

## SPORTS

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## NFL: Week 10

N.Y. Giants vs.  
DallasDetroit vs.  
PhiladelphiaAtlanta vs.  
New EnglandIndianapolis vs.  
MiamiCincinnati vs.  
JacksonvilleOakland vs.  
BaltimoreSt. Louis vs.  
ChicagoNew Orleans vs.  
MinnesotaCarolina vs.  
San FranciscoSan Diego vs.  
DenverBuffalo vs.  
N.Y. JetsKansas City vs.  
SeattleTennessee vs.  
Tampa Bay

## USA

## Today/ESPN

## Top 25 poll

## College

## Basketball

1. Duke
2. Stanford
3. Connecticut
4. Michigan St.
5. Maryland
6. Kentucky
7. Temple
8. Kansas
9. Tennessee
10. Xavier
11. N. Carolina
12. Utah
13. UCLA
14. Washington
15. Cincinnati
16. Purdue
17. Indiana
18. Oklahoma St.
19. Arkansas
20. Arizona
21. New Mexico
22. Syracuse
23. UMass
24. TCU
25. Rhode Island



## Best Bet

NHL Hockey  
Detroit  
at Phoenix  
5 p.m., ESPN

## Ducks look to add to best season ever

*With wins in its final two games of the season at California and Stanford, the team would secure its first .500 overall mark*

By Tim Pyle  
Oregon Daily Emerald

If head coach Bill Steffen and the Oregon women's soccer team had been given the opportunity before the season began to head into their final weekend of play with a chance to earn a winning Pacific-10 Conference record and a .500 overall mark, they would have taken it without even blinking.

As the Ducks (6-8-2 overall, 3-4 Pac-10) fly south to the Bay Area to battle

California on Friday and Stanford on Sunday, they possess exactly that possibility.

"This is the spot where we want to be," Steffen said. "Considering the demands of the schedule we've got, this is very good for a third-year program."

Oregon has already gone where it had never ventured before. The six overall wins and three conference victories both establish new program bests.

Following their first Pac-10 sweep last weekend at Papé Field against the

Arizona schools, the Ducks will try for their first wins against both the Golden Bears (11-7, 5-2) and the Cardinal (9-6-2, 3-4) in their first appearances in Berkeley and Palo Alto, Calif.

"I think what we need to do is two things," Steffen said. "One is maintain consistency. When we play well, we can play with anybody, but we need to play well for 90 minutes. And we need to finish our chances. We'll get chances — we need to put some in and put pressure on the other team by scoring on them."

Until last weekend, Oregon had been having an extremely hard time scoring. But against the Wildcats last Friday, the Ducks posted their highest goal total of

