

Moises Alou's three-run homer aids in Marlin victory

The Marlin win was Hershiser's third career postseason loss

By Ken Berger
 The Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Orel Hershiser was enjoying the moment. He knew deep down in that Bulldog of a body that it might be his last stand, the last time he twirled a ball in his hand in the World Series.

But the game came apart for the 39-year-old Hershiser with one swing by Moises Alou, who hit a three-run homer in the Florida Marlins' 8-7 victory over the Cleveland Indians Thursday night. The victory gave the Marlins a 3-2 lead in the Series going back to Miami.

Now Hershiser, one of the best postsea-

son pitchers in history with an 8-3 record, has suffered two losses in the same World Series. And his team is in big trouble. The Pittsburgh Pirates in 1979 were the last club to go on the road trailing 3-2 and win the Series.

Though only the third postseason loss of Hershiser's career, it was the second this October. Of his five postseason starts this fall, only two have been good.

He allowed six runs and nine hits in 5 2-3 innings, walking two and striking out three. The man who so brilliantly won two games in the 1988 World Series for the Dodgers had these numbers in this postsea-

son: 0-2, 5.72 ERA.

"He was pitching well into the sixth inning and there was no reason to believe that he was going to hit the wall," Indians manager Mike Hargrove said. "He gave no indication."

The Indians gave Hershiser a 4-2 lead in one of the biggest baseball games this city has seen in half a century. There was a time when Hershiser with a lead in October meant the game was over. And Hershiser made it look that way again — for three innings, that was all.

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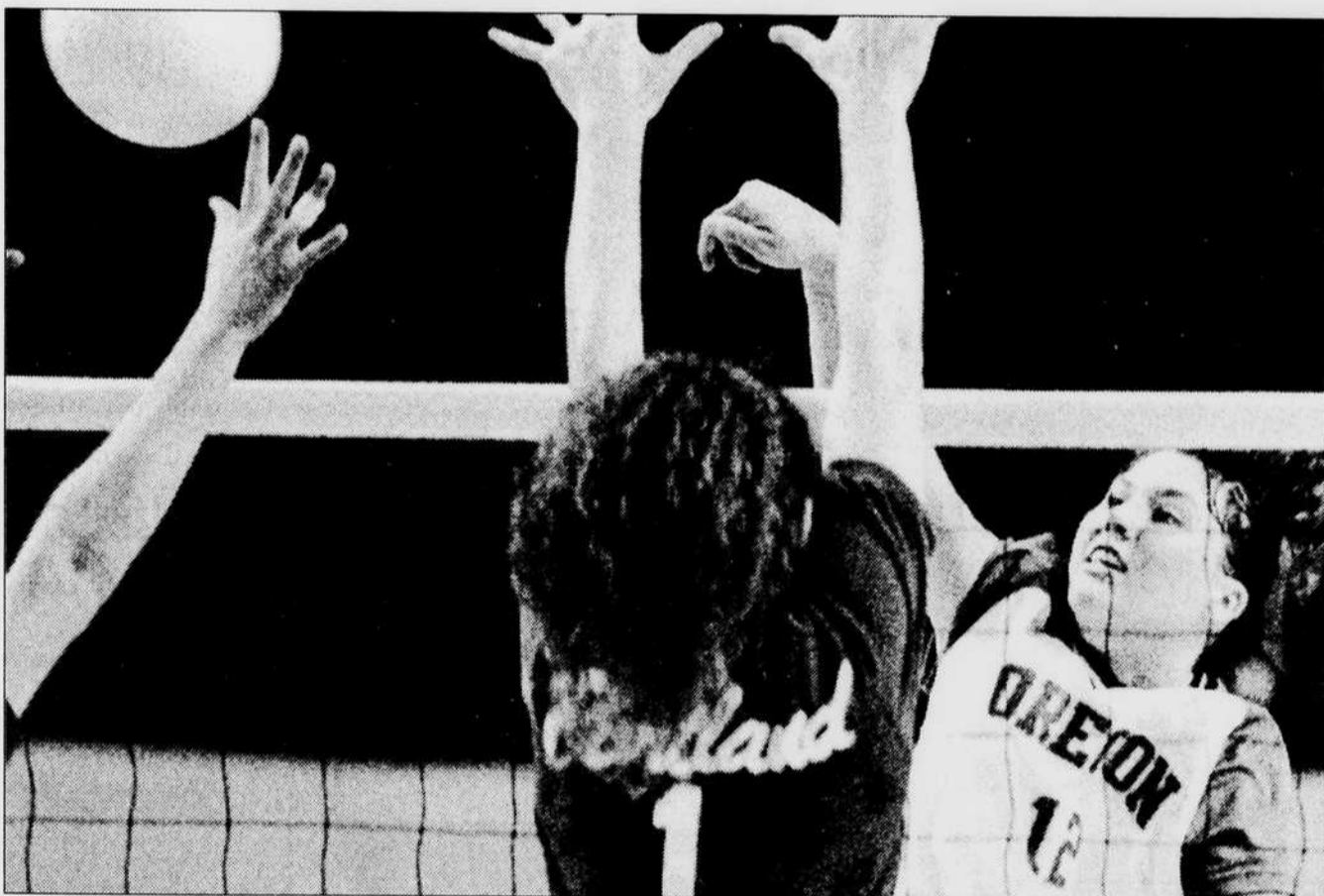
Game 6

