



Baysa sets record as Ducks top Arizona

The Oregon soccer team split its Pac-10 openers against the Arizona schools, thanks to Chalise Baysa's record-breaking three goals on the weekend

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This weekend belonged to Chalise Baysa.

Oregon soccer's new all-time scoring leader put up a goal against Arizona State on Friday and a pair against Arizona on Sunday, as the Ducks split their first two Pacific-10 Conference matchups.

Baysa scored her first goal of the weekend 73 seconds into Friday's match against Arizona State. That score held up for more than 80 minutes, until Arizona State's Haley van Blommestein scored her first goal of the year with eight minutes left in the game. Six minutes later, the Sun Devils' Antonette Marjanovic rocketed a shot past Oregon goalkeeper Sarah Peters to put her team ahead for good.

"That game could have gone either way," Baysa said. "It would have been better if we had swept this weekend, but we're happy with a split."

On Sunday, it took Baysa only 29 minutes to score as she took advantage of an Arizona mistake to put an Ann Westermarkcross into the back of the net. Mary Cascio also played a roll in foiling a defender as she tipped Westermark's cross to Baysa. Baysa scored the game-winning goal with only 16 seconds left after eluding three Arizona defenders in the 18-yard box and slipping the ball past Arizona goalkeeper Shannon Monti. The shutout was the Ducks' first of the year.

"We got rewarded for our efforts today," Oregon coach Bill Steffen said on Sunday. "We got a little unlucky Friday,

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Chalise Baysa (2) throws her arm in the air after scoring her record-setting goal Sunday.

Another disappointing weekend for 0-7 Ducks



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Arizona State's Amanda Burbridge spikes one of her 17 kills over Oregon's Sydney Chute (21) and Halie Mazza (17). The Sun Devils outkilled the Ducks 49-29 in their 3-0 win.

■ No. 7 Arizona and Arizona State leave Mac Court with easy wins over the Oregon volleyball team

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McArthur Court has seen better days. A combined 1,304 Oregon volleyball fans watched with little excitement on Friday and Saturday as the Ducks were swept by both Arizona State and Arizona.

Oregon is now 0-7 in Pacific-10 Conference and 7-8 overall.

"It's going to take a lot to discourage me," head coach Carl Ferreira said. "I don't mind the things we're doing."

Yet, in the standings, the Ducks aren't satisfied either.

"Nobody feels good about what's transpired in conference play," the first-year Oregon coach said. "Am I happy to be 0-7? No, it stinks. But we will win and our players are competitively pissed off that we haven't."

In the second match of the weekend, No. 7 Arizona (7-0, 14-1) proved its dominance with the 15-6, 15-5, 15-10 win, which was the Wildcats' 14th consecutive victory. Despite being swept for the fourth consecutive match on Saturday, the Ducks played with much more flair than they did the previous night.

Junior outside hitter Monique Tobbagi's 12 kills and .421 attack percentage led the Ducks. Sophomore setter Sydney Chute finished the match with 32 assists, a .417 attack percentage and was the only Oregon starter who did not commit an error.

"The level at which we competed [against Arizona] — we cannot go below that," Tobbagi said. "We cannot slide any more."

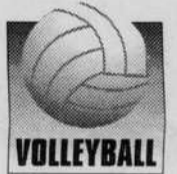
To put it bluntly, Friday's match against the Sun Devils (12-5, 4-3) was frustrating and altogether embarrassing for an Oregon team that knows it can compete with more intensity.

"We missed out on some opportunities to win, especially against Arizona State," Tobbagi said. "We came out flat and didn't compete to our ability. In this conference, you can't do that."

For Tobbagi, it was a night to forget. While committing 10 errors and tallying just five kills, the Ducks' best attacker was held to a minus .167 hitting percentage.

"It has been tough," said Tobbagi, who had four of the team's eight service errors against the Sun Devils. "They are using me as a target and trying to get me

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“It was an ugly match. For the first time this year our core chemistry struggled. All four of the upperclassmen had a bad night. And how they go, we go.”

Carl Ferreira
Oregon head coach

Ducks rebuild on new attitude



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Another three games, another match, another loss. It's an all-too-familiar story for the Oregon volleyball team, one that I seemed to echo in nearly all of my stories when I covered the

team a year ago.

With the exception of a single win toward the end of last season — which, by the way, came against a suddenly short-handed Oregon State team — each match, game and moment was the same. The Ducks would start off hot on good nights, but generally cooled down fast. Once the wheels turned off, they never came back on.

Oregon lost 16 matches in a row last season, including a stretch of seven straight sweeps. That's 21 games without a single win.

The losses blurred together after a

while. Then-head coach Cathy Nelson would call for a time-out to save the Ducks from getting buried, and she would confer with her assistant coaches away from the bench while the players tried to keep hopes alive. Then she would go back to them, talk strategy and the players would walk back on the court to play — and get pounded.

The scene after those lost matches changed slightly as the season went on. Everyone, players and coaches, seemed more and more desperate. Repeatedly, Nelson said she didn't think about the

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