

Saturday, January 18th
Oregon 38, Memphis 15

Polek's 27 points led to the dominant win for Oregon over Memphis.

Oregon started the game on fire as Thomas Polek and Derek Jelen combined to score 8 of their team's 9 points from a variety of ways, whether it be attacking the basket for layups or hitting jumpers. Tristan Fox (1 point, 5 rebounds, 1 steal) converted one of two free throws to stretch their lead. For Memphis, it was a pedestrian start to the quarter as the team couldn't find the scoreboard. Denhaese, Kyler, and Messer all corralled a rebound in the quarter for Memphis but that was about it as for the team as trailed 9-0 at the end of the first quarter.

Oregon got help from Chad Himmelback (2 points, 2 rebounds) as he was able to make a layup after a beautiful pass from Derek Jelen (8 points, 5 rebounds, 2 assists, 2 steals, 1 block). Polek also contributed with 3 points in the quarter to give the Ducks 15 at the end of the half. For the Tigers of Memphis, James Messer (8 points, 2 rebounds, 1 block) got 4 of his points in the second quarter to help get his team on the board while Aaron Quinn (3 points, 2 assists, 1 block, 1 steal) converted one of two free throws to give his team 5 points as the Tigers continued to trail the Ducks 15-5.

The third quarter belong to Thomas Polek as he broke the stat sheet by scoring 13 points in the quarter alone while adding 2 rebounds. Nathan Schaefer (1 rebound, 1 assist, 1 steal) and Connor Lembke (5 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 steal) assisted on two of Polek's baskets in the quarter. Blake Denhaese (4 points, 5 rebounds, 2 steals) got the offense going for the Tigers after a relentless take to the basket that resulted in a basket. James Messer and Aaron Quinn both added baskets of their own, however, Memphis still trailed Oregon by a score of 28-11.

The fourth quarter was more of the same for Polek as he was lights out shooting from anywhere on the court as he scored 6 points in the quarter. Jelen scored 4 of his own to put the game out of hand and extend the Oregon lead. For the Tigers, Denhaese and Messer continued to lead the charge scoring as the duo both made baskets to give the Tigers 15 points in the game. It was an all around team win as the Ducks went on to win their season opener against the Tigers by a score of 38-15.

In the win, Thomas Polek walked away with an impressive stat line: (27 points, 3 rebounds, 1 assist, 5 steals) as he dominated the game in every phase. It was truly a dominant performance.