

## SPORTS

# Ducks come up short in final two matches

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Oregon's volleyball season ended this weekend with a pair of losses in visits to conference foes Stanford and California.

The third-ranked Cardinal made quick work of the Ducks Friday night by handing Oregon a 15-5, 15-7, 15-7 defeat. Held to a poor .082 hitting percentage, the Ducks lost to the Pacific-10 Conference runners-up for the second time this year.

The Cardinal, 24-3 overall and 16-2 in the Pac-10, was led by Bev Oden's 14 kills, blasting the Ducks with a blazing .619 hitting efficiency.

Ali Watkins led the Oregon attack with her six kills as the Ducks dropped its 11th Pac-10 match of the season.

"Stanford played awfully well tonight and caused us some problems," Coach Gerry Gregory said. "It's hard to feel good after such a lopsided match."

Meeting equal disappointment, the Ducks dropped a four-game match Saturday night at Pac-10 cellar-dweller California.

By ending Oregon's season, California left a bad taste in the Ducks' mouth with the 15-8, 15-12, 15-17, 15-11 win — only the third Pac-10 win for the

Pac-10 Volleyball				
Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
UCLA	18	0	1.000	—
Stanford	16	2	.889	2
Oregon St.	11	7	.611	7
USC	9	9	.500	9
Arizona	8	10	.444	10
Arizona St.	8	10	.444	10
<b>Oregon</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>.333</b>	<b>12</b>
Washington St.	6	12	.333	12
Washington	5	13	.278	13
California	3	15	.167	15

Golden Bears this season.

Mindee Adams led a balanced Oregon attack with 24 kills and 21 digs. Watkins pounded 20 kills for the Ducks, and Julie Jeffery cut through the Bears with 19 kills.

The Ducks started off game three by running up a 4-1 lead but had to hold through three ties before winning their only game of the weekend, 17-15.

"We fought hard and I can live with that," said Gregory. "I couldn't ask for more than that. They gave it their all."

Oregon's 6-12 Pac-10 mark leaves the Ducks seventh in the final conference standings. The Ducks finished at 15-14 overall.

The Ducks made the NCAA Tournament last season but lost three starters off that squad to graduation. With no seniors on this year's team, Oregon will likely be in a strong position to capture another NCAA bid next season and finish in the upper division of the Pac-10.

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