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## Oregon State's basketball season comes to tough end

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Oregon State won't be taking another College Basketball Invitational championship this year.

The Beavers met a decisive end to their season with a 96-78 loss to Boston University in the first round of the CBI on Wednesday evening at Gill Coliseum.

The Terriers (20-13) looked quite comfortable in Gill from the opening tip. They shot the 3. They drove through the OSU defense. They dunked. They overwhelmed the Beavers with athleticism and speed and took OSU (14-18) out of the game early.

"They played more aggressively," Jared Cunningham said. "They got a couple dunks and they were knocking down their shots and doing what they had to do."

Cunningham led OSU with 21 points.

The Beavers stayed close early and were within 19-17 when Cunningham drove for a basket. Then the Terriers kicked it into overdrive. They hit four 3-pointers, a three-point play and two dunks and took advantage of a slew of OSU turnovers to go on a 23-4 run for a 42-21 lead. Boston led 46-27 at the half.

The Beavers finished the first half 9 of 25 from the field and had 12 of their 18 turnovers.

The second half was more of the same. The Terriers tossed up 3 after 3, making 12 of 32 for the game. They were 38 of 67 from the field and OSU improved to 24 of 56 thanks largely to a late-game rally.

The lead ballooned to 28 at 85-57 before the Beavers put together that late run. The crowd of 2,913 had already thinned significantly by then.

At times the game was more reminiscent of the 51-point loss to Seattle University than a reflection of the improvement the Beavers had made since.

Robinson said the Beavers knew Boston shot a lot of 3-pointers, but was surprised with how many went in.

"When you can make shots like that, it's easy to get momentum going," Robinson said. "I thought that we didn't execute our game plan very well. We were very well aware of how good a shooting team this was and each time they shot it, it looked like we were a step slow."

OSU's 1-3-1 did not do enough to rattle the Terriers. The Beavers did force some turnovers but the Terriers too often found the open man for a 3-pointer or drove to the hoop and scored.

John Holland hit 11 of 16 shots, 4 of 9 3-pointers, for 26 points. Carlos Strong had 22 and Tyler Morris 18.

"That 1-3-1 I watched on tape and it's scary," Boston University coach Patrick Chambers said. "So we tried to take (Seth) Tarver out with our five man and we just wanted to get the ball up and actually we wanted to take quick shots. Get shots against it and try to go rebound the basketball."

It was the final game for Roeland Schaftenaar and Seth and Josh Tarver. Calvin Hampton left the team after Wednesday's practice.

"Calvin Hampton and I had a mutual agreement and he decided to end the season early," Robinson said.

Schaftenaar finished with 12 points and five rebounds. Seth Tarver had seven points but did not get a steal and left the game in the second half with a bad leg cramp and did not return.

Josh Tarver had four assists.

"I'm a little disappointed that I let them go out like this," Robinson said. "I was hoping they could go out with something a little bit better than this because I know how hard those guys have worked."

Boston U. 96, Oregon State 78

BOSTON U. (20-13) - O'Brien 4-8 2-2 11, Holland 11-16 0-0 26, Pelage 2-2 1-2 5, Strong 9-18 2-3 22, Morris 7-10 0-1 18, Schulze 0-0 0-0 0, Lowe 4-11 3-6 12, Sirutis 1-2 0-1 2, Agboola 0-0 0-0 0, Sullivan 0-0 0-0 0, Smith 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 38-67 8-15 96.

OREGON ST. (14-18) - Brandt 0-0 4-5 4, S.Tarver 3-10 0-0 7, Schaftenaar 4-6 4-6 12, Cunningham 7-11 5-7 21, Haynes 5-11 2-2 15, McShane 0-0 0-0 0, Richard 0-0 0-0 0, J.Tarver 0-1 0-2 0, Burton 0-2 2-2 2, Johnson 0-2 2-2 2, Deane 0-1 0-0 0, Wallace 5-12 3-3 15. Totals 24-56 22-29 78.

Halftime-Boston U. 46-27. 3-Point Goals-Boston U. 12-32 (Morris 4-4, Holland 4-9, Strong 2-8, O'Brien 1-3, Lowe 1-7, Sirutis 0-1), Oregon St. 8-23 (Haynes 3-8, Cunningham 2-3, Wallace 2-7, S.Tarver 1-2, Schaftenaar 0-1, Johnson 0-2). Fouled Out-None. Rebounds-Boston U. 33 (Pelage 10), Oregon St. 37 (Burton 7). Assists-Boston U. 22 (Lowe 9), Oregon St. 15 (J.Tarver 4). Total Fouls-Boston U. 22, Oregon St. 14. A-2,913.