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How and what to watch for Oregon State. vs No. 21 Oregon The Ducks are looking to gain ground on UCLA while Oregon State is trying to stay out of the basement in the PAC 12

On Saturday night the 7-5 Oregon State Beavers head to Eugene to take on their rival, the no. 21 Oregon Ducks, who currently sit at 9-2 on the year.

The Ducks are coming off of a pause in their schedule due to COVID-19 and they haven't taken the floor since January 9. But by all accounts, they should be good to go against the Beavers, and they'll be looking to build on their success in recent games, winning four of their last five. The UO offense is well-balanced, with four players averaging double figures each game. But they'll have injury questions as seniors Chris Duarte and LJ Figueroa aren't expected to play.

Duarte is third in the PAC-12 scoring just over 18 points per game, and the squad as a whole is scoring nearly 80 points per game and is currently ranked the 20th best team in the nation in KenPom's rankings, which is the highest of any team in the PAC-12.

Oregon State hasn't been as fortunate, coming in at 142 in KenPom, which is the lowest in the conference. They've lost two of their last four and in their most recent contest only scored 58 points against the USC Trojans. Where the Ducks have multiple offensive weapons, OSU only has two players averaging double figures, and their leading scorer scores less than Oregon's second-best offensive player. They're also allowing an average of nearly 70 points per game, but have given up as many as 98 just a week ago.

Game Time/TV Channel/Streaming

You can watch Oregon State vs. Oregon on Saturday, January 23rd at 10:30 p.m. ET on the Pac-12 Network, or you can stream it via these apps with a cable or streaming service login that gets the channel. If you don't have a cable login to access the app, you can get a free trial from YouTube TV, Hulu with Live TV, AT&T TV Now, FuboTV, or Sling TV to stream it.

Point Spread, Totals, Odds, Trends Point spread: Oregon -8.5 Point Total: 137 Money line: Oregon State +330, Oregon -435

Oregon State are 5-2 SU in their last seven games, and 5-6 ATS this season. Oregon is 6-5 ATS, and 4-2 against the number at home.

The Best Bet

With the injury issues for the Ducks today, it might be a good spot for a Beavers squad that's won two in a row, but has barely played on the road. Just too much number here to think they can't hang around.

Oregon men's basketball starters Chris Duarte, LJ Figueroa out vs. Oregon State due to COVID-19 protocols

Oregon will be without two starters, including leading scorer Chris Duarte, and will have just eight scholarship players available against Oregon State on Saturday.

The No. 21 Ducks (9-2, 4-1 Pac-12) will be without Duarte and starting small forward LJ Figueroa due to COVID-19 protocols, Oregon coach Dana Altman said Thursday.

Altman said Duarte (18.4 points, 4.6 rebounds) and Figueroa (10.1 points, 6.5 rebounds) are asymptomatic and disappointed to have to miss Saturday's game (7:30 p.m., Pac-12 Network).

"I told them players all over the country are going through this," Altman said. "It's something that I know it's hard to deal with in the present, but it's just one game and hopefully they'll be back next week."

Will Richardson, who has missed the whole season following surgery on his left thumb, is still recovering and won't play this weekend.

"I'm not sure how much longer that'll be, but we will not rush that," Altman said. "He does have the cast off; he is going through therapy but he is not ready to go."

Backup point guard Jalen Terry, who missed the previous four games due to virus protocols, will be back in the lineup and returned to practice earlier this week. His return ensures Oregon will have the minimum eight healthy scholarship players available to play, though the starting lineup is not set.