

Spikers lose, but have good time at nationals

AUSTIN, Tex. — Being thrown into the fire is having to face a national defending champion in your very first game of a national tournament.

And that is exactly what happened to Oregon's volleyball team as it was eliminated in the first round of the Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women (AIAW) national tournament that concluded here Saturday night.

The Ducks got up for their opening round game Thursday morning at 9 a.m. to find themselves facing UCLA, last year's champs, and went down in flames, 15-1, 15-3.

"It's a pretty tough task at that time in the morning," said Oregon coach Karla Rice. "We weren't quite ready for them. We did better in the second game and quit standing still, but their experience was overwhelming."

In what turned out to be a friendly California neighborhood championship, the Bruins lost 15-6, 14-16, 15-5 to Southern California, who won their first-ever national title.

The Ducks went on to win their second game in pool

play over Ohio State, 15-10, 10-15, 15-13, in their only win of the tourney. Rice's squad then dropped a 10-15, 15-13, 15-3 contest to Houston and was eliminated.

"Ohio State was a team similar in talent to us," remarked Rice. "That region hasn't been real strong in volleyball, but they've picked up from last year. It was a real tight game."

In competition Friday, Oregon lost to Alabama 15-10, 17-15 and dropped a three-set decision to Lamar, 15-7, 12-15, 15-6.

Overall, Rice thought her team played well in all but one game.

"Everybody did extremely well, although we didn't

come up with as good of a record as we wanted," said the coach. "Alabama was the only game that we didn't have a strong effort."

And the southern California dominance? In an area where volleyball is a mandatory activity on the beach, experience became the key.

"They have super exposure to volleyball down there," explained Rice, whose teams have qualified for a national berth every year since 1971. "Southern California has four members of its team who were members of the Adidas Junior team that finished first in (United States Volleyball Association) USVBA play. They (SC) weren't particularly tall, but they had a real quick offense."

Oregon will lose seven seniors from this season's team — Kimmie Gotchy, Elayne Logan, Robbyn Mintenko, Susan Ota, Peg Rees and Kathy Young.

And while they didn't take the title, the Ducks enjoyed the trip to the Lone Star State, nonetheless.

"People went out of their way to be hospitable down there," said Rice. "It rained a good 'ole Texas shower one of the days, but the sun was nice the rest of the time."



Hamilton shines in All-Around swim meet

Oregon's Steve Hamilton chalked up 360 points, 40 more than his nearest competitor, to win men's individual honors at the two-day Oregon All-Around swim meet over the weekend at Leighton Pool.

After winning two races Friday, the 500-meter freestyle and the 200 individual medley, the junior tanker continued to lead the field Saturday by finishing first in seven out of nine events.

The women's all-around title was won by Michelle Menkens, who came back after a slow start Friday to win four first-places and three second-places on Saturday.

In diving, Oregon's Sam Nixon took the men's one-meter event by piling up 290 points and finished second on the three-meter board. For the women, the Ducks' Lynne Wallack posted personal best scores to place second in both the one-meter and three-meter events.

A busy vacation in store for Oregon basketball

The 3-1 Oregon Ducks will have a busy non-league schedule in the next two weeks as they host four opponents, and travel to Portland for the Far West Classic on Dec. 27.

Oregon begins its home stand Tuesday night against Cal State-Fullerton, then plays Cal State-Los Angeles this Saturday. During vacation, Oregon will host defending West Coast Athletic Conference champion Pepperdine on Dec. 22, and Grambling the following evening. All games will be at McArthur Court at 8:05 p.m.

In the Far West Classic, Oregon will open against Bowling Green from the Mid-American Conference at 9 p.m. on the 27th. In the 7 p.m. opener, North Carolina will play Oral Roberts. On the next night, St. Louis meets Texas A & M at 7 p.m., and Oregon State plays Weber State at 9.

Student tickets for both the Classic and Oregon's home



Greg Ballard to compete in fourth Far West Classic.

games during Christmas vacation can be purchased at the AD ticket window next to McArthur Court starting today. For more information, contact the ticket office at 686-4461.

Borowiak wins Rainier

SEATTLE (AP) — Unseeded Jeff Borowiak disposed of hometown hero Tom Gorman 6-4, 7-6 Sunday in the finals and won the Rainier Seattle Tennis Classic without having lost a set against four opponents.

Borowiak, 27, of Berkeley, Calif., raced through Charles Pasarell, Marty Riessen, Rod Laver and Gorman during the tournament.

In the doubles final, Riessen and Gorman beat Pasarell and Ray Moore, 7-5, 7-6.

The singles championship was worth \$6,000 to the winner, while the doubles winners split \$2,000.

Gorman, 30, an All-American at Seattle University, had defeated Roy Emerson and Peter Fleming to reach the finals.

But Gorman had his own service to contend with as well as his opponent. Gorman had problems on first service, especially on crucial points, and also served six double faults in the one hour, 20 minute match.

Borowiak broke service in the first game in each set.

"I'm happiest with this win, although I played a better match against Laver," Borowiak said.

Gorman praised Borowiak.

"He made a lot of passing shots and served consistently," Gorman said. "I didn't get in my first serve. When you are losing, you are pressing. When winning you are more fluid."

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Swimming

WOMEN'S INDIVIDUAL ALL-AROUND — 1. Michelle Menkens, UO, 395. 2. Cindy Roush, PSU, 387. 3. Dawn Kuntz, WSU, 386. 4. Robin Wheeler, UO, and Laurie Grantham, WSU, 344. (tie) 5. Laura Baumhauer, L&C, 311. 6. Megan Riddle, UO, 305.

