

COLLEGE FOOTBALL SCOREBOARD

Oregon (12)	52	Oklahoma (15)	24
California	30	Texas (16)	24
Washington (20)	38	Air Force	30
Stanford (23)	28	Navy	20
USC (5)	26	Florida St. (1)	72
Washington St.	14	Wake Forest	13
UCLA	17	Nebraska (2)	57
Arizona	10	Missouri	0
Arizona St.	29	Florida (3)	49
BYU	21	Auburn (13)	38



WEEKEND HIGHLIGHTS

Behind senior tailback Ricky Whittle's 161 rushing yards, the Oregon football team beat California 52-30 to move up to 12th in both of the major college football polls

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Oregon's Jenna Carlson placed second at Saturday's Jeff Drenth Memorial to lead the Ducks to a first-place team finish

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PAC-10 FOOTBALL

USC	4-0, 7-0
Washington	3-0, 5-2
Oregon	2-1, 5-1
Stanford	2-1, 4-1-1
Washington St.	2-1, 3-3
Arizona	1-2, 3-3
UCLA	1-2, 4-2
Arizona St.	1-3, 3-4
California	0-3, 1-5
Oregon St.	0-3, 1-5

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Ducks win first Pac-10 match of season, bury the Huskies

■ **VOLLEYBALL:** Oregon splits a pair of matches against Washington and Washington State

By Andrea DeYoung
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After a long, frustrating road, the Ducks finally pulled off a win against a Pacific-10 Conference team.

On Friday night, Washington visited McArthur Court ranked No. 23 in the nation by the USA Today/American Volleyball Coaches' Association poll, but Oregon wasn't going to let that intimidate them.

At one point in the first game, the Ducks were down 7-3, but they were able to come back to tie the score at seven on three Huskie hitting errors and a block by sophomore middle blocker Tia Stewart and freshman outside hitter Allison White.

For the next four points, the teams exchanged side-outs until Washington pulled ahead 14-11. The Ducks, though, were not ready to lose. They fought off eight game points and eventually scored five unanswered points to win game one.

The score stayed close throughout game two. The Huskies led Oregon 10-9 when White got the ball. The first three points came on kills by sophomore outside hitter Shelby Edwards. Two Washington hitting errors and a block by Stewart and Edwards brought the Ducks the game two victory.

Oregon looked hungry for the win after halftime. The Ducks jumped out to a 4-0 lead in game three and were ready to take the

match. Despite the Huskies coming within one point at 13-12, a Washington hitting error and serving error gave sophomore middle blocker Dani Cordova the ball. With the score 14-12 and the Mac Court crowd on their feet, Cordova served the ball and the Huskies just watched it land on the court, as Cordova's service ace was the match winner.

For the first time in about a month, the Ducks were able to celebrate a victory. There was an obvious sense of relief for the team as they hugged and shed a few happy tears.

Perhaps the most relieved was Cathy Nelson, who finally posted her first conference victory as Oregon's head coach.

"It felt great," Nelson said. "I think that we deserved to win and we played a great volleyball match."

Junior outside hitter and team captain Amy McNeel attributed much of the team's success to confidence.

"I think that we were more relaxed," McNeel said. "That was our main focus in practice all week was to just go out and have fun in the game, just relax. And we focused on that the whole time."

Edwards also felt that the team's mental attitude contributed to the win.

"We just decided to come out on top," Edwards said, "and not let the other team dictate what was going on out there. We said, 'Let's set the pace for this game' and we did and took it all the way through. And that's what did it for us."

McNeel and Edwards were the

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The women's volleyball team celebrates their first conference win of the season against Washington Friday night at McArthur Court.

Keska leads men to first place finish at Drenth Memorial

■ **MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY:** The Ducks' strong outing provides momentum for the Pac-10 Conference Championships Oct. 28

By Chris Stewart
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Junior Karl Keska placed first and sophomore Matt Davis finished third overall to lead the Oregon men's cross country team to a first-place finish at the Jeff Drenth Memorial at Alton Baker Park Saturday.

Oregon finished first with 31 points and Boise State second with 44. The next closest team was Baylor University with 118 points.

Keska, who finished with a time of 24:minutes, 10.8-seconds, and Davis (24:25.8) ran almost side by side for the first half

of the 8,000 meter race as non-collegiate Dan Nelson, running for New Balance, shot out to a large lead early. Keska and Davis were followed closely early in the race by the eventual fourth and fifth place finishers from Boise State, Jose Uribe (24:29.4) and Cormac Smith (24:34.6).

"Matt and I were working together really hard," Keska said. "We just kept working and working and chasing him [Nelson]."

A quarter of the way through the race, with Nelson in the lead and Keska, Davis, Uribe and Smith battling for position in the front pack, a swarm of Oregon runners — including juniors Rick Cantwell and Scott Nicholas, senior David Gurry and freshman Micah Davis — came flying through leading a second pack of runners.

"I look behind me and there's four Oregon Ducks behind me," Keska said. "That's encouraging."

Keska made his big move and caught

Nelson with about a mile left in the race and then took the lead and control. He went on to win the race with a comfortable five-second span between him and Nelson.

Davis tried a different approach and strategy in this meet than he had used in the Ducks' meet in Montana two weeks ago. Davis said that he felt he might have started off a little faster than he should have at Montana so he wanted to start a little slower at the Drenth meet and conserve his energy a bit more.

"I sat back in the pack on purpose," Davis said. "Karl made the first move and I just followed him, but I stayed in the second pack. I just sat behind him and relaxed."

Davis waited for the right moment to make his next move and put some distance between himself and the two runners on his heels.

"The Boise State guys took a deep breath and when I heard that I took off with Karl,"

Davis said.

The third-place finish isn't what Davis said he was striving for, but he did say that he was generally pleased with his race overall.

"It was a positive race for me because everything got faster," Davis said. "I felt like I got faster as the race went on."

Davis also finished comfortably, beating fourth-place Uribe by four seconds.

Coach Bill Dellinger said he was pleased with his team's effort despite some of the Oregon runners who were either slightly injured or sick.

"It was pretty good considering we had some guys with health problems," Dellinger said. "Karl continues to run very well, David Gurry and Micah Davis both ran well."

Dellinger said previously that this meet would give him and the Ducks a good idea

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