



Erin Swanson-Davies Emerald

Sophomore setter Sydney Chute (on right) recorded her first career triple double against Cal and nearly had her second such performance versus Oregon State.

Volleyball

continued from page 15

things we're focused on," Ferreira said. "We're just trying to take it one game at a time and compete like crazy and put ourselves in a position to compete."

When Ferreira took over this program, he inherited a system that won just eight games — not matches — during its conference play last year (when the team was 1-17 in the Pac-10.) Under the former Idaho coach, however, the players have a new-found desire to compete, and have already won six conference games in the first three matches.

"He's done wonders in building this program and set the foundation for the future," Tobbagi said.

But the team knows that the fight is just beginning. With 19 matches remaining, the Ducks hope they can improve enough to earn a post-season berth for the first time since 1989.

"The chemistry is very good and our commitment has made us even stronger," Chute said. "But there's definitely room for improvement

and we have a lot to work on."

Will the real team leader please stand up

Despite a 2-0 lead on the Beavers, the Ducks could not knock out their Civil War foe. Following the match, Ferreira said his team needs someone to fill the role as the team leader and step up in key situations.

"Someone needs to step up into that role and carry this team on her back," he said. "It's observable that we're missing somebody. We need a go-to person. You rarely find a successful team without one."

The team's four upper-division veterans — juniors Tobbagi and Julie Gerlach, and seniors Halie Mazza and Amy Banducci — are the most obvious candidates for the leadership role. So far this season, Mazza and Tobbagi have poised the Ducks on the court. Mazza leads the team in kills, blocks and attack percentage, and Tobbagi's aggressiveness — at its peak — cannot be matched.

"Finger-pointing is wrong," Ferreira said. "We need to join forces... to be a competitive program."

Tobbagi said she knows her role on this squad and along with the other veterans, is going to help the Ducks be a threat in the Pac-10.

"I feel I'm in a position to be one of those leaders," said the 6-footer, who is second on the team in kills average. "He looks to us (the four veterans) to be leaders, and we're committed to doing better. We have to step up and show that we can play at a higher level and instill confidence in the younger players. We can't slip up again. We must refuse to lose."

"The veterans are learning how to become better leaders and they're working really hard," Chute said.

Ducks lose key blocker off bench

After suffering a knee injury against California Sept. 15, sophomore middle blocker Nicole Allen is not expected to return to the lineup this season.

Allen was to be a key contributor off the bench for the Ducks. She was fourth on the team last season with 1.36 kills per game and tallied 24 total blocks, fifth best on the team.

Pac-10

continued from page 15

DeLawrence Grant of Oregon State also garnered the honor for his performance against San Diego State.

Morris made highlight reels across the country with his 37-carry, two-touchdown, 139-yard rushing performance. He also caught two receptions for 22 yards.

Lewis, a freshman safety, recorded four unassisted tackles on the

Oregon kickoff and punt coverage units.

The Ducks' ground offense carried the ball for 208 yards against UCLA. Oregon fumbled twice, but had no turnovers, and the offensive line allowed just one quarterback sack. Pressure wasn't a problem for the Ducks either, as they were two-for-two on fourth-down conversions.

Oregon linebacker Garrett Sabol was also nominated for the honor. DeShaun Foster, the Bruins' star

tailback, who was held to a mere 49 yards at Autzen Stadium, was named the Pac-10 Player of the Week Sept. 5.

ASU basketball player has Hodgkins

When Sophomore forward Justin Allen began practicing for another season of Arizona State basketball, he noticed he didn't feel quite normal. His jump shot wasn't falling as usual and he felt tired.

Now, he knows why.

The Arizona Republic reported Saturday that Allen, a 19-year-old from Malta, Ill., was diagnosed with Hodgkin's disease. He will begin six months of chemotherapy and radiation treatments next week.

His Hodgkin's is in the early onset of Stage II (IV is the most severe), according to his mother, Faye, a registered nurse. The Mayo Clinic's Web site indicated that patients at Allen's level have an 80 to 85 percent chance of complete re-

covery with no recurrence.

Allen, who played in 29 of the Sun Devils' 32 games last season and averaged 2.9 points and 1.2 rebounds per game, thought perhaps he pulled an abdominal muscle or had the flu.

Biopsies of the lower abdomen, bone marrow and lymph nodes revealed the disease Sept. 14.

Hodgkin's affects the lymph nodes, which store the cells used to fight infection, according to ASU team physician Steven Frickson.

Got Faith?

St. Thomas More Catholic

Newman Center...

closer than your dairy section

Catholic Campus Ministry: 1850 Emerald Street, across from Hayward Field

Phone: 346-4468

newman@newmanctr-uoregon.org <http://www.newmanctr-uoregon.org>

Student Masses: Sunday 7:30PM, Wednesday 9PM

Free pasta feed 9/24 at 5-7 PM

Freshman Retreat 10/11, 5-10 PM

Fall Retreat 10/27-29