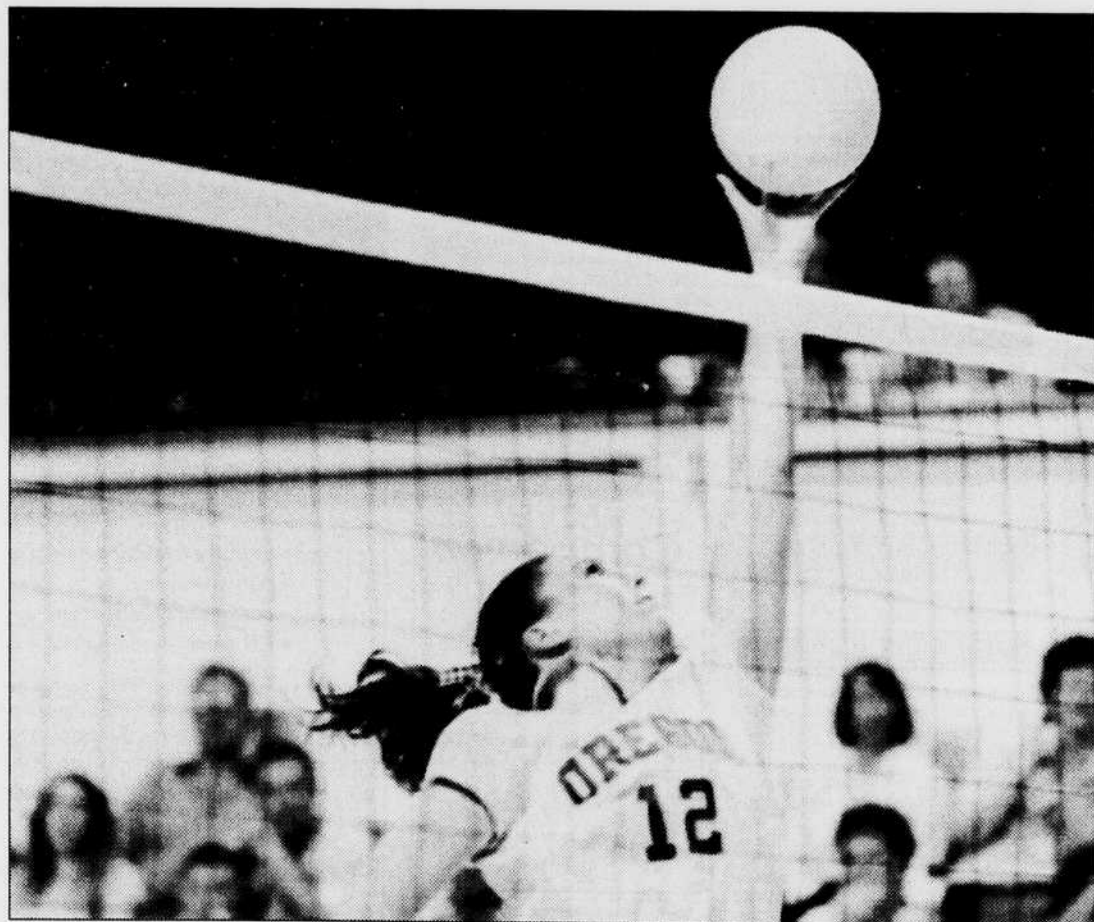


STEFFEN



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## OREGON VOLLEYBALL



Senior Alli White, who makes her final appearance at Mac Court this weekend, dumps the ball over the net against USC on Oct. 22.

## Oregon hopes to serve up wins

*After a win over Arizona last week, the Ducks are riding high into this weekend's matches*

By Allison Ross  
Oregon Daily Emerald

The Oregon volleyball team concludes its home schedule when it hosts Washington State tonight and Washington on Sunday at McArthur Court.

The Ducks (7-17 overall, 2-11 Pacific-10 Conference) enter this week's competition on a high note after upsetting No. 16 Arizona in five games last weekend. Not only did the Ducks upset Arizona, but they won their second Pac-10 match for the first time in head coach Cathy Nelson's career. Oregon's record 18 service aces were the key in the win, and the Ducks will look to serve tough again this week.

Washington State (9-9, 6-6) split matches last weekend by sweeping California on

Friday, before being swept themselves by No. 5 Stanford on Sunday. The Cougars have won 15 consecutive matches against the Ducks, including a sweep on Oct. 11 at Friel Court in Pullman.

However, the Cougars are not the same team. Senior middle blocker Jennifer Stinson dislocated her left ankle in practice on Oct. 22. Stinson leads the team in kills and is seventh in the Pac-10, averaging 4.22 kills per game. Stinson's 16 kills against UCLA on Oct. 18 put her over the 1,000 mark for her career, making her the seventh player in school history to accomplish such a feat.

Fortunately for the Cougars, senior Wendy Rouse has filled Stinson's role quite successfully. Rouse is second on the team, averaging 3.35 kills per game and third in digs, averaging 2.38 per game.

Oregon seniors Alli White and Ernst lead Oregon in kills this season, but Nel-

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## On Tap

WHO:  
Oregon women's volleyball  
WHAT:  
Oregon vs. Washington State  
WHERE:  
McArthur Court  
WHEN:  
7:30 pm

## UO runners prepare for Regionals

*Both teams feel that they can provide a good showing at the West Regional Championships*

By Scott Pesznecker  
Oregon Daily Emerald

In just over a week, the Oregon men's and women's cross country teams will embark on their toughest race this season: the West Regional Championships.

The Regionals will be held on Saturday, Nov. 14 in Fresno, Calif. This competition decides which teams travel to the NCAA Championships in Lawrence, Kan.

The men proved they are serious contenders for the national title by placing second at the Pacific-10 Conference Championships last Saturday at Alton Baker Park.

"We want to keep our momentum going and keep everyone healthy," Dellinger said.

"We have to go through the regionals and the NCAA Championships, and we want to be peaking at the NCAA [Championships]. That is our goal. Being healthy will be the key."

One team member who may help the Ducks by the time of the NCAA Championships is Oliver Wirz. An all-American, Wirz is on the rebound from being ill.

"We are preparing him," Dellinger said. "He is still getting fit, but he is not to the point where competition will help him."

The women's cross country team is also training hard for the regional competition. It was disappointed with its fifth-place finish at the Pac-10 Championships and need to do well at the regionals to proceed to the NCAA Championships.

"I don't think that people on the team feel much pressure of what's yet to come as they do dissatisfaction of our Pac-10 performance," women's head coach Tom Heinonen said. "We have put that behind us. Now, we are eager to get to the regionals and do well."

Heinonen said he expects Marie Davis to run well at the regionals. The rolling, paved surfaces of the course are more compatible with her running style, Heinonen said.

Dellinger cannot place enough value on the time that a team uses for preparation. Preparation, he said, will account for 90 percent of the team's performance.

What about the remaining 10 percent?

"Luck," Dellinger said. "There is always luck involved."

