

Oregon upsets No. 3 UCLA for Altman's 700th win

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LOS ANGELES — Oregon had lost some close games before briefly getting shut down by COVID-19. The Ducks are finally turning a corner.

Jacob Young scored a season-high 23 points and Oregon edged No. 3 UCLA 84-81 in overtime Thursday night, Jan. 13, to give coach Dana Altman his 700th career victory.

Will Richardson added 12 points as one of three Ducks in foul trouble. Oregon (10-6, 3-2 Pac-12) won its fourth in a row. The Ducks swarmed the court and their loud celebration in the locker room echoed throughout a mostly empty Pauley Pavilion.

"We haven't fought adversity well throughout the year, but we sure showed a little growth tonight," said Altman, who is 700-359 in his 33rd season as a Division I coach. "Really proud of the way they fought back."

Johnny Juzang had 23 points and nine rebounds, and Jules Bernard added 13 points for the Bruins (10-2, 2-1). Their second loss of the season ended



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Oregon coach Dana Altman talks to his team as the Ducks take on the Oregon State Beavers on Monday, Jan. 10, 2022, at Gill Coliseum in Corvallis. Altman won his 700th game on Thursday, Jan. 13, when the Ducks upset UCLA in Los Angeles.

a five-game winning streak.

"You're either humbled and hungry like they were trying to pull off the so-called upset, or you're arrogant without cause because we've won nothing," an incensed Bruins coach Mick Cronin said.

The teams traded baskets early in overtime. Young scored to put Oregon ahead by two. Jaime Jaquez Jr. missed a pair of free throws that would have tied it. Young scored

again to give the Ducks an 83-79 lead.

Myles Johnson scored for UCLA before Richardson made one of two free throws for an 84-81 lead. Juzang's potential tying 3-pointer missed. Bernard got the rebound and put up a jumper that Da'Vion Harmon got his hand on as time expired.

"We've got talented guys, but we've got to come up with stops down the stretch and we

just didn't do that," Juzang said. "You can't have that many mistakes."

The Bruins forced overtime on Jaylen Clark's steal and baseline layup that tied it 73-all with 16 seconds left. Richardson missed a 3-pointer for the Ducks and Bernard missed a 3 for the Bruins in the closing seconds.

Both teams had a player foul out in the five-minute extra session. The Ducks lost Eric Williams Jr., who had 10 points and eight rebounds. The Bruins lost Cody Riley, who had 11 points after picking up two fouls in the game's first 30 seconds.

The Ducks made just one 3-pointer in the first half, then came out and hit four to start the second half. It was part of a 16-2 run that gave them a 46-37 lead.

Peyton Watson and Tyger Campbell bookended a 14-4 spurt with 3-pointers that gave the Bruins a 51-50 lead.

After blowing a nine-point lead early in the half, the Ducks maintained a six-point cushion most of the way until the Bru-

ins hit four straight free throws and Clark scored to force overtime.

UCLA pumped in fake crowd noise for the second straight game with only 119 relatives of coaches and players allowed in the arena because of surging COVID-19 cases.

"It didn't help," Cronin said of the empty seats, "but I don't believe in excuses."

The Ducks made just two baskets over the final 8:20 of the first half, when they trailed 35-30 at the break. UCLA had runs of 12-0 and 9-0 in the first half, when the Bruins led by nine.

Bic picture

Oregon: The victory was a huge lift for the Ducks, who were struggling with COVID-19 issues last week and had a game postponed. They came into LA riding the momentum of a two-point win over Oregon State in their rivalry game earlier this week. "The whole team's just coming along and it's just fun, exciting," Richardson said.

UCLA: The Bruins had nu-

merous chances to win but missed too many shots. Bernard was just 3 of 13, Campbell was 3 of 10 and Jaquez was 2 of 6 from the floor. Among the starters, Riley shot 5 of 6 but missed four of five free throws.

Beating the Bruins

Altman improved to 13-9 against UCLA and has won three in a row. The Ducks trail the all-time series 39-90. It was Altman's first visit to Pauley Pavilion since Cronin became UCLA coach in April 2019.

Bad practice

Cronin was still irritated by what he called "a horrible practice" a day earlier. He called it "our worst of the year."

"My job is to stop it and get their attention," he said. "Obviously, I failed miserably."

Up next

Oregon: Visits No. 5 Southern California on Saturday, Jan. 15, to close a three-game road stretch.

