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Ducks on move

Oregon stays positive, even though yet another huge road trip looms for the road-weary team this week. **PAGE 8A**

Scoreboard

ESPN/USA Today Women's Top 25

1. Connecticut 17-0
2. LaTech 13-2
3. Georgia 19-2
4. Tennessee 14-3
5. Notre Dame 15-2
6. Iowa State 14-2
7. Penn State 16-3
8. N. Carolina State 15-3
9. Duke 16-2
10. Texas Tech 15-2
11. Auburn 15-3
12. Rutgers 12-4
13. LSU 14-3
14. UCLA 11-4
15. Arizona 15-3
16. Santa Barbara 14-3
17. Old Dominion 13-3
18. Illinois 15-7
19. Purdue 12-5
20. Tulane 16-2
21. Mississippi State 15-2
22. Boston College 16-3
23. Kansas 12-5
24. Virginia 13-4
25. Stanford 11-4

ESPN/USA Today Men's Top 25

1. Cincinnati 17-1
2. Stanford 15-1
3. Duke 15-2
4. Arizona 16-3
5. Syracuse 15-0
6. Connecticut 13-3
7. Auburn 16-2
8. Michigan State 13-5
9. Florida 14-3
10. Ohio State 13-3
11. Kansas 15-3
12. Indiana 14-3
13. Tennessee 16-2
14. Texas 12-5
15. Tulsa 18-1
16. Oklahoma State 14-2
17. Oklahoma 15-3
18. Kentucky 13-5
19. Utah 14-3
20. UCLA 11-5
21. Maryland 13-5
22. Vanderbilt 12-3
23. St. Johns 12-4
24. Temple 12-4
25. N. Carolina State 13-3

Ferreira hopes to elevate Ducks

Oregon's new head volleyball coach is optimistic that, in time, the Ducks will shake their losing ways

By **Scott Pesznecker**
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When Carl Ferreira considered whether he wanted the task of being Oregon's head volleyball coach, he looked beyond the Ducks' win-loss record.

He looked beyond Oregon's 10-year run of sub-.500 finishes in the Pacific-10 Conference and the possibility that he could wind up enduring his first losing season.

Ferreira looked beyond the volleyball team and focused on the Oregon Athletic Department.

"I was looking for anything dynamic or charismatic about Oregon to stimulate recruits," Ferreira said. "I walked away thinking to myself,

"Wow, why can't [the Ducks] be successful?" This is such a positive time of growth for Oregon athletics."

Of course, he looked at the facilities. Oregon has much to offer to potential recruits, such as the reputable McArthur Court and

the facilities at the Len Casanova Center.

But what really caught Ferreira's attention is the legacy that Duck teams have of improving.

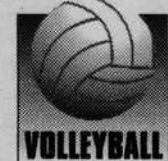
For example, since coming to the University in 1993, Jody Runge turned the women's basketball team into an annual NCAA Tournament team.

Now, Ferreira wants to revive Oregon volleyball.

"There are up teen positives that outweigh where this program has been," Ferreira said. "Volleyball is not Turn to **Volleyball**, page 9A

“My job is to change the culture of Oregon volleyball.”

Carl Ferreira
volleyball head coach



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Upcoming games

- USC, Jan. 27
- UCLA, Jan. 29
- @Arizona, Feb. 3
- @Arizona State, Feb. 5
- @Stanford, Feb. 10
- @California, Feb. 12

SOURCE: Media Guide

■ Oregon hopes to learn from the overtime wins it was fortunate to get

OREGON NOTES

By **Jeff Smith**
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Everybody knows that when teams from Washington and Oregon tangle — regardless of the sport or gender — it's going to be a tough, hard-fought battle.

But, man, over the last two years, the men's basketball programs from Washington have taken that to an extreme in games against the Ducks.

Oregon returned from a two-game road swing up north in which it persevered for a 76-74 overtime win against the Huskies on Thursday, before holding off the pesky Cougars for an 81-80 overtime win two days later.

A year ago on the same road trip, the Ducks lost to Washington in overtime and went three overtime periods in Pullman to get the victory.

"Anytime you go on the road, it's tough," said senior forward A.D. Smith, whose 20 points against the Cougars marked the 15th time in 16 games that he scored in double digits. "It's always been close with those schools, and we know that we were fortunate to get those two wins.

"But hey, it's free basketball. People get to watch more, and we get to play more, so we don't hate that."

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Jeffrey Stockton Emerald

Thanks to often spectacular play, Alex Scales is considered one of the nation's top two guards.