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# Volleyball

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Arizona State returns 10 players but loses two senior starters, outside hitter Terri Cox and middleblocker Kristin Mattson. Cox and Mattson combined for 673 kills and 545 digs last year along with 35 block solos and 141 block assists. Sophomore outside hitter Amanda Burbridge takes over Cox's spot and is expected to be a force for the Sun Devil's on the left side.

"Arizona State has two young left sides that get the ball a lot and really pound it," Oregon head coach Cathy Nelson said. "We're going to have to defend the left side attackers. I think if we can do that, we'll be successful.'

Tonight's matchup will be featured live on the Fox Sport Network as the Pac-10 game of the week. Both coaches downplay the broadcast, choosing instead to focus on the task at hand.

"Once the whistle blows, it's the volleyball and the court," Snyder-Park said. "We need to not worry about the camera or the crowd and just play.

But for a freshman like Gerlach, it is both motivational and inspiring. "That really pumps me up and I know it does the other girls too," Gerlach said. "When we have a big

crowd and know that people are watching it helps the intensity.

On Sunday the Ducks host No. 19 Arizona, a team that lost six players but has managed to post an 11-1 overall record, 3-1 conference record. It began the 1998 season with a 10-game win streak before

## Soccer

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Diego in the Outrigger Shootout in Hawaii on Sept. 19. The break allowed Steffen to put Oregon through something akin to a second fall training camp.

"We've practiced hard the last two weeks and done lots of running," said forward Erin Anderson, who has assisted on three of the Ducks' nine goals. "Physically, we'll be prepared. Mentally, I think it helped to have a week off to recover from Hawaii.'

After scoring just one goal during the two-game Hawaii trip, in a 2-1 loss to Hawaii, Oregon will be looking for Baysa, Anderson, freshman Beth Bowler and sophomore T.J. Johnson to produce up front

Goalkeeper Amanda Fox, who is second in the Pacific-10 Conference with 45 saves, said she was not pleased with her performance in Hawaii.

"I'm definitely going to play better," Fox said. "In my mind, I need to prove again that I can play for [the team] and that I can support them.

She added, "I plan on coming out of this weekend with two wins and getting back up in the win column."

In order to attain Fox's goal, the Ducks will need to keep San Francisco (1-7) in its losing funk today.

But just because the Dons are way below .500 does not mean they should be taken lightly, according to Steffen.

"Their record isn't what they would like it to be right now, but they've played Stanford, North Carolina, Duke ... just a tremen-dous schedule," Steffen said. "They are a good team, and they're probably very poised to break out. We've got to stay focused and realize that we've got to play our best soccer if we want to come away successful.'

Senior forward Kishandee Green is San Francisco's top scoring threat with 32 career points entering this season.

Portland State (4-5) will arrive in Eugene with the momentum of Women's soccer

falling to Stanford last weekend.

its youth.

on a mission.'

side.

Oregon hopes to extend the Wildcats' losing

Arizona head coach David Rubio is very aware of

"Oregon is a very talented team," Rubio said.

"When you add Julie Gerlach and Monique To-

baggi to Madeline Ernst and Alli White, they can

beat anybody. I don't think you can contain Madeline. She's been in the system, and she's

playing like a senior. She's playing as if she were

ing for his fifth NCAA tournament berth in six

years. He managed to replace the players he lost

with some prime volleyball talent. Three of his re-

cruits were named among Volleyball Magazine's

said. "We're going to try and get them out of their of-

fense and make them more predictable because they do a good job of getting the ball to everyone on their

Look for this to be a match between two young,

powerful setters. Arizona setter Dana Burkholder was named third-team all-American by Volleyball

magazine last season and was named MVP at Bak-

"Arizona is a really well balanced team and that is going to be a different challenge for us," Nelson

Fab 50 High School Seniors in 1998.

ersfield High School three times.

Rubio is on a mission of his own. He will be look-

streak, which would end another streak: Arizona has won the last 10 matches against Oregon.

Oregon's capabilities this year and is not fooled by

WHO: Oregon Ducks (3-3) vs. San Francisco Dons (1-7)

WHEN: Today at 3 p.m.

WHERE: Papé Field

a three-game winning streak in which it has shut out all three opponents. Last week, the Vikings blanked both Oregon State, 1-0, and Eastern Washington, 4-0.

Senior sweeper Jennifer Bruno and goalkeeper Kim Street have led Portland State's recent defensive stinginess.

On the injury front, Oregon's lone senior, sweeper Melissa Sherman, is expected to play this weekend after sitting out the last three games with a right knee strain. Fullback Jori Ganges should see limited playing time because of a right quadriceps strain.

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