UCLA: Hosts Oregon State on Saturday, Jan. 15.

No. 5 USC rallies in 2nd half to beat Oregon St.

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LOS ANGELES — Andy Enfield admits his fifth-ranked Southern California squad is still rusty after a 16-day layoff due to a COVID-19 outbreak. But the Trojans need to make up quickly for lost time, especially during this stretch of three games in five days.

USC struggled early against Oregon State on Thursday night, Jan. 13, but was able to rally in the second half for an 81-71 victory.

"We haven't had a lot of practice time and I think that has hurt us, but there's no excuses. We have to figure this out quickly and our players have to get back to the flow we had," Enfield said.

USC (14-1, 4-1 Pac-12) was handed its first loss of the season Tuesday, Jan. 11, at Stanford and trailed by 10 during the second half against the

Beavers before coming back. USC didn't grab its first lead until midway through the second half and didn't get firm control of the game until the final three minutes.

On a night when Isaiah Mobley was held in check most of the way, Chevez Goodwin picked up the slack with 20 points and 12 rebounds. Drew Peterson added 15 points and Boogie Ellis scored 14 for the Trojans, who were playing their first home game since Dec. 15.

"We came together. They had the momentum but we found a way to pull it out at the end," said Goodwin, who posted his second double-double of the season. "It was a team effort. My thing was to bring energy as much as I can."

Mobley, who came into the game leading the Pac-12 in rebounds and fourth in scoring, finished with 11 points and seven boards.

"I'm not going to lie, I am running on fumes — but we have to grind it out. This is what we signed up for. It wasn't easy, but we got the win," he said.

Warith Alatishe's layup gave the Beavers a 71-70 advantage with 3:55 remaining before the Trojans scored the final 11 points. Mobley had five straight, including a pair of free throws after Alatishe's fifth foul with 3:41 left, to put the Trojans up for good.

Jarod Lucas led Oregon State (3-12, 1-4) with 27 points, including six 3-pointers. Alatishe had 15 points and eight rebounds.

The Beavers made 19 of their first 32 shots and had a 51-41 lead less than four minutes into the second half before they went cold and the Trojans rallied.

USC went on a 21-6 run over the next seven minutes, including nine points by Goodwin, to go up 65-59 on

Reese Dixon-Waters' 3-pointer with 9:10 remaining. The Beavers went 2 of 14 from the field during that stretch.

"They did exactly at halftime what we said they were going to do in the second half. USC got physical, threw us around, drove right at us and unfortunately we weren't able to stand toe-to-toe with them the last few minutes as we did over the course of the game," Oregon State coach Wayne Tinkle said.

Highlight reel

Lucas hit a 3-pointer to give the Beavers a 35-26 lead before the Trojans went on an 11-2 run to tie it. USC appeared to have momentum after Ellis' jumper from beyond the arc tied it at 37 with 1:23 remaining, but Lucas responded with a 3 to put Oregon State back on top.

Ellis tried to get the Trojans within one, but his driving layup was blocked by Alatishe.

Roman Silva was able to get the ball before it went out of bounds to give Oregon State possession before Alatishe made a layup to extend the lead to 42-37 at halftime.

Milestone

Peterson reached 1,000 collegiate points on a jumper early in the second half. The 6-foot-9 senior scored 516 points during two seasons at Rice before transferring to the Trojans before the 2020-21 season.

Getting technical

Officials were not letting any taunting or extra shoving in the paint go uncalled. Oregon State's Dashawn Davis and Alatishe as well as USC's Isaiah White were assessed technical fouls.

"What I have noticed is when there are no fans, there are more technical fouls called. The refs can hear what is being said," Mobley said. "They

did a good job of initially trying to stop it, but there was a lot of chirping going on."

Big picture

Oregon State: The Beavers are playing top-five teams in back-to-back games for the first time since 1971. Coincidentally, those teams were also USC and UCLA.


USC: The Trojans were back at the Galen Center but it didn't feel like much of a home-court advantage. Only families and guests of players and coaches are permitted to attend events until Jan. 21 due to COVID-19. USC is conducting classes remotely during the first two weeks of the spring semester.

Up next

Oregon State: Remains in Los Angeles to face No. 3 UCLA on Saturday, Jan. 15.

USC: Hosts Oregon on Saturday, Jan. 15.

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