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Cook both added their two cents worth as to why their defense is so much tougher than it was last year.

"The biggest difference is speed," Collins said. "Overall we are a lot quicker and I think we have a much better attitude than we had last year."

Cook, who was one of the main cogs in the defensive line that stopped the Ducks' running attack, said, "We really enjoy stuffing the run because that forces them to throw the ball and that allows us to be better prepared for their passing attack."

The Husky defense did give up 302 passing yards to Musgrave but picked off two passes to go with the fumble recovery, and ended up scoring 14 points off the three Duck turnovers.

The only other problem the Huskies had was how to defend on kickoffs. The Ducks ran back seven kickoffs for 158 yards, including Burwell's 42-yarder to open the third period.

Washington's kicking game is something that is bound to cause some restless nights for James.

"It's a real adventure when we go out there," James said. "I'm not sure it's ever going to get any better until our kickers get the ball down where they're capable of getting it."



Photo by Mark Ylen

Sean Burwell, behind the blocking of Greg Phillips (78) and David Collinsworth (75), scored on a nine-yard run to pull within 31-17 in the fourth quarter.

Volleyball team dominates Huskies, but falls to Cougars

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The Oregon volleyball team went from one extreme to the other during this weekend's Pacific-10 Conference matches against Washington and Washington State.

The Ducks opened the weekend by dominating Washington on their way to a 15-8, 15-11, 15-13 victory Friday night in Seattle, but closed it with a 15-6, 15-13, 15-5 loss to Washington State in Pullman Saturday night.

Oregon had one of its best nights in hitting efficiency against the Huskies. The Ducks amassed a .310 hitting percent-

Pac-10 Volleyball				
Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
UCLA	9	0	1.000	—
Stanford	8	1	.889	1
Oregon St.	6	3	.667	3
Oregon	5	4	.556	4
USC	4	5	.444	5
Arizona St.	3	5	.375	5½
Washington St.	3	6	.333	6
Arizona	2	7	.222	6½
California	2	7	.222	6½
Washington	2	7	.222	6½

age for the match, and four players hit .300 or better. Marcie Price recorded a .625 hitting percentage, while Julie Jeffery and Mindee Adams hit at a .500 clip, and Molly McGrath hit at a .444 percentage.

The Ducks had 43 digs to 31

for Washington, and held the Huskies to a .165 hitting percentage.

"I was really happy with the way we played," Oregon Coach Gerry Gregory said. "The team offense really came around and everyone did their job. Molly (McGrath) did a great job of moving the ball around to all of our hitters so Washington couldn't key on any one player. Mindee (Adams), Dawnn (Charroin) and Julie (Jeffery) had great nights hitting and were near perfect."

"We've never hit this well against a quality opponent," Gregory said. "We played some inspired defense and had some fan support from Duck fans

here for the football game and that really helped us."

The tables turned for the Ducks in Pullman, though, as the Cougars dominated in games one and three to easily win the match.

Washington State led by as many as 10 points in the first game (14-4), and cruised with a .297 hitting percentage for the game. The Ducks improved their defense in the second game only to come up short, and then the Cougars took control in the last game to win the match.

"We played poorly and looked real tired, but I also thought Washington State

played well," Gregory said. "We had a tough time blocking (the Cougars led 10-6 in that category) and we didn't play well defensively."

"There were a number of basic breakdowns in fundamentals and Washington State took advantage of them," he said. "We need to find some consistency in our play and we just haven't played well on the second night like we have in previous years."

Adams had 13 kills to lead the Ducks, and Charroin added 12. The Cougars out hit Oregon .276 to .220, had nine more kills, 49-40, and also led in digs, 49-28.

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