MEN'S INDIVIDUAL ALL-AROUND — 1. Steve Hamilton, UO, 360.2. Jay Evans, UO, 319. 3. Ron Wigham, UO, 305. 4. John Seton, UO, 298. 5. Paul Buvick, UO, 290. 6. Tom Gamble, 289. 7. Cal Wayman, UO, 287. 8. Wally Ruff, UO, 284. 9. Tom Jackson, L&C, 256. 10. Chris Ramey, UO, 230.

Diving

Women

ONE-METER — 1. Teri Leonard, WSU, 384.2. 2. Lynne Wallack, UO, 328.30. 3. Jan Green, PSU, 299.60. 4. Vicki Bringle, UO, 226.70.

THREE-METER — 1. Teri Leonard, WSU, 384.2. 2. Lynne Wallack, UO, 317.90. 3. Jan Green, PSU, 271.20. 4. Vicki Bringle, UO, 179.70.

Men

ONE-METER — 1. Sam Nixon, UO, 290. 2. Dave Carlson, unatt, 244.

THREE-METER — 1. Dave Carlson, unatt, 322. 2. Sam Nixon, UO, 301.30.

Pac-10 vote set

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A decision was to be announced Monday on whether the Pacific-8 Conference would expand by allowing Arizona and Arizona State to join California, Oregon and Washington athletic members.

"I'd say the indications have been much more positive than negative," league commissioner Wiles Hallock said Sunday.

If you're a betting man...

RENO, Nev. (AP) — The Michigan Wolverines are six-point favorites over Southern California in the Jan. 1 Rose Bowl matchup, according to the line posted Tuesday by Harrah's Reno Tahoe Racebook.

Other bowl game odds: Orange Bowl, Ohio State over Colorado by six; Sugar, Pittsburgh over Georgia by two; Cotton, Maryland and Houston even; Liberty, UCLA over Alabama by three; Fiesta, Oklahoma over Wyoming by 18; Gator, Notre Dame over Penn State by four; Peach, Kentucky over North Carolina by five; Astro-Bluebonnet, Nebraska over Texas Tech by two; Sun, Texas A&M over Florida by six.

Baltimore smashes Buffalo 58-20 to win close American East title

Simpson wins 4th rushing title with 1,503 yds.

BALTIMORE (AP) — Quarterback Bert Jones tossed three touchdown passes and the Baltimore defense set up 34 points on six turnovers as the Colts crushed the Buffalo Bills 58-20 and won their second consecutive National Football

League division title Sunday.

By winning the American Conference East with an 11-3 record, the Colts earned the dubious honor of opening the playoffs at home next Sunday against on-rushing Pittsburgh. The Steelers, seeking a third straight Super Bowl championship, have won their last nine in a row.

O.J. Simpson, who won his fourth NFL rushing title in five

seasons, gained 171 yards on 28 carries, including a 44-yard touchdown in the third quarter.

Simpson, who entered the game nine yards behind Walter Payton of the Chicago Bears, finished the season with 1,503 yards after gaining a whopping 647 in his last three games. Payton gained only 49 against Denver, finishing at 1,390.

The Bills wound up at 2-12 after losing their 10th straight.

NFL final standings

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
x-Balt	11	3	0	.786	417	246
p-N Eng	11	3	0	.786	376	236
Miami	6	8	0	.429	263	264
NY Jets	3	11	0	.214	169	383
Buff	2	12	0	.143	245	363
Central Division						
x-Pitts	10	4	0	.714	342	136
Cinci	10	4	0	.714	335	210
Cleve	9	5	0	.643	267	287
Hstn	5	9	0	.357	222	273
Western Division						
x-Oakld	13	1	0	.929	350	237
Den	9	5	0	.643	315	206
S Diego	6	8	0	.429	248	285
K. C.	5	9	0	.357	290	376

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Tpa Bay	0	14	0	.000	125	412
x-Dilas	11	3	0	.786	296	181
p-Wash	10	4	0	.714	291	217
S Louis	10	4	0	.714	309	267
Phila	4	10	0	.286	165	286
NY Gts	3	11	0	.214	170	250
Central Division						
x-Minn	11	2	1	.821	305	176
Chgo	7	7	0	.500	253	216
Dtr	6	8	0	.429	262	220
Gn Bay	5	9	0	.357	218	299

Western Division

x-LA	10	3	1	.750	351	190
S Fran	8	6	0	.571	270	190
N Orins	4	10	0	.286	253	346
Atlanta	4	10	0	.286	172	312
Stle	2	12	0	.143	229	429

x-clinched division title
p-clinched playoff spot

Saturday's Games

Minnesota 29, Miami 7
Pittsburgh 21, Houston 0
Los Angeles 20, Detroit 17

Sunday's Games

Cincinnati 42, New York Jets 3
St. Louis 17, New York Giants 14
Philadelphia 27, Seattle 10
New England 31, Tampa Bay 14
Green Bay 24, Atlanta 20
Baltimore 58, Buffalo 20
Denver 28, Chicago 14
Kansas City 39, Cleveland 14

San Francisco 27, New Orleans 7
Washington 27, Dallas 14
Oakland 24, San Diego 0

Regular Season Ends

Playoffs

Saturday, Dec. 18

NFC Divisional Playoff
Washington at Minnesota
AFC Divisional Playoff
New England at Oakland

Sunday, Dec. 19

AFC Divisional Playoff
Pittsburgh at Baltimore
NFC Divisional Playoff
Los Angeles at Dallas

Sunday, Dec. 26

AFC Championship Game
NFC Championship Game
Sunday, Jan. 9
Super Bowl XI