Who: Cleveland at Florida

When: 4:30 p.m. Saturday

TV: NBC (6)

Ducks look past Stanford, focus on Cal



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Junior Alli White slams a kill through a Portland block in Oregon's sweep of the Pilots Tuesday. White will be a key member of the Ducks' defensive effort against Stanford and California this weekend.

Oregon will host the Cardinal Friday and the Golden Bears Saturday, but the team's focus is on Cal, Cathy Nelson says

By Rob Moseley
 Sports Reporter

It's common in sports for a team to look forward to a game two dates off and then be surprised by a lesser team in the process.

"Never look past your next opponent," the saying goes.

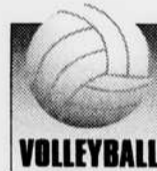
But looking past its next opponent might be a good strategy for the Oregon volleyball team (8-13 overall, 0-9 Pacific-10 Conference) this week as they welcome No. 4 Stanford and California to McArthur Court Friday and Saturday.

Considering the Cardinal is the defending national champion, the Ducks will gauge their success Friday not on the final scores, but on how they perform.

"We took a game from Stanford last year, and anything can happen," Oregon head coach Cathy Nelson said. "But this week is really about preparing for Cal."

Stanford (18-2, 9-0) enters Friday's match riding the wave of a 13-match

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Oregon hits the road looking for two wins

Head coach Bill Steffen believes the Ducks can win both of their games this weekend if they can find the rhythm and stick with it the for entire game

By Alex Pond
 Sports Reporter

Playing at home didn't do the trick, so the Ducks will head back out on the road this weekend in hopes of snapping a 10-game winless streak.

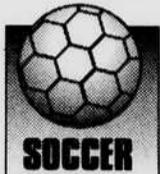
UCLA and Southern California dealt the Oregon women's soccer team a pair of home losses last weekend to keep the Ducks winless in the Pacific-10 Conference. The games were Oregon's first at home following 10 straight road games.

Now, it's on the road again, starting today at Arizona and closing Sunday at Arizona State.

The Ducks (3-11-1 overall, 0-4 Pac-10) have not won since Sept. 14 and have just a 1-1 tie against Weber State on Oct. 5 to break up the losses.

Oregon head coach Bill Steffen was

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Bulls sign Rodman to one-year deal

Dennis Rodman agrees to the terms of a one-year deal that will pay him a reported \$4.5 million plus incentives

By Mike Nadel
 The Associated Press

DEERFIELD, Ill. — Dennis Rodman made it official today: He'll return to the Chicago Bulls.

Rodman, who led the NBA in rebounding the past six seasons, signed a one-year contract, the Bulls said. He had considered retiring from the team that won the last two NBA championships.

"The big thing is that Dennis has got to want to have to play," Bulls coach Phil Jackson said. "He's going to have to feel that this is his business and it's what he wants to do more than anything else, for us to be successful."

Rodman was at the Bulls' practice center when the announcement was made, but a team spokesman said the player

would not comment.

Known as much for his outbursts, dyed hair, tattoos, body piercings and erratic behavior as for his rebounding, Rodman reportedly was offered a contract worth \$4.5 million plus incentives.

Rodman initially said he was dissatisfied with the one-year contract he had agreed upon but that he didn't sign two weeks ago. But Jackson and Rodman's agent, Dwight Manley, said the 36-year-old forward simply was trying to decide if he wanted to return or retire.

Jackson told management during the offseason that the Bulls needed to keep either Rodman or Brian Williams, another power forward from last year's championship team. Williams signed with Detroit, so "we had to have Dennis," Jackson said Wednesday.

"We need Dennis' fire. We need that player who can instill some fear," the coach said. "We need the desire, intensi-

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