

Volleyball squad to host Cal, San Jose

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Notre Dame will not be the only nationally-ranked team in Eugene this weekend.

The Oregon women's volleyball team will take on 18th-ranked California on Friday night and 12th-ranked San Jose State Saturday night, and coach Chris Voelz is optimistic about her team's chances.

"I see no reason why we can't give Cal and San Jose a good show, play them tough and maybe even pull off an upset," Voelz said. "San Jose State and Cal are both beatable teams," she added.

This will be the first trip to Oregon for Cal and San Jose State. Both matches will begin at 7:30 p.m. at Mac Court.

Oregon is coming off a split last weekend in the Bay Area. With only seven players, the Ducks rebounded from a loss to Santa Clara to defeat San Francisco and up their record to 2-4 in the NorPac conference.

Cal comes to Eugene behind the lofty credentials of Syvie Monnet. The 6-0 junior was a 1981 AIAW All-American, and she is among the conference leaders in blocks, hitting percentage and kills per match. The Bears were listed 13th in last week's rankings, but they dropped to number 18 after losses to San Jose State and fourth-ranked



Photo by David Corey

Coach Chris Voelz will try to rally her forces this weekend when the Ducks host California and San Jose State in NorPac volleyball competition at Mac Court.

Stanford. California was second in the BYU Invitational, while Oregon finished eighth.

San Jose State, meanwhile, has made a complete turnaround from its 14-16 record of 1981. The Spartans are 12-5 this year, owning wins over ninth-ranked Texas, Cal, 15th-ranked Nebraska and Washington (twice).

However, Voelz has certainly not shown an attitude of backing down to the big guns from the Bay area. "I never think we can't beat anybody," she emphasized. "I always go

into a match thinking we can win."

Voelz was pleased with the Ducks' practices this week. "As a team, we've shown improvement. Our transitions have been quicker, and we've been playing through points better." In addition, Voelz feels her young team has made steady progress throughout the season. "The kids have shown good progress," she said, "and just because we've had a few setbacks, they shouldn't let it af-

fect them."

Oregon has another plus with the return of Shauna Koenig, who has missed 11 matches with a hand injury. Koenig practiced for the first time Thursday, and Voelz is unsure if she will start or not. Ronda Dalthorp and Barb Lutz, both suffering from sprained ankles, will miss this weekend's matches, although Voelz is hoping both can return for next week's matches against Washington State and Washington.

Timbers' sale fails

PORTLAND (AP) — Portland businessman James Horne withdrew his offer to purchase the Portland Timbers Thursday in a move that could signal the demise of the financially-troubled North American Soccer League franchise.

The team's owner, Louisiana-Pacific Corp., said it would proceed with dissolving the franchise effective Nov. 1. The remaining franchises in the league will get a chance to obtain Timbers' players in a dispersal draft next week.

Louisiana-Pacific Chairman and President Harry Merlo said Horne had agreed to purchase the Timbers for \$1 million on Aug. 30. Later, Horne asked for an extension while he reorganized his assets to meet North American Soccer League requirements.

Those requirements included a \$500,000 performance bond, a \$150,000 letter of credit and a net worth statement.

The extension was granted, but on Oct. 8 the NASL asked Horne to produce proof of his liquid assets, which reportedly were \$2 million. That, Horne said, was the turning point.

"Time ran out on us as far as various things being requested by the league," Horne said. "I was not able to meet the requirements by the league as they defined them on Oct. 8 in time to meet player requirements that had to be done."



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