UCLA wins to stay atop of Pac-10

PULLMAN, Wash. (AP) — Just like last year, Wayne Cook was hurt as UCLA played Washington State. Rob Walker stepped in to make sure that was the only similarity with last year.

With Cook out last season due to an injury, UCLA was beaten 30-17 by Washington State. On Saturday, Walker stepped in to throw two touchdown passes to J.J. Stokes and pace the 12thranked Bruins to a 40-27 victory over the Cougars.

Cook, who had thrown for 14 touchdowns the last six games — all UCLA victories — was injured on the Bruins' first possession. When he complained of abdominal pain, he was taken to Pullman Memorial Hospital for observation and released with what doctors said was a bruised kidney.

Walker, a sophomore, was 14of-33 passes for 181 yards, with scoring throws to Stokes of 29 yards in the first quarter and 43 in the third period.

"It was tough for him to get in the game like that," UCLA coach Terry Donahue said. "He gets down there and the bench is yelling at him and me and the fans. But he came in, threw a touchdown pass and got us to a victory."

UCLA (7-2, 5-1 Pac-10) would claim the conference championship and Rose Bowl berth by beating Arizona State next week and Southern Cal on Nov. 20.

The Cougars (5-5, 3-4), 12th nationally in total defense, gave up 300 yards on a day when their hopes for a bowl bid were dashed.

Southern Cal 45, Stanford 20

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Johnnie Morton broke a Pac-10 receiving record and Rob Johnson established a pair of school passing marks Saturday as Southern Cal beat Stanford 45-20 to remain alive in the Rose Bowl race.

Morton caught four passes for 127 yards and two touchdowns from Johnson, giving him 71 receptions for 1,233 yards and 12 TDs this season.

On his first reception, a 30-yard scoring catch from Johnson in the first quarter. Morton surpassed the conference record of 1,124 receiving yards set by Washington State's Mike Levenseller in 1976.

Morton also broke school records for receptions and touchdown catches in a season. His second catch of the game was a 71-yarder for a TD in the second period. Morton also caught a twopoint conversion pass in the third quarter.

Johnson, who completed 22 of 35 passes for 349 yards and three touchdowns, has thrown 23 TD passes this season, two more than the previous USC record set by Rodney Peete in 1987.

Johnson raised his season total of completions to 231, surpassing the 223 completions Peete had in 1988.

The win kept the Trojans (6-4 overall, 5-1 in the Pac-10) tied for first place in the conference with two games left.

The Trojans led by seven points at halftime before blowing the game open in the third period when Deon Strother scored on runs of 1 and 38 yards and Johnson threw a 39-yard touchdown pass to Ken Grace to make it 45-17.

Arizona State 42, California 0

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — Arizona State quarterback Jake Plummer, making his fourth start for injured Grady Benton, gave the Sun Devils their third straight win by throwing four-yard scoring passes to Johnny Thomas and Parnell Charles and directing a big-play attack which generated 574 yards.

The game began as a defensive struggle and turned into a onesided track meet for Arizona State (5-4), which improved to 3-3 in the Pac-10.

Jon Baker kicked 50- and 22yard field goals to start scoring, while Thomas, Charles and Chris Hopkins capped it in the fourth quarter with scoring runs of 68,

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	PMC-10	OVERALL	
Arizona	5-1-0	8-1-0	at California
UCLA	5-1-0	7-2-0	Arizona St.
USC	5-1-0	6-4-0	at Washington
Washington	4-2-0	6-3-0	USC
Arizona State	3-3-0	5-4-0	at UCLA
Washington State	3-4-0	5-5-0	Bye
California	2-4-0	5-4-0	Arizona
Oregon	2-4-0	5-4-0	Stanford
Stanford	1-5-0	3-6-0	at Oregon
Oregon State	1-6-0	3-7-0	Bye

38 and 5 yards, respectively.

However, the whipping was the worst for Cal since Arizona State beat the Golden Bears 49-0 on Nov. 8, 1986, to clinch its only Rose Bowl berth.

