

COLLEGE FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Washington St.	2-2	California	1-3	Penn State	3-1	Arkansas	4-1
Oregon St.	1-4	USC	4-0	Ohio State	5-0	Tennessee	4-1
Arizona St.	2-3	Oregon	3-1	Auburn	3-1	Florida St.	4-0
Stanford	3-0-1	Pacific	1-3	Mississippi St.	1-3	Miami-Fla.	1-3
Washington	3-1	UCLA	idle	Michigan	5-0	Florida	4-0
Notre Dame	3-2	Arizona	idle	Northwestern	3-1	LSU	3-1

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With a new team comes a new hairstyle for Dennis Rodman

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YEAR OF THE DUCK

Len Casanova and George Beres will be at the Oregon Bookstore on Saturday from 10 to 11 a.m. to sign copies of "Year Of The Duck 1995"

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Ducks still seeking first Pac-10 win

■ **VOLLEYBALL:** Oregon travels to Arizona to try to better its 0-5 conference record

By Andrea DeYoung
Sports Reporter

As the weather gets colder up here, the Ducks will be flying south to sunny Arizona this weekend. They face Arizona State tonight and Arizona tomorrow night.

Oregon enters tonight's game with a three-game losing streak after losing to UCLA and USC last weekend and Oregon State the previous weekend. The team is currently 0-5 in the Pacific-10 Conference and is looking to better its overall record of 6-8.

When the Ducks visit Arizona State tonight, they will try to win against a team that has beaten them in eight straight matches. The series dates back to 1986 and the Sun Devils hold the lead in the series of 13-5. Oregon has not won a game between these two since 1990.

Arizona State is ranked No. 14 in the nation by the American Volleyball Coaches' Association. The team is 2-3 in the Pac-10 and 8-3 overall.

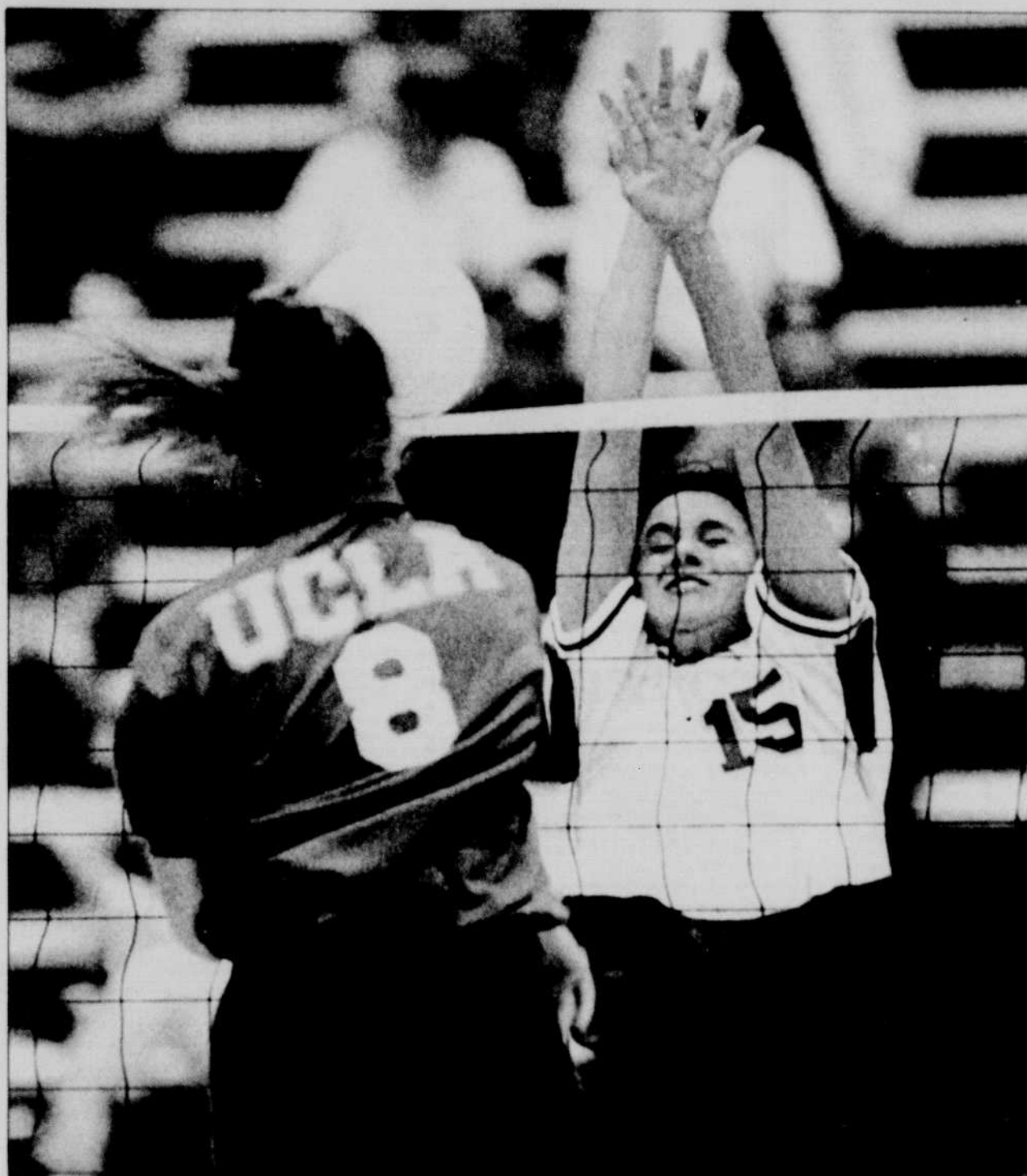
Leading the team in numbers is Christine Garner with 187 kills. At the net, Holly Sones has 37 blocks and Annette Monsen has 35. Leading in the assists is Jolynn Faatulu with 425.

