

# Volleyball: Game plan leads to win

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Amy Barnes, Alli White, Madeline Ernst and Pepe, and blocks by Barnes, Stewart, White and Christ, the Ducks went up 14-10.

The final point came on a Beaver error as the server sent the ball into the net. The Ducks were awarded their 15th point and the match victory.

Oregon, which had been disappointed so many times in the past, could finally celebrate. Head coach Cathy Nelson said the victory couldn't have come at a better time.

"This marks the half point of our Pac-10 season," she said. "I think this was a match we knew going in that we needed to win. This is something to build on. We have a lot of matches left in our season, and this isn't the culminating activity of our season. We've got other matches that we want to go out and win, and if we play like we played tonight, we will win more matches."

The Ducks' game plan contributed to how well they played. A midseason lineup change was executed against the Beavers, and Nelson said it was a factor in the match's victorious outcome.

"When we changed our lineup, that made a big difference for [the team]," she said. "They wanted to know we were trying something different; they wanted to know we were trying to get the win. I think mentally it made as much of a difference as it did physically. That was the biggest thing."

Oregon rotated setters, making sure that there were always three

hitters up front. Instead of having two hitters and one setter up front for half of the game, the rotation gave the Ducks a better chance to block the Beavers and get more kills.

"We were actually thinking about this three weeks ago before the [NCAA] suspensions," Nelson said. "Obviously the suspensions made us put it on hold, but I think it worked out really well that we got to unveil it for Oregon State because it helped us with what they do well. They have a lot of outside sets, so we needed to defend that better with our block. With the new lineup, we always had Madeline [Ernst] or Michelle [Christ] on the right side, which we knew was going to be something that we needed to have."

The new lineup meant Crisler, who is usually the team's full-time setter, was on the bench more. This left the other half of the setting duties to Lindsay Mayer, who only played in six of the Ducks' 18 matches this season. Crisler said she had been preparing mentally for sitting out half the match.

"I had gone through it in my head all week," she said. "I was pretty ready for it. It's something that's going to happen, so there's nothing that I can do about it. When I'm out there, I want to play the best I can. And Lindsay's the same. I'm her biggest fan, and she's my biggest fan."

Stewart, who led both teams with 14 assisted blocks, said the mental part of the game won it for the Ducks.

"It was confidence," she said.

"Everybody believed in one goal, and we accomplished our goal. We wanted to win. Our whole attitude in the locker room was that we were going to win. And when you have that attitude, no matter how down you get, you bring it back up."

The Ducks put up impressive numbers all around. The team hit .276 for the match, something Nelson said she doesn't think she has seen in a conference game since she took over as head coach.

White led both teams with a .452 attack percentage, coming on 15 kills and only one error. She not only had a career-high for kills, but also had 12 assisted blocks — another career high.

Michelle Christ also had a career night in both blocks (13 assisted) and kills (12).

The unusually large crowd was not something the Ducks wanted to be distracted by, but after the win, both Nelson and the players said they were happy with the fans.

"I hope that [the crowd will] come back," Nelson said. "It was a fun match for them to watch, and they gave us a lot of energy and a lot of fire. We try not to rely on that, obviously, but it sure helps when we've got it."

"They were great," Crisler said. "That game point [in the fifth game] was awesome when I was standing back there serving, and everybody was on their feet. I was thinking 'Oh yeah baby, this is where I want to be.' It was a real rush."

# McTyre: Madden thanks Green for chance

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The second chance Green has given Madden is something you don't see everyday at this level, and Madden understands that.

"He told me if I wanted to be part of this team, he'd step away and let me figure it out during my redshirt year," Madden said. "I thank him for doing that because it helped me grow up a lot and learn a lot of things. Being away from basketball was probably the best thing for me because it let me concentrate on academics, and it just helped me look at the game and see what I would miss if I wasn't up here."

The year away was tough for Madden as he had to watch from

the sidelines.

"It was really hard to sit and watch these guys battle and not be able to be part of it," Madden said. "It was like sending everybody else off to the war field, but you sit at home and watch it on TV. It's something you don't want to happen."

As the year went on, Madden became more comfortable with his role on the team.

"At the beginning, I couldn't really sit where I was comfortable," Madden said. "But then I felt [later on] the best spot for me was on the bench being there with the guys and trying to help them keep their heads up and keep on playing hard."

Now with the 1996 season approaching, Madden is ready to redeem himself to his coach and teammates. However, at the same time he's not wanting to become a star; he just wants to contribute to the team in any way possible.

"I'm just looking forward to getting back on the court," Madden said. "Whether I start or come off the bench, it doesn't really concern me at this point. I'm just looking forward to winning a lot of games this year."

With that type of attitude, it's obvious Green's good faith has worked, and he should be applauded for it.

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# X-Country: Davis leads collegiate finishers

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myself the last couple days."

The apprehension didn't seem to bother Keska as he went right to the lead and surged away from Irish Olympian Cormac Finnerty through the final two miles.

Keska said he was impressed with the team results as well.

"The team is coming together so well," Keska said. "It's incredible. I'm so proud of those guys. They're stepping up. They know what we have to do to be a national contender."

Oregon's No. 2 through No. 5 runners performed well, finishing within 16 seconds of each other. Daniel Das Neves led the charge and flew through the last mile to grab seventh place in 24:43. Sophomores Nick Rogers (24:44) and Oliver Wirz (24:51), finished in ninth and 11th place, while junior Greg James (24:59) had his best race of the season to finish 15th.

"It felt good to feel like I finally had a breakthrough race," James said. "I've been training all summer, feeling really fit. The races hadn't been coming together, and today it finally did."

The 18th-ranked Oregon women ran well, but were nipped by the No. 15 Washington Huskies 40-47 in the team competition.

Sophomore Marie Davis led the Ducks again this week, finishing third overall, but was the first collegiate competitor across the line in a time of 17:44.

"Marie went to the front for the first time against a pretty good field and went for the win," head coach Tom Heinonen said.

Finishing closely behind Davis were sophomore Heather McMahon (17:50) and junior Kaarin Knudsen (17:57) in fourth and seventh place.

"Heather and Kaarin were as strong as ever, having good solid races and finishing strongly," Heinonen said.

Completing the scoring for the Ducks were freshman Robyn Sutherland (18:53) and senior Vickie Fleschner (18:55) in 32nd and 34th. Oregon had five other runners all finish between 37th and 89th.

Oregon has another two-week layoff to prepare for the Pacific-10 Conference Championships Nov. 2 in Palo Alto, Calif.

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