Washington 28, Oregon St. 21

CORVALLIS (AP) — Washington scored three touchdowns in a three-and-a-half -minute stretch in the second half to come from behind and beat Oregon State 28-21 Saturday, its 16th victory over the Beavers in the last 17 tries.

Washington (6-3, 4-2 Pac-10) trailed 14-3 at halftime and 14-6 before the decisive surge.

J.J. Young rushed for 151 yards

and three touchdowns for the Beavers (3-7, 1-6), but only 27 yards in the second half. His 8yard touchdown run with 1:13 to play cut Washington's lead to 28-21, but the Huskies recovered the subsequent onside kick and held on for the victory.

Washington tied the game 14-14 on Napoleon Kaufman's 38yard touchdown run and Leon Neal's two-point conversion pass from Eric Bjornson with 1:28 left in the third quarter.

Seconds later, John Young of Oregon State fumbled after being hit by Steve Springstead. Beno Bryant scored on a 5-yard run to put the Huskies ahead 21-14 with 28 seconds to play in the third period.

Volleyball drops another pair in Washington

By Scott Simonson

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Another weekend, another pair of losses. A few bright spots and competitive performances.

It's all happened before for the Oregon volleyball team.

Oregon lost matches at Washington State and Washington this weekend. The Ducks extended their losing streak to nine matches and dropped their record to 1-12 in the Pacific-10 Conference and 4-17 for the season.

As it headed into the second half of the conference season, Oregon was optimistic that experience and improvement could help a young and inconsistent team to change its losing ways. The Ducks have continued to get better and play tougher. The matches have been closer in the second half; the end results have been the same.

Oregon's match with Washington, the only Pac-10 team Oregon has beaten this season, was one of the Ducks' closest matches of the year.

The Huskies won the first two games by scores of 18-16 and 15-9. The Ducks fought back and won the next two 15-11, 15-9 to force a decisive fifth game, which Washington won 15-12.

"Unfortunately, we came out flat. Washington did not necessarily play well, (early in the match) but they made the plays they needed to win," Oregon head coach Gerry Gregory said.

"It did take some courage for our team to come back and to take the third game, but in the fifth game, with rally scoring. you have to either play perfect or not get in too big of a hole," he said. "We didn't side out a couple of times when we needed to. ... We made too many mistakes."

Gregory praised the play of swing hitter Amy McNeel. "She did a really good job passing for us. She was definitely on her game."

Several others had big matches for the Ducks. Setter Anna Gomez had 66 assists, the most by an Oregon player in a match this season. Quick hitter Karissa Meith's 23 kills tied a team high for the season.

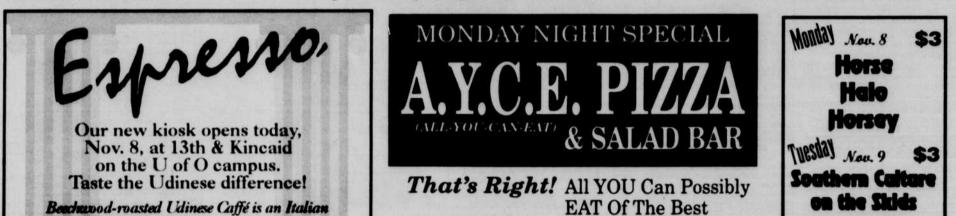
Oregon managed to scare Washington State, ranked 21st nationally before this weekend's play, before losing in four games on Friday. The score was 10-15, 15-7, 15-5, 15-9.

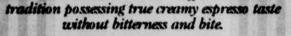
The match was played in front of 3,187

spectators, a massive crowd by college volleyball standards and one that Gregory said resulted in an "exciting college experience."

Gregory said Oregon was able to neutralize Becky Howlett, one of Washington State's stars. However, the Cougars received an unexpected boost from a huge match by freshman Sarah Silvernail, who didn't even play against Oregon in their first meeting. She recorded 23 kills and a .488 hitting percentage Friday night.

Oregon was led by quick hitter Angee Henderson, 14 kills; and Meith, 13 kills. Swing hitter LaReina Woods sprained an ankle early in the match and was not at full strength in either contest. Gregory praised Woods for her "gutsy performance" in playing the two matches.







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