On Saturday night, Oregon travels to Tucson to visit the Wildcats. Arizona is also ranked in the AVCA poll, right below Arizona State at No. 13. Like the Sun Devils, Arizona is 2-3 in the Pac-10. The Wildcats overall record is 10-3.

The Ducks and Wildcats have been playing each other since 1980. Arizona leads in the series 14-7. The team has won three of the last four matches against Oregon.

Arizona's Barb Bell leads the team with 222 kills and a 4.72 per game kill average. Laura Bartsch has 530 assists. The Wildcats have a powerful duo up front with Stephanie Venne and Laura Reckmeyer who have 54 and 49 blocks, respectively.

After two disappointing losses last weekend against UCLA and USC, the Ducks are still looking to toughen themselves mentally for the games they still have to play. Despite winning a game against both teams for the first time in years, head coach Cathy Nelson was concerned about the Ducks falling apart mentally, especially at the end of the USC game.



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Sophomore middle blocker Dani Cordova attempts to block one of UCLA's attacks last Friday night at Mac Court.

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Women's cross-country to compete in Boulder this weekend

■ **ALTITUDE:** The elevation will prove challenging at the University of Colorado this weekend

By Pete Schneider
Sports Reporter

After almost two weeks of solid training without competition, the Oregon women's cross country team appears ready to take on two huge challenges at the Rocky Mountain Shoot-out this weekend: the number two ranked Colorado Buffaloes and the menacing altitude of Boulder, CO.

The meet in Colorado will pit the 12th-ranked Ducks against Colorado, Idaho State and the two top division-two schools in

the country. Perhaps the biggest hurdle for Oregon this weekend will be the course at the University of Colorado, which is 5,387 feet above sea level.

"The altitude will be a distinct advantage for Colorado and everyone else at the meet," said Tom Heinonen, Oregon's head coach. "We're just going to go in there and respect — but not fear — the altitude."

The Ducks have two runners who are accustomed to high-altitude running, one of which is senior Melody Fairchild.

Fairchild, a native of Boulder, CO, is nursing a twisted knee that she reinjured last week when she stepped in a pothole during a workout. Since the

injury, Fairchild has only been able to do occasional jogging during team workouts. Heinonen still counts on Fairchild, recognized as the team's emotional leader, to compete on Saturday. The meet was scheduled, in part, to give Fairchild an opportunity to compete in the town that helped her become one of the highest-rated recruits in NCAA cross country history.

"She wants to do well in Boulder, certainly," said Heinonen. "There are people who remember her as a high school phenom five years ago. It's going to be hard for her to go back there, though, knowing that she's not as sharp as she wants to be."

The team will look for leader-

ship from their two All-American teammates to navigate through the thin mountain air in Colorado. Junior Jenna Carlson looks to build on her solid, second place finish in Seattle two weeks ago and senior Milena Glusac turned in a sound week of practice. Glusac, the two-time All-American, has not been able to get in gear this season, missing the Pier Park meet to attend to family matters and has been training sick as of late.

"We don't know [about her illness], but she has been fatigued ever since she started training," Heinonen said. "Her workouts this week did go a lot better than any of her previous workouts, but she's still not 100 percent."

The Ducks must not make

light of the rest of the competition. Two teams at the meet, Adam's University and Western (both located in Colorado) are rated No. 1 and No. 2 in NCAA Division II, respectively. The two teams must actually come down almost 2000 feet in elevation for the meet, putting Oregon at an even greater disadvantage.

"The results of the meet, whatever they are, will be greatly affected by where we are [at high altitude]," Heinonen said. "I think that how we respond to the challenge of handling an unfamiliar and difficult situation will be the best way to see how our team stands. It's right back to the real world next week at the Drenth meet in Eugene."