

# Two Ducks take top honors in Ashland

By Scott Pesznecker  
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If last weekend was any indication on how well the Duck wrestlers will do this season, their opponents in the Pacific-10 Conference have something to worry about.

The Ducks traveled to Ashland on Saturday to compete in the Southern Oregon Open and finished with two weight-class champions in Doug Lee and Daryl Christian.

In the championship round, Lee beat Anton Telamantes of Lassen Community College at 184 pounds and Christian beat Larry Quisel of Boise State at 157 pounds.

"It felt good breaking into the season through that match," Christian said. "He was pretty good. I don't have very much pres-

sure on me anymore now that the match is over because I know I am where I need to be at this point."

Oregon had three wrestlers who made it to the championship round before losing. Chael Sonnen was beat 3-1 in overtime by Shane Zajack of Oregon State at 197 pounds after Zajack escaped from a takedown that would have given Sonnen the win in regulation.

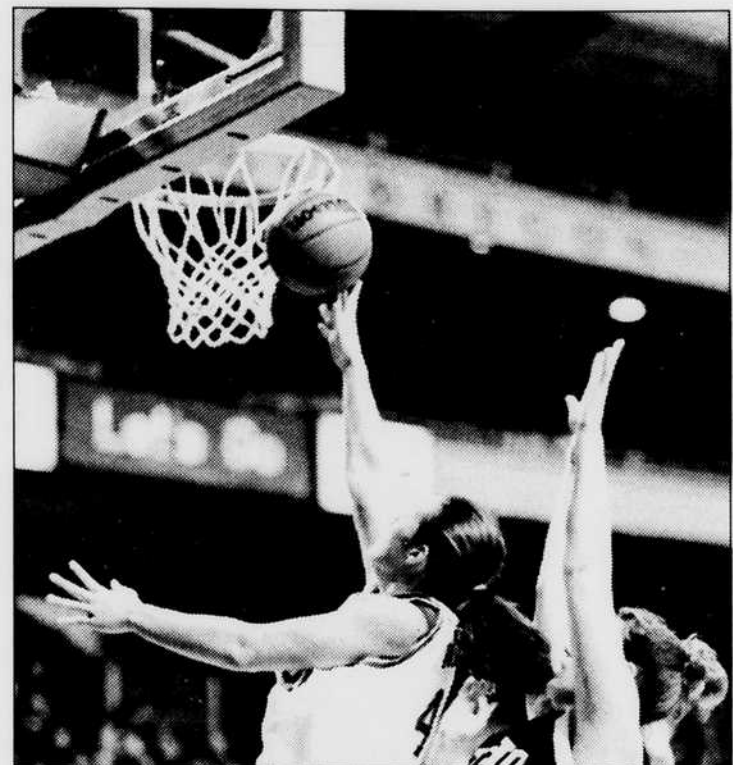
Redshirt freshman David Watson advanced to the championship round at 141 pounds but lost to Corey Caywood of Boise State. Sean Morgan lost the 165-pound title to Boise State's Kirk White.

Jesse Culp, David Perkins and Aaron Mann each placed fourth for the Ducks in their respective weight classes, but the fifth and sixth-place matches were canceled due to time constraints.

Christian said he was pleased with the way the team performed. He said all the different schools at the meet simulated the atmosphere of competing at the Pac-10 Championships — a goal the Ducks already have their sights on.

"We're a pretty dangerous team right now from 125 pounds up to the heavyweight," Christian said. "We are doing lots of positive things. We're coming together and we will do lots of damage this year if we can keep our heads up and see our goals. This meet was a good sign of the team's ability to compete in the Pac-10."

The meet was a preseason event and, therefore, there were no team scores. However, the Ducks wanted to use the meet as an indication of how hard they have to work to compete in the Pac-10.



The Ducks' Angelina Wolvert goes up for two of her 16 points as the Vandals' Alli Nieman defends Sunday at McArthur Court.

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Oregon attempted 30 free throws in the first half, which, Runge said, both helped the Ducks jump out to the early lead and hurt them by not allowing them to get into rhythm offensively. Oregon hit just 8 of 31 shots in the first half.

"We're a young team," Runge said. "We need to learn to stay focused and be patient on offense."

Wolvert agreed.

"I thought we were a little lackadaisical at the end of the first half," she said. "But once we started running the ball better down the court shots began to open up for us."

Woolf lead Idaho with 13 points, and center Julie Wynstra lead the Vandals' bench scorers with eight points.

## Loss to Oregon State leaves Oregon in eighth

By Allison Ross  
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The Civil War is anything but civil. When game time rolls around, records are not a factor. Each team wants to beat its in-state rival for the mere fact of pride.

The Oregon volleyball team had the upper hand this season after sweeping the Beavers in its season opener on Sept. 18.

But revenge came back to haunt the Ducks in their final game of the season.

Oregon was unable to pull itself from the cellar of the Pacific-10 Conference when it fell 10-15, 15-5, 15-10, 15-13 to in-state rival Oregon State at Gill Coliseum on Friday.

A win would have put the Ducks one game ahead of the Beavers and alone in eighth place in the conference. The Ducks' loss created a tie for last place as both teams finished the season with three conference wins.

Oregon finished its regular season 8-21 overall and 3-15 in the Pac-10 and were hoping to get their fourth win on Friday, which would have been the first four-win season under head coach Cathy Nelson.

"Obviously we are disappointed with our result tonight," Nelson said in a released statement. "We had our chances to take the lead and we weren't able to capitalize down the stretch."

After winning Game 1 on 16 kills and a pair of service aces by freshman Monique Tobbagi and senior Alli White, the Ducks came out flat in Game 2, leading only

once at 4-3.

Oregon State (13-16 overall, 3-16 Pac-10) scored five straight points, and never lost control of the game. Oregon committed 11 errors to Oregon State's four in the game and the Beavers were able to take the win, despite being out killed 18-17.

In Game 3, the Ducks recorded 15 kills and only 5 errors for an overall attack percentage of .263, but Oregon State's 17 kills clinched the win for the Beavers.

The Ducks had three players record 10 or more kills, with Madeline Ernst leading all attackers with 24. Ernst also led Oregon on defense by tallying 13 digs and one service ace.

"Oregon State was more persistent and more fired up at times," Ernst said. "We didn't come out in Games 2 and 3 like we wanted to win. We had problems executing at the right times and made mistakes at the wrong times."

Errors were key in the match as Oregon had 37 to Oregon State's 28. But Oregon led in kills (73-69) and digs (64-56). Oregon State more than doubled Oregon in blocks with 16.

"I have to give Oregon State credit, they played a great match," Ernst said. "But the bottom line is we lost to a beatable team."

The Beavers had four players with 10 or more kills and were led by Sarah Bjeldanes who recorded 20 kills and 13 digs. Selina Scoble and Angie Shirley each added 13 kills. Shirley committed just one error and finished the match with an impressive .632 attack percentage.

"Ball control was a big focus all week," Ernst said. "But we were error prone and never really controlled our side."