

COLLEGE FOOTBALL SCOREBOARD

Oregon (17)	24	Penn St. (21)	10
Washington (23)	22	Northwestern (5)	21
Arizona	14	Kansas St. (7)	49
Oregon St.	9	Oklahoma	10
Washington St.	11	Wisconsin	27
California	27	Purdue	38
USC (10)	31	Nebraska (1)	73
Stanford	30	Iowa St.	14
UCLA (24)	33	Ohio St. (2)	49
Arizona St.	37	Minnesota	21



WEEKEND HIGHLIGHTS

Junior Dougal Williams (left) was one of six members of the Oregon men's tennis team eliminated in the third round of the Rolex Norcal Invitational tournament Sunday in San Jose, Calif.

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After tying the Portland Junior Bucks on Saturday, the Oregon club sports hockey team pulled out a win on Sunday.

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NFL SCORES

Minnesota	27
Green Bay	24
Kansas City	24
Washington	3
Houston	37
Cleveland	10
Oakland	20
Cincinnati	17
Atlanta	34
Detroit	22

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Special teams come up big at Washington

■ **FOOTBALL:** Oregon holds on in northwest rivalry at Seattle, winning the game 24-22

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SEATTLE — Everybody knew that it would take something special for the Ducks to beat Washington at home. They were right. It was Oregon's special team unit that made the difference in the Ducks' 24-22 victory over the Huskies on Saturday.

A unit that has taken much criticism all year long as being "not good" or even "horrible," accounted for 16 of Oregon's points offensively while defensively taking away seven points from the Huskies' kicking game — blocking one extra point and two field-goal attempts. And besides the blocked kicks, the unit put enough on Washington place kicker John Wales to force him to miss his other two field goal attempts, including the possible game-winner.

The special team unit wasted no time getting the score going as kick returner Pat Johnson returned the opening kickoff 89 yards for a touchdown. After receiving the ball on Oregon's 10-yard line, Johnson sprinted into a wall of blockers and disappeared for a moment — seeming to signify the end of the play

— but then he exploded out of the pack, running toward the right sideline for a galloping score.

"I was anxious to try to make a big thing happen because I haven't hardly made any plays this year," Johnson said. "When I caught it, I kind of slipped and I think that made their coverage check up a little bit, and then I took it straight up the middle."

"When I got there, our wedge was closed off, but then one of their players grabbed me by the shoulder pads and pulled me, turning me to right, which was wide open."

With the score being 7-0 after only 15 seconds had elapsed, the Washington offense came out looking to post some points on the board. However, the Gang Green unit, with its emotional leader back on the field — defensive lineman Troy Bailey — held the Huskies to a three-and-out series.

On the ensuing Oregon possession, the offense consumed 5:35 off the clock on a 13-play, 80-yard drive which led to the first of three field-goals by place kicker Joshua Smith. The drive was highlighted by tailback Kevin Parker's 14 yards on three carries and flanker Christin McLemore's three receptions for

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Oregon inside linebacker Jeremy Asher and the rest of the defense were able to contain Huskies' quarterback Damon Huard much of the game in the Ducks 24-22 victory in Seattle.

Arizona, Arizona State send Ducks searching for offense

■ **VOLLEYBALL:** Oregon drops three straight games to Arizona State

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The Ducks continued their Pacific-10 Conference woes this weekend, losing to Arizona and Arizona State.

Oregon (8-17, 1-13 Pac-10) could not get much going Saturday night, as the Ducks dropped three straight games to Arizona State. The Sun Devils (8-6, 14-6 overall) were in control of the match throughout the first two games, winning 15-7 and 15-11, respectively. Oregon looked as if it had begun to solve Arizona State's potent offensive attack before faltering late in the match. The Sun Devils totally dominated the defenseless Ducks in the third game, 15-2.

"We pretty much fell apart in the third game," said Cathy Nelson, Oregon head coach. "We had a really hard time getting into any kind of offensive rhythm tonight. When you're playing that poorly, it's hard to play with much emotion and stay positive."

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Oregon had trouble passing, blocking, and hit at a dismal .061 clip for the match. In the decisive third game, the Ducks recorded nine attack errors while connecting on only five kills.

At one point, Arizona rattled off five straight points without a Duck side out. If it had not been for a hitting error by Sun Devil outside hitter Terri Cox and a block by Oregon outside hitter Amy McNeel, the Ducks would not have gotten on the scoreboard at all.

Arizona State's fearsome front line was just too much for Oregon in the match. Christine Gardner, Jennifer Snyder and Cox combined for 37 kills. The trio was particularly impressive in the Sun Devil's game three rout, racking up 15 kills to smother the Ducks.

One of the lone bright spots for Oregon in the match was the play of freshman Allison White. The 6-foot middle blocker lead the Ducks with seven kills and recorded two blocks. Sophomore Dani Cordova also had a decent night with six kills and a team

leading four blocks.

Nelson was not impressed with her team's performance against Arizona State. "We didn't play very good volleyball at all," she said. "Our biggest problem was our passing."

"When we play very poorly like we did tonight," the coach said, "our passing isn't crisp and we can't run our offense efficiently. Anytime we don't pass well, we're probably not going to win."

The Ducks got off to a good start Friday night against the Wildcats as they won the first game 15-13. But Oregon couldn't hold on as Arizona came back to win the next three games 15-4, 15-11, 15-6.

Oregon had to play the game without two key players as redshirt freshman middle blocker Madeline Ernst and sophomore middle blocker Tia Stewart were out with injuries. Ernst is out for the season with torn ligaments in her ankle and Stewart injured her knee in the match versus Portland on Oct. 31. She was out this weekend and may not play again this season.

The loss of these two players left the rest of the team the responsibility of stepping

up to compensate. Cordova had 17 kills and a .333 attack percentage. Although the Ducks' outside hitters and kill leaders McNeel and sophomore Shelby Edwards were held to five and four kills respectively, sophomore outside hitter Alison Pepe and White came on strong with 10 kills each.

Sophomore setter Casey Crisler had four of Oregon's seven service aces. Pepe and McNeel both had strong defensive nights as they collected 20 and 17 digs. Head coach Cathy Nelson was impressed with Pepe's efforts.

"I thought that she did just a great job tonight," Nelson said. "She's probably our most aggressive player. With Tia going down, it changes our line-up, and Ali has been doing a great job in practice and it carried over to tonight."

Pepe said she felt confident in her ability to step up and thought the team put out an overall good effort.

"We did some really good stuff," Pepe said. "We played a lot better than we have been playing. And we really fought that whole way through and never gave up."