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rival in game three by posting a .405 attack percentage. An ace by freshman Lindsay Murphy and a kill by sophomore setter Sydney Chute sealed the 15-3 victory.

"It is a sense of relief," said Ferreira, who won his first conference game. "Our confidence was taken away from us in the first half of the Pac-10. But I've been saying all along that I didn't think we were far from what we wanted to do ... The fact that this was the Civil War adds to the momentum we can utilize."

Tobbagi committed just three errors and posted a .368 clip to lead the Ducks with 17 kills.

"She was a stud," Ferreira said of the junior outside hitter. "She was very patient tonight and didn't press at the wrong times."

Gerlach and Chute combined for 34 assists and 33 of Oregon's 130 total attacks.

"We're clicking right now," Gerlach said. "We're just having a lot of fun and connecting well together."

Overall, Oregon held the Beavers to a .123 hitting percentage and out-blocked the rival 10-6.

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Monique Tobbagi
Oregon outside hitter

"We were much more focused coming into this game," Tobbagi said. "We played together as a team and this win definitely builds confidence for the second half of the Pac-10."

Despite starting a little sluggish, the Ducks were able to pick up their second sweep in as many games against UC-Riverside Sunday (15-11, 15-3, 15-12). The con-

secutive wins were Oregon's first since 1991.

Tobbagi's 18 kills and .341 attack percentage paced the Ducks. Mazza had no errors and recorded nine kills, nine digs, five blocks and a .346 attack percentage.

The Highlanders (2-18) were held to a minus-.156 clip in game two and a .132 percentage overall.

The Ducks are the top serving team in the Pac-10 and showed why this weekend. A total of 13 aces were served up by Oregon against the Beavers and UC-Riverside, including four by Chute, who is second in the conference in service aces.

"We've been working on not missing our service opportunities," Mazza said. "We have a variety of serves, and I think our tempo throws them off a little."

The Ducks have a huge test at the end of the week when No. 4 USC and No. 10 UCLA come to town. Oregon was swept by both teams in Los Angeles earlier this season.

"We have nothing to lose now," Mazza said. "We just have to go out with the same intensity and play hard."

Banducci said Oregon's newly found confidence has brought together many of the team's key components.

"They [USC and UCLA] are not expecting this team," Banducci said. "Our offense is flowing well, which allows Halie and 'Mo to just rip the ball."

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line with two minutes, 34 seconds remaining.

A delay-of-game penalty moved the Wildcats back to their own five-yard line, but two plays later, Jenkins connected on a 19-yard pass to receiver Brad Brennan. A quarterback keeper and another pass to Brennan moved the ball to the 48-yard line for another first down, and the ensuing three plays led to a fourth-and-one at the Oregon 46. With 45 seconds left, Jenkins kept the ball and lunged forward for a three-yard gain.

Arizona used its final four at-

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tempts to launch the ball into the end zone, and the first three were blocked away by safety Ryan Mitchell, cornerback Rashad Bauman and cornerback Steve Smith.

In a last-second, hail-Mary attempt to win the game, Jenkins lofted a high-arching pass toward three Arizona receivers in the end zone as time expired, but Mitchell was there to knock it away.

Moments after the ball hit the turf, the field was flooded with thousands of celebrating fans.

"It's always tough with these two teams because both programs have a lot of pride," Arizona defensive end Joe Tafoya said. "Everybody's out there playing hard. This was the best team we've played. We came in here knowing it was going to be a tough team to play but they were just the better team tonight."

Oregon's offense has struggled at times this season, but so far, either

the passing game or the running game has been strong enough to bury opponents.

However, nothing seemed to work against the Wildcats.

Ranked fifth in the nation when stopping the run, the Wildcats kept Oregon from establishing its running game. Maurice Morris managed 114 yards on 34 carries, with one of those carries accounting for 19 yards.

Arizona also contained Duck quarterback Joey Harrington, who completed just 9-of-22 passes, despite the Wildcats having the No. 9 passing defense in the Pac-10 heading into the game.

"In weeks past, I'd come in here and be a little disappointed in how we played because I thought we'd missed some opportunities," Harrington said. "But this week we played tough, and we played hard every time trying to move the chains. That was just a very physical defense, and we have to give them credit."

Fortunately for Oregon, Harrington connected two of his passes to receiver Marshaun Tucker for touchdowns in the first half. The Ducks' first touchdown capped a seven-play drive on their second possession of the game.

In the second quarter, Oregon's second touchdown drive began at the Wildcats' 22-yard line after an interception by free safety Rasuli Webster.

But after taking a 14-0 lead on their second touchdown, the Ducks struggled to move the chains downfield, and it soon became clear that Oregon wouldn't run away with the game.

Jenkins found running back Larry Croom wide open for the 42-yard touchdown play midway through the second quarter, and the Wildcats scored on a field goal in the final 30 seconds of the half after blocking Kurtis Doerr's punt and recovering at Oregon's 14-yard line.

The Ducks had a chance to potentially put the game away when a penalty advanced the ball to Arizona's 14-yard line. But a costly false start penalty moved the Ducks back five yards, and then Morris was tackled for a loss of five.

On fourth-and-16, place-kicker Josh Frankel missed a 37-yard field goal attempt that would have made it a seven-point game.

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