

# Volleyball

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Ducks faced perhaps one of their toughest challenges — No. 8 USC. Oregon came in a bit shell-shocked after the UCLA match, Nelson said, and USC took advantage downing the Ducks 15-2, 15-6, 15-7.

Despite 15 kills by Ernst and a team attack percentage of .206, the unseasoned Oregon team could not compete with the high caliber play of USC, which finished with a .431 attack percentage. Seven of USC's eight players finished the match .300 or better.

"I think battling inexperience is part of it," Nelson said. "At one point in this match I looked out there, and the only person on the floor that had played last year was Madeline. We have some interesting line-ups out there with a lot of people who haven't played at this

level."

While Oregon gets steady output from players like Ernst and White, Nelson said the Ducks need to come together as a whole to accomplish the goals they have set. They now have experience playing a top team away from Mac Court and realize the caliber of ball that has to be played every day.

"We did not practice well last week, and that carried over to

how we played," Nelson said. "We need to make sure that every day we come out and play great and not just on game day."

Ernst's 15 kills against the Trojans brought her kill total to 1,018, making her the sixth player in school history to record 1,000 or more kills.

Ernst and the Ducks host Arizona State at McArthur Court on Oct. 2.



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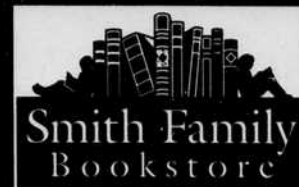
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