

# Henderson quietly leads Ducks

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If you go to an Oregon volleyball match, you will probably see Angee Henderson play, but you may not hear her.

Henderson said she's the type who's a "silent leader. I lead more by what I do rather than what I say. I'm not the loudest one on the floor."

The junior quick hitter can be quiet on the volleyball court, but she's not invisible. She has been among the national leaders this season in blocks per game. When Oregon recorded its first conference victory last weekend, Henderson posted a .563 hitting percentage and 10 kills.

Henderson's .227 hitting percentage for the season leads Oregon's starters.

"Her net game is outstanding," Oregon head coach Gerry Gregory said. "Her blocking and hitting are among the tops in the Pacific-10 Conference. She is soft-spoken. I know the coaching staff respects what she has to say. We'd probably like her to be a little more vocal."

Henderson's numbers aren't bad, considering that nagging injuries have limited her practice time and affected her conditioning.

"It's been really frustrating this year because I've never had to deal with injuries before," she said. "I've had a jammed finger here or a bruise there, but never anything that required special attention. This year, it's quad strains and knee things. I get one thing fixed and another thing goes. ... It's finally getting to the place where I can play and not be in pain."

Henderson said that since barely being able to play in the UCLA game a couple of weeks ago, a reduced practice schedule has helped give her time to heal.

However, she isn't 100 percent yet. Against Washington State, Henderson appeared to lead the Ducks in a new statistical category - total bandages.

"I had a knee brace, I had a leg wrap, I had a hip pad," Henderson said. "It was embarrassing, but I had to do it to play."

"This last weekend was the first week where I

could practice full ... and get everything back to the way it was before. It was a good weekend for me just to be healthy and play strong."

Gregory said that he has admired Henderson's work ethic, despite the nagging injuries.

"She's had to deal with a lot of injuries, but she's always worked hard and tried to play to the full extent of her ability," he said.

Hard work also has produced success for Henderson off the volleyball court. A biology major, she earned honorable mention on the Pacific-10 Conference All-Academic Team in 1992.

Henderson said she doesn't have a problem finding time for both volleyball and her studies.

"I think I'd be kind of bored stiff if I didn't have volleyball to go along with school," she said. "It keeps me really busy."

Henderson has raised her hitting percentage in each of her three seasons.

"A lot of it is just focusing on hitting the ball in the court," she said. "There's been a couple of matches where I just hit terribly, but the errors I make are a lot fewer than in years past, and I think that's just maturity."

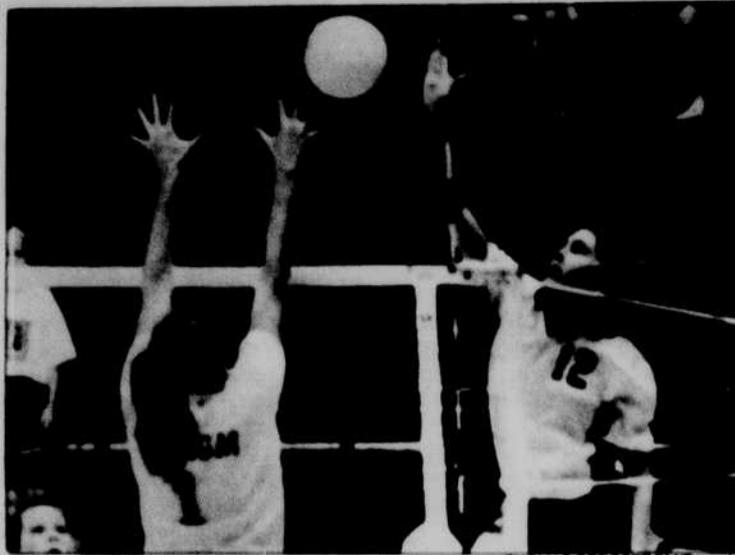
Henderson is hoping maturity and consistency can also help push a young Oregon team toward the top of the Pac-10 in the future.

"Everyone can play well; otherwise we wouldn't be here," she said. "At this point, it's just being able to play like we can every single match instead of playing well one night and then dropping down the next night."

"If we played as well as we played against Washington and against other teams, we'd be more competitive. It's just finding that consistency."

With one season of eligibility remaining, Henderson would like to see some of that consistency and competitiveness arrive before she leaves.

"I'd like to be able to make it to the playoffs before I'm gone," she said. "Just to finish somewhere besides the bottom. It's just a matter of getting everybody to go in the same direction in everything... and play the way we know we can every game."



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Oregon junior quick hitter Angee Henderson goes for a kill in the Ducks' loss to Georgia this year.

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# Duck golf tenth at OSU

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The Oregon men's golf team played its best tournament of the year, but finished 10th at the Nike Northwest Classic in Corvallis on Tuesday.

The Ducks shot 296 as a team Tuesday, slightly higher than their 288-294 rounds during the first two rounds on Monday. The Ducks were tied for ninth place entering Tuesday's final round.

Oregon shot its lowest three rounds of the year at the tournament, and its 878 team total was a 25 shots better than either of its previous tournaments. The ninth place finish was also a season best for the Ducks.

Oregon junior Ted Snavelly shot a 3-under-par 69 in the final round to tie teammate Andy Scheidt for lowest score on the Duck team at 218. Snavelly and Scheidt tied for 19th place, the best individual finishes by a Duck this year.

Senior Randy McCracken and sophomore Chris Bensele were next for the Ducks, shooting 221 apiece. McCracken was in 10th place after shooting rounds of 73 and 70 on Monday, but slipped to 78 Tuesday. Bensele also found more success Monday, when he shot 71-74, before firing 76 Wednesday. The 221 finishes were the best for McCracken and Bensele so far this year.

Freshman Joel Stock rounded up the Ducks lineup, shooting 234 in his first collegiate tournament.

The tournament also showed of some much-needed depth that the Ducks have lacked this year, as three Oregon players who entered the tournament as individuals played well.

Junior Paul Regali led all Oregon players with an even-par 216, including a 69 in the second round. Senior Jeremy Forster was at even-par after rounds of 73 and 71 Monday, but dropped after shooting 79 Tuesday. Senior Alex Nakajima finished at 223 after shooting 73-72 in the final two rounds.

Brigham Young won the team title at 8-under-par 856, two shots ahead of Fresno State. BYU and Fresno State were tied at 566 entering the final round, but the Cougars shot 290 on Tuesday to take the title.

BYU senior Eric Rustand shot 69 in Tuesday's final round to win the individual title by three shots over a trio of players at 210. Rustand has found Oregon golf courses to his liking, as he also won the Duck Invitational last year at Emerald Valley Golf Course.

The Ducks will be back in action next Monday when they play in the Robertson Holmes Intercollegiate in Stockton, Calif.

Meanwhile, the Oregon women's golf team is in fifth place after the second round of the Ihlanfeldt Invitational in Redmond, Wash., Tuesday. The Ducks shot 306 in round two, a one shot improvement on Monday's round, but they dropped one spot to fifth.

Karly Mills leads the Ducks at 151, putting her in 12th place, just ahead of teammates Cappy Mack and Shannon Hare, who are at 152 and 154, respectively. Senior Amy Elieff is in 23rd place at 157 followed by junior Leigh Casey at 157.

The final round of the tournament is today at Sahalee Country Club.

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