

NCAA WOMEN'S: 1ST ROUND  No. 8 Oregon State 83, No. 9 Florida State 59

Goodman leads OSU to impressive win

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SAN ANTONIO — Aleah Goodman scored 24 points with five rebounds, five assists and zero turnovers, Taylor Jones added 18 points and eight boards, and No. 8-seed Oregon State beat ninth-seeded Florida State 83-59 on Sunday in the opening round of the women's NCAA Tournament.

Oregon State (12-7) advances to play the top seed in the Hemisfair Region, South Carolina, while Florida State (10-9) is exiting after the first round for the first time in its last 17 appearances.

Oregon State scored 20 of the first 26 points of the second quarter, including an 11-0 run, to take the first double-digit lead of the game after a 16-all first. Goodman scored seven of her 14 first-half points during the spurt.

Goodman also had four rebounds and three assists and Jones added 11 points with seven rebounds as Oregon State built a 41-27 lead.

The Beavers dominated the glass in the first half with a 26-16 advantage — including 23 defensive rebounds. Florida State's second-leading scorer, Morgan Jones, was held to two points on 1-of-6 shooting.

Oregon State opened a 20-point lead midway through the third quarter as Florida State made only one of its first six shots following halftime. Goodman only played four minutes in the fourth and Jones three.

Sasha Goforth added 14 points for Oregon State, which shot 55.2% from the floor. Goodman, averaging 16.1 points, was 8-of-12 shooting with three 3-pointers.

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Stephen Spillman/AP
Oregon State's Taylor Jones (44) blocks the shot of Florida State forward Valencia Myers (32) in San Marcos, Texas, on Sunday.

First Round

- No. 11 South Dakota Coyotes vs. No. 6 Oregon Ducks
- Monday, 7 p.m. (ESPN2)



Different expectations

Last year, the Ducks were odds-on favorites to not only make the Final Four for a second straight season, but to take home the program's first national title.

Instead, the tournament was canceled due to the spread of COVID-19. Last year's team had three first-round WNBA picks on the roster and a plethora of experience.

This year's team? Well, it has three players — Taylor Mikesell, Erin Boley and Lydia Giomi — who have NCAA tournament experience. And Mikesell's came with Maryland in 2019.

— Albany Democrat-Herald

NCAA MEN'S: 2ND ROUND  No. 12 Oregon State 80, No. 4 Oklahoma State 70

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Paul Sancya/AP
Oregon State guard Ethan Thompson (5) drives on Oklahoma State forward Matthew-Alexander Moncrieffe (12) during the second half of the second round of the NCAA tournament at Hinkle Fieldhouse in Indianapolis on Sunday. Thompson scored 26 points to lead the Beavers past the Cowboys, 80-70.

BY CLIFF BRUNT

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INDIANAPOLIS — Ethan Thompson scored 26 points and No. 12 seed Oregon State neutralized Oklahoma State and star freshman Cade Cunningham, rolling to an 80-70 upset in the second round of the NCAA Tournament on Sunday night.

Maurice Calloo, who transferred from Oklahoma State, scored 15 points and Jarod Lucas also had 15 for the Beavers, who advanced to play eighth-seeded Loyola Chicago in a Midwest Region Sweet 16 matchup that few could have predicted. Loyola overmatched No. 1 seed Illinois earlier Sunday.

Cunningham, a first-team All-American and possible top NBA draft pick, scored 24 points for Oklahoma State (21-9), but the

fourth-seeded Cowboys wasted possessions down the stretch by failing to get him the ball.

Avery Anderson scored 16 points and Keylan Boone added 13 for Oklahoma State in a game that was delayed for 20 minutes at the start by a power outage.

Oregon State (19-12) was picked to finish last in the Pac 12 and had to win the conference tournament just to make the NCAA field. The Beavers pulled that off, then rolled past No. 5 seed Tennessee in the first round. They became the third double-digit seed to reach this year's Sweet 16, joining 15 seed Oral Roberts and Syracuse, an 11.

Oregon State went ahead 26-15 after an early 22-6 run.

A 3-pointer by Lucas rolled out, then in to give the Beavers a 32-19 edge. Minutes later, Lucas drove took contact, drew a foul and

scored in close, energizing the Oregon State fans. His free throw pushed Oregon State's lead to 38-22. The Beavers led 44-30 at halftime.

Oklahoma State began pressuring late in the first half with some success, and it continued in the second half. Cunningham made two 3-pointers in the opening minutes — the second of which cut Oregon State's lead to 50-42.

The Cowboys got as close as two points on a basket by Cunningham before Oregon State responded and went up 11, leading the players to exhort their fans during an Oklahoma State timeout with about five minutes to play.

Oklahoma State made one last rally. Boone made a 3-pointer, then Cunningham stole the ball and made a 3 to trim Oregon State's lead to 70-67 with 3:39 remaining. Oregon State pulled away at the free-throw line.



Second Round

- No. 7 Oregon Ducks vs. No. 2 Iowa Hawkeyes
- Monday, 9:10 a.m. (CBS)

Oregon anxious after advancing without playing

The Oregon Ducks moved on in the West Region without the usual excitement that accompanies moving on.

Or with that momentum boost, either.

The Ducks earned a free pass to the second round after positive virus tests bounced VCU from the NCAA Tournament hours before Saturday's scheduled tip-off. Waiting for Oregon on Monday will be No. 2 seed Iowa, which is now tournament-tested after an 86-74 win over Grand Canyon.

Meanwhile, the seventh-seeded Ducks straddle a fine line between rested and rusty. By the time Oregon takes the floor, it will have been 10 days since the Ducks played in the Pac-12 Conference Tournament.

"I don't think there will be rust," Oregon guard Will Richardson said. "We've been practicing every day, going hard, treating every day like game day. I think there will be a little nerves for some of us. But we'll quickly get over that."

Oregon coach Dana Altman is hoping the Ducks can weather the first 10 minutes, just to settle in and get back "in the flow of things after a 10-day layoff," he said.

It certainly was a wild swing of emotions for the Ducks on Saturday. Altman said he was in the middle of a pregame meal when athletic director Rob Mullens summoned him out of the room.

VCU had multiple players test positive for COVID-19. The Rams received the news of the cancellation — officially declared a "no contest" — after they had finished their pregame meal.

For the Ducks, it was off to the court for a late-night practice session.

The intensity was low at first, but then quickly "picked up, realizing we've got a game on Monday," Altman explained. "It's not the way you want to advance. You want to go out and play and win games and get some momentum going."

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