

Volleyball team loses third Pac-10 match

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The Oregon women's volleyball team continued to struggle in Pacific-10 Conference play as it dropped a tough four-game match to Arizona State Saturday 15-10, 4-15, 15-12, 16-14 to fall to 1-3 in conference play and 11-5 overall.

After losing the first game, the Ducks bounced back to win the second game in convincing fashion. In the third game, the two teams were deadlocked at 12-12 when the Sun Devils blasted three straight aces to take a 2-1 lead in the match.

The Ducks again fought back, taking a 13-9 lead in the fourth set, only to allow Arizona State to tie the game up at 13-13 and

Pac-10 Volleyball

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Stanford	5	0	1.000	—
USC	2	0	1.000	1 1/2
UCLA	2	0	1.000	1 1/2
Washington St.	2	1	.667	2
California	3	2	.600	2
Arizona St.	2	2	.500	2 1/2
Oregon St.	1	3	.250	3 1/2
Oregon	1	3	.250	3 1/2
Washington	0	3	.000	4
Arizona	0	4	.000	4 1/2

eventually emerge victorious 16-14.

Coming off a Thursday night victory over Arizona, the 19th-ranked Ducks played well against the Sun Devils despite the loss. They outhit Arizona State (.190-.130) and outblocked them 18-15. The Sun Devils also struggled from the service line, committing 23 service errors.

Mindy Gowell led the Arizona State attack with 23 kills and Debbie Penney contributed 16. The Ducks were led by Dawn Charroin with 16 kills and Stephanie Warren, who had 15.

Oregon middle blocker Marcie Price added 12 blocks on the night. Price returned to the lineup against Arizona after recovering from a broken finger.

Mindee Adams, the Duck captain and top middle blocker, missed both matches this weekend as she continues to nurse a stress fracture. She could be out for another two weeks.

Pac-10 play resumes for the Ducks next weekend as they return home to face Washington and Washington.

Duck runners win big

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The fourth-ranked Oregon men's cross country team had three of the top 10 finishers en route to capturing the team title this weekend at the 8,000-meter Montana West Classic in Missoula.

It was an important win for the Ducks, who triumphed over a talented field of teams including third-ranked Texas, 14th-ranked Washington State, and 17th-ranked Weber State.

Senior All-Americans Pat Haller and Colin Dalton led the way for Oregon, finishing third and sixth, respectively. Haller finished with a time of 24:46, and Dalton came in at 24:58.

Sophomore Andy Maris ran his second strong race in as many weeks, finishing ninth with a 25:00 time. The other scoring runners for the Ducks were junior Tye Van Schoiack (21st) and senior Shannon Lemora (24th).

The Ducks finished with 63 points, comfortably defeating

second-place Weber State with 82 and third-place Montana with 87. Texas and Washington State struggled, claiming fourth and fifth place, respectively.

Washington State runner Josephat Kapkory was one bright spot for the Cougars, taking the individual title with a time 24:29. He was followed by Montana's David Morris at 24:42.

Junior Tim Julian (25) and sophomore Coley Candaele (35) rounded out the Duck finishers at the meet.

The win was an impressive one for the Ducks in more ways than one: Not only did the win come against some of the top teams in the nation, but it was also the first meet of the season for some of the Duck runners.

Haller, Dalton, and Lemora all sat out the first meet of the season at last week's Emerald City Invitational to give Coach Bill Dellinger a chance to look at the rest of the squad. The result was a third-place finish at the meet.

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Oregon saw in the game.

"Obviously I'm disappointed," Brooks said, "I thought we had a very good opportunity (to win)."

"That was Trojan football," USC Coach Larry Smith said. "We said at the half we were going to play hard-nosed football. Our offensive line took charge in the second half."

Royster said Smith challenged the team to come out and play hard in the second half. "We were a lot more focused in the second half," Royster said, "We took the fans out of the game."

Royster, who finished the game with 136 yards on 29 carries, was Smith's main target in the halftime locker room.

"I told him I was gonna give it (the ball) to him and I wanted him to knock back some bodies," Smith said.

USC took their first lead on their opening possession of the second half. Royster rushed for 41 yards as the Trojans went 20

yards in nine plays, capped by Royster's five-yard touchdown run.

The Trojans dominated the line of scrimmage on the scoring drive, but a questionable roughing the passer penalty on Matt LaBounty gave USC the scoring opportunity.

On third down and five from the Oregon 10, Perry's pass fell incomplete. But LaBounty, who on replay appeared to hit Perry just as the pass was being released, was flagged, and Royster gave the Trojans the lead for good on the next play.

"It didn't look like it was roughing to me," Brooks said. "And instead of a field goal it was six points."

LaBounty agreed with his coach.

"I came in and saw his arm going back. I thought I hit him before it even started coming forward," he said.

The Trojans took their 16-6 lead on another Ford field goal, which came after USC had two touchdowns called back on holding penalties.

Royster rushed for 90 yards

on 15 carries in the third quarter.

Oregon's ball-control offense didn't attempt a pass until well into the first quarter, producing only 113 yards in the first half, but it seemed to be working well enough.

The Duck defense pushed USC back 13 yards on their first two offensive plays, and Oregon started its first drive on the Trojan 43.

The Ducks couldn't get a first down, but Gregg McCallum booted a 51-yard field goal, tying his career-best.

Oregon linebacker Ernest Jones nearly caught USC quarterback Reggie Perry in the end zone to start the second quarter, and the Ducks again had excellent field position at the USC 43.

But Moore, who gained only 38 yards on 13 carries in his second game replacing injured Sean Burwell, fumbled, and USC had the ball at Oregon's 22. The Trojans took advantage of the questionable fumble call by tying the game with a Cole Ford field goal.

Brooks said he thought the call was a bad one. "It appeared to be the ground that caused the fumble," he said.

O'Neil then took the Ducks 70 yards in 12 plays, including an 18-yard play to tight end Jeff Thomason. O'Neil completed six passes in a row at one point.

McCallum's 27-yard field goal gave Oregon a 6-3 lead after the drive stalled.

The Trojans then went 50 yards in eight plays, tying the score with another Ford field goal.

Ford's 57-yard attempt with 38 seconds left in the half was well short.

O'Neil's second straight less-than-sterling performance again opens up the quarterback ques-

tion, which appeared to be old news after the redshirt freshman's strong showings in the wins over Washington State and Texas Tech.

"I would say Danny O'Neil's still our quarterback," Brooks said. "We took the opportunity to look at some other people, and we will analyze the film, but right now it's Danny O'Neil's job."

O'Neil finished the game with 115 yards on 10 of 21 passing.

Oregon offensive coordinator Mike Bellotti said the quarterbacks will get a lot of attention at practice this week.

"The last two games have opened things up for close scrutiny," Bellotti said.

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