



Approaching success

First-year head volleyball coach knows what it means to be successful and is proving to the Ducks that there is light at the end of the tunnel

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Carl Ferreira knows it's just around the corner.

His eyes widen as he passes a sign on the side of the road — "Respectability: Two miles."

But there's some bumps in the road, then some curves and finally a construction delay.

To make it to Success, U.S.A., one must put forth the effort, have the confidence and, most importantly, the desire — all of which are displayed on the face of the first-year Oregon volleyball coach.

Ferreira has been to "Success." He almost knows the road by heart, but that doesn't make traveling it any easier, especially with a bus full of 15 young and talented athletes.

"I've always considered myself an overachiever," said the 39-year-old Ferreira. "But I don't expect anyone to roll out the red carpet for me. In this profession, you'd better be successful on a day-to-day basis or you're going to get your lunch handed to you."

After an illustrious high school career in Hawaii — in which he starred in volleyball, baseball, basketball and track — Ferreira attended California's Santa Rosa Junior College in the early '80s. It was there where he found his true passion.

Ferreira asked to assist the Santa Rosa volleyball team's coaching staff on a volunteer basis, and he has never looked back.

Following a stint as an assistant coach with Stanford in 1994, Ferreira was hired as the head coach at No. 1 ranked Cal-State Bakersfield, a Division

II school. Ferreira led the team to the national championship match in his first season, and compiled an overall record of 100-13 in three years at Bakersfield. From there, Ferreira moved to Division I Idaho and the Big West Conference, where he led the Vandals to a three-year record of 48-43.

"You're always trying to put yourself in successful situations," said Ferreira, who had his third child, Elise Malia, just two weeks ago. "But to be successful you have to have the right opportunities along the way. You have to have passion as a leader and create vision to get motivated people to follow."

And that vision is now in Eugene, where volleyball and success have not blended well in the memorable past.

In February, Ferreira was hired to turn around a program that had not seen a winning season in 10 years and had an overall record of 14-130 in the Pacific-10 Conference from 1992 to 1999.

"Oregon volleyball has had its struggles, but it's not impossible to be successful," Ferreira said. "I'm not reinventing the wheel here. You make a plan and stick with it. But you still have to look in the mirror to figure out what's working and what's not. You have to stay hungry and passionate."

Ferreira said that one of the main reasons he came to Eugene was because of the University's strong athletic department.

"It's a great time to be here," said Ferreira, who is 7-8 overall this season and will look to win his first Pac-10 match in Washington this weekend. "Oregon has one of the fastest growing athletic

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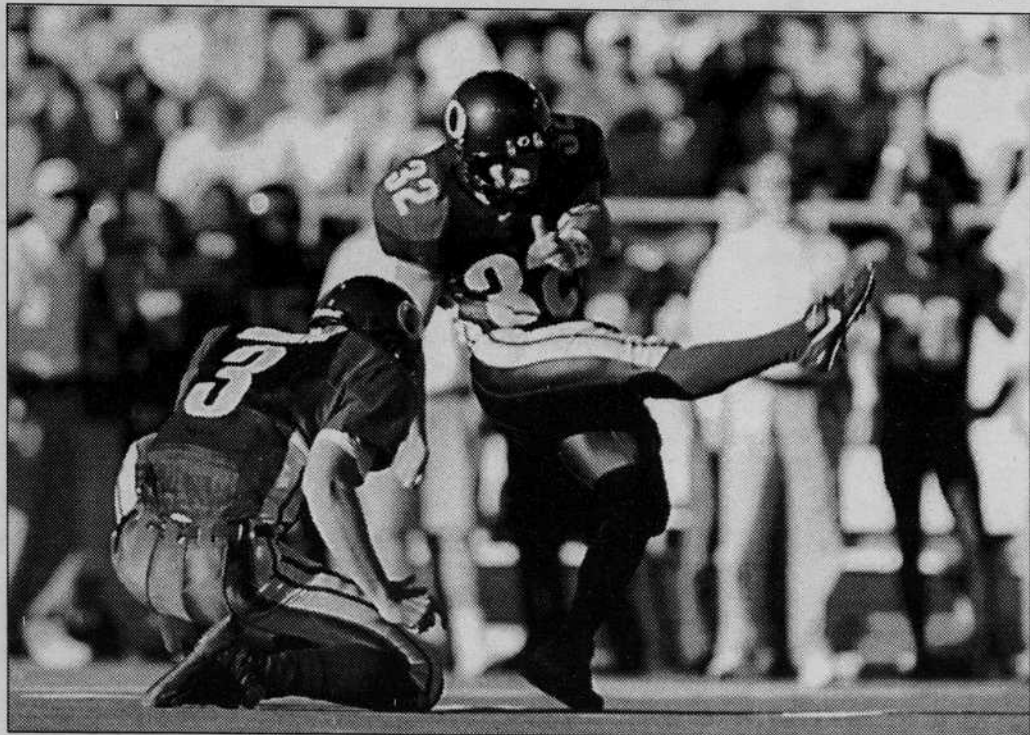


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Carl Ferreira instantly gained the respect of his players.

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Oregon's shaking off rust, preparing for Trojans



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Joey Harrington (3) has not lost confidence in senior place-kicker Josh Frankel, who missed three field goals against UW.

■ The Ducks enjoyed their bye week, but now are hungry to get back to work and keep their undefeated Pac-10 record intact

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"Tweet!"

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With the sounds of a whistle and the voice of a coach signaling when to sprint, the brief "vacation" officially came to an end for the Oregon Duck football team.

Last week, the starters got the chance to rest for most of the week. The bye came at a perfect time in the season and allowed them to heal up their bodies and let their minds relax after back-to-back showdowns against Washington and UCLA.

But now the Ducks (4-1, 2-0) are back at it in preparation for Saturday's road game against Southern California (3-2, 0-2).

On Monday, head coach Mike Bellotti wasted no time in getting his troops back into the game week mentality. The Ducks practiced for almost three hours under the lights of Autzen Stadium, and closed the session with some fast-paced sprints.

"Last week was great because we got a chance to shut it down for a little bit," defensive end Jason Nikolao said. "But this week, as you can see, on the first day out they put us in

“You have to take it one game at a time. Because if you start thinking too far ahead, you're going to slip.”

Marshaun Tucker
senior wide receiver



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