

# Volleyball drops pair

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The Oregon volleyball team has reason for hope after week-end matches against UCLA and USC. It also has two more losses.

The Ducks fell to a pair of teams ranked in the top 10 nationally, losing to No. 2 UCLA on Friday and to No. 6 USC Saturday. Despite being beaten soundly, the Ducks showed it are becoming a more competitive, more consistent team.

The 15-12, 15-6, 15-13 defeat by USC may have provided a boost to the Ducks' confidence. A night after being thumped 15-4, 15-7, 15-8 by the Bruins, Oregon rebounded and showed they could pose a challenge to one of the Pacific-10 Conference's better teams.

"The results were better. Our offense was more effective. I don't think we set the world on fire with our hitting stats, but it was better," Oregon coach Gerry Gregory said after the USC match.

The Trojans were not able to dominate their match with Oregon the way the Bruins had the night before. Gregory attributed the difference to improved play by Oregon and a weaker opponent.

Oregon's hitting percentage for the USC match was .231, compared to .344 for the Trojans. The Ducks were led by quick hitter Karissa Meith, whose 13 kills and .324 hitting percentage were game highs, and setter Kalie Kerr, who had 27 assists.

"Kerr came in and solidified our right-side block," Gregory said.

During the USC match, the Ducks appeared to gain confidence, avoiding the stretches of mistake-prone play that marred their loss to UCLA. Against the Bruins, inconsistency was the downfall of a hustling, determined Duck team that was unable to stop UCLA's potent offense, led by outside hitter Annett Buckner.



Karissa Meith tries for a kill against UCLA Friday.

Inconsistency has caused problems for an Oregon team that is young and is adjusting to a new offense, but Gregory said Oregon will continue to improve.

"It's hard to be consistent right now because our lineup has changed a lot just to meet the needs of what's going on out there," Gregory said. "I think consistency is something that feeds upon itself. The more consistent we are, the better it will be for everybody."

The Ducks' record dropped to 3-8 on the season and 0-3 in the Pac-10 after the USC match.

Despite a four-match losing streak, Gregory said the team's attitude remained positive.

"I think the team was feeling discouraged after the UCLA match," he said. "But the spirits are up right now, and they know that they're a good team that can compete, and their confidence is something that's on the upswing. I think they're ready to compete hard against the Arizona schools."

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\*\*INSTANT SCHEDULING  
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Volleyball, Thursday, October 14, 3:30pm, Gumwood Room - EMU

ONE DAY EVENTS	DIV	MIN # PLAYERS	ENTRY DEADLINE	START DATE	FEE
Jump Start					
Volleyball Jam	C	6	Sept. 30, 4pm	Sept. 30, 4pm	NC
Football Scramble	M-W-C	8	Oct. 1, 3pm	Oct. 3	NC
Volleyball Scramble	M-W-C	6	Oct. 13, 3pm	Oct. 15	NC
Cross Country Meet	M-W-C	ind./team(3)	Oct. 19, 3pm	Oct. 20, 4pm	NC
SPECIAL EVENTS					
Fall Tennis Classic	M-W-C	1-2	Oct. 12, 3pm	Oct. 15, 16, 17	I
Timex Fitness Week (See flyers for details of week's events)	M-W	1		Oct. 18-24	I
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