

Beavers down Houston to advance in CBI

CORVALLIS, Ore. – Daniel Deane had 14 points and six rebounds to lead Oregon State to a 49-45 win against Houston in Wednesday's first round of the College Basketball Invitational tournament.

Omari Johnson added 11 points, all in the second half, for the Beavers (14-17), who collected the program's first postseason victory in 26 years.

Oregon State will host Vermont in the quarterfinals of the 16-team tournament Monday. Kelvin Lewis had 18 points and five rebounds for UH (21-12).

Johnson put the Beavers ahead for good at 40-38 with a follow dunk with 3:13 remaining, and hit a 3-pointer from the corner on Oregon State's next possession.

UH's Aubrey Coleman made a lay-in to close the deficit to 47-45 with 19 seconds left and the Cougars had a chance to win after Oregon State's Roeland Schaftenaar missed a one-and-one free throw opportunity. But Coleman missed a 3-pointer, and Oregon State's Calvin Haynes iced the game with two free throws.

It was an offensive struggle for both teams. Oregon State finished 17-of-44 from the field, while the Cougars shot 15-of-53 in their lowest scoring game of the season.

Both teams started slow, with Oregon State leading 3-2 after seven minutes.

UH used an 11-0 run, the first nine on 3-pointers, to go ahead 14-7. The Cougars led by only three at the half, 19-16, despite holding the Beavers without a field goal for an almost eight-minute stretch. Oregon State also got no points from its top two scorers, Haynes and Schaftenaar, in the opening 20 minutes.

The teams combined to shoot 24 percent in the first half