goal to increase the Braves' lead to 12-0.

"Defensively we played well enough most of the game," Ramos said. "We gave up a few big plays but when they got down there we kind of stiffened up and made some plays."

Baker started its next possession on its own 46 thanks to another long return by Myer, and this time the Bulldogs made use of the short field.

Hammans ran for 13 yards, and Myer caught a first down pass from Shirtcliff to the Banks 20. On 3rd and 3 from the Banks 13 Hammans ran eight yards to set up first and goal.

On 3rd and goal from the 3, Hammans broke an ankle tackle and strode into the end zone. Mahonri Rushton's extra point cut Banks' lead to 12-7 with 5:13 left in the first half.

There the score remained, although it was a near thing.

Banks appeared to score a touchdown with less than 2 minutes left in the half, but an offensive pass interference penalty nullified the touchdown catch, and Baker sacked Shook on a 4th and 7 play in the final minute.

Ultimately, Ramos said, Baker couldn't string together enough positive offensive plays to maintain momentum.

"We didn't convert on a couple of short throws we needed to have, and we had some critical penalties," Ramos said. "We made too many mistakes, and you can't do that against a good team."

<b>Baker</b>	0	7	0	7	-	14
<b>Banks</b>	9	3	13	9	-	34

**Banks** — Slifka 41 pass from Shook (kick fails)  
**Banks** — Slifka 34 FG  
**Banks** — Slifka 33 FG  
**Baker** — Hammans 3 run (Rushton kick)  
**Banks** — Slifka 24 pass from Shook (conversion fails)  
**Banks** — Slifka pass from Shook (Slifka kick)  
**Banks** — Walker 9 pass from Shook (kick blocked)  
**Banks** — Slifka 22 FG  
**Baker** — Flanagan 8 pass from Shirtcliff (Rushton kick)

## DUCKS

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A senior, Herbert decided to stay at Oregon for his final year of eligibility. He is expected to be one of the top quarterbacks available in next year's NFL Draft.

Herbert's fourth-down pass was tipped and intercepted by Scottie Young Jr., who ran it to the Arizona 48, but the Wildcats were unable to capitalize on the turnover.

On the subsequent drive, Herbert's 33-yard scoring pass to Travis Dye gave Oregon its final margin.

"This is a learning experience for some guys, a bunch of guys that really hadn't played a lot in their careers. We have to stay together as a team," Sumlin said. "We've got some things we can clean up, too many penalties, things like that, some inexperienced plays. We didn't turn the ball over, which was maybe the

only positive thing, and the guys kept playing hard all the way until the end."

### UP NEXT

• Oregon: The Ducks play Arizona's other Pac-12 team, the Sun Devils, next Saturday in Tempe. ASU fell to Oregon State, 35-34, in Corvallis.

• Arizona: The Wildcats host No. 8 Utah next Saturday. The Utes defeated UCLA 49-3 earlier Saturday.



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