

# Volleyball

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## Still Flexin'

Although the team has practiced the one setter offense, Ferreira said he is sticking with the 4-2 Flex, which features both setters (Julie Gerlach and Sydney Chute) in the lineup.

"We haven't gone away from that philosophy," Ferreira said. The Flex "has been the stability of what we've done this year. It would be crazy for me to go away from that."

The team went to the one-setter scheme in the Oct. 7 loss to Ari-

zona. Since then, Gerlach has come off the bench to provide the Ducks with another key weapon.

In her first game back, the junior setter had a career day against the Washington Huskies, recording 13 kills and a .480 attack percentage.

"We used to leave Julie in for all six rotations," Ferreira said. "But we've added some ball control players to stabilize our control. I really like the substitutions that we've done."

In the new mix, Ferris has seen more action, as has sophomore middle blocker Amanda Porter and freshman outside hitter Al-

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**Carl Ferreira**  
head coach,  
Oregon volleyball

isha Stevens.

Against Oregon State and Riverside, the three combined to play in all but one game, and tallied a total of 14 kills on just three errors

— a .306 attack percentage.

## Head of the class

Gerlach and senior outside hitter Amy Banducci are approaching career marks on some of Oregon's all-time charts.

Banducci ranks sixth on the Pac-10's active digs list with 806. She leads the team this season with 2.66 digs per game.

As a freshman, Gerlach sealed her place in Oregon's history books with 1,540 assists in 1998 — second best in school history. Her 2,217 career assists ranks fifth on Oregon's all-time list. She also ranks sixth among active leaders in the Pac-10.

## Pacific-10 Conference Volleyball Standings

USC 10-1 Pac-10, 16-1 overall  
Arizona 10-1, 17-2  
UCLA 9-2, 14-5  
Arizona State 6-5, 14-7  
Oregon State 5-5, 15-7  
Stanford 5-6, 11-8  
California 4-7, 9-9  
Washington State 3-8, 12-8  
**OREGON 1-9, 9-10**  
Washington 1-10, 5-13

# Pac-10

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ter last Saturday's last-second loss to Stanford.

In short, he had to defend his job.

"I need to coach better and our coaches need to coach better," Hackett told reporters during a Tuesday press conference. "And I believe against Stanford we did that... we upped the level, but it wasn't enough. We're going to turn the corner at some point this year, I just don't know when."

"This team is keeping the distractions to a minimum and that's what you have to do as a coach. Coaching at USC is what it

is and it is pressure-packed all the time — win or lose."

While Hackett and his team may be toning down talk of firing Hackett, others are not.

Trojan fans dedicated a Web site to terminating Hackett's job, titled [www.firepaulhackett.com](http://www.firepaulhackett.com). The site points out useful tid-bits of information, such as Hackett's sliding record at USC: 8-5 overall in 1998, 6-6 in 1999 and currently, BLANK in 2000.

The author of the Web site writes: "This coaching staff still can't find a way to pull out a victory. The play calling is pathetic and gutless."

Poor, poor Hackett.

## Huskies not in Dawg house yet

The national college football scene has been buzzing with talk of the recently released Bowl Championship Series standings and who will advance to the national championship game at the Orange Bowl in Miami Jan. 3.

The Ducks have received national attention as a potential championship candidate.

Meanwhile, up north in Seattle, the local media are giving Washington some props.

"A reckless finish to a reckless season — the right teams losing at the right time — and perhaps even a national title," Seattle-Times columnist Blaine Newnham wrote

in a Tuesday article.

But Newnham's article keeps the Huskies' situation in perspective, focusing more on the Rose Bowl and less on a national title. And, between the lines, Newnham's writing describes a battle of Northwest supremacy that is far from over.

Think Oregon secured bragging rights over Washington for the next two years by beating them 23-16 Sept. 30? Think again.

If the Huskies win their last four games against Stanford, Arizona, UCLA and Washington State — and they should — and the Ducks and Beavers run their tables to the Civil War, which Oregon State hypothetically wins, then

Washington goes to the Rose Bowl.

Even worse, the Beavers would go to the Holiday Bowl.

The Ducks would be back in El Paso.

"The thought has insides churning in Oregon," Newnham writes.

## Polls don't lie, right?

Watch out, Ducks.

A fan poll on the Pacific-10 Conference Web site asks "which football stadium offers the greatest home-field advantage."

The winner: Sun Devil Stadium, with 34.7 percent of the vote. Autzen Stadium is in second place with 33.5 percent of the vote.

Um, OK.

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## Horoscope by Linda C. Black

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (Oct. 25). People love to tell you secrets, and you love to collect them. Put together clues to find the buried treasure. Go back over old material in November. A woman leads you to the prize in December. Anticipate technical difficulties in February. Provide what your partner needs in May. Privileged information leads to bargains in June. Don't blow your cover in July. Let friends act for you in September. Protect your sources next October.

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) — Today is a 7 — Just sit back and listen. Somebody else has figured out the plan. You may want to add some ideas as you get further into it, but for now just pay attention — and take notes.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 7 — Money's plentiful right now. It might take work to get it, but it's out there. If you're not already in a great job, making a great wage, why not shop for one? Your odds of finding the perfect thing are good, indeed.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21) — Today is a 9 — You and your mate can have lots of fun today — a beautiful meal, fascinating conversation and exciting plans for your future. All this is favored now. Don't have a mate? A long-distance phone call may be necessary.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22) — Today is a 7 — Add a splash of new color to your décor. Something to spice the place up a bit. An interior design magazine can give you the idea. A trip to the hardware store gets you most of the materials. Add elbow grease, and voila! Don't worry, you have talent.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is an 8 — This is a great day to study, and you know several people who'd be good teachers. They've been trying to explain something for months, but you haven't had time to listen. Today it'll be easier.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 7 — You should go straight to the top. Lack experi-

ence? You'll gain it on the way up. A distant friend who knows the ropes will be glad to help. What are you waiting for? Apply for your dream job. What you don't know, you can learn.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is an 8 — You'll have so many admirers today, you'll have to issue them numbers. Don't make promises you can't keep. Don't tell one what the other told you in private, either. Remember those warnings, and your day should be marvelous.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is a 6 — You could find a way to finance a home or get a new kitchen appliance. Is something of yours about to break down? Or, do you just want to get more energy-efficient? You might save money on the deal. Snoop around.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is an 8 — Are you in love? It could happen at any moment. You might notice a super-optimistic feeling, like everything's going to work out. It's wonderful when you feel this way 'cause you're one of those people whose attitude's contagious.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 7 — Fame and fortune could be your fate. The bad news is that you'll have to work for it. The good news is you'll be successful at the kind of work you love. Don't let satisfaction elude you. Give yourself credit for how far you've come.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 9 — The opportunities seem boundless, and friends bring more to your attention all the time. You may think somebody's holding you back, but maybe that's an excuse. Give yourself extra time to practice so you'll be brilliant when you perform.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 6 — If the action seems too fast, take your time. Set your own pace even if it means pulling over every once in a while to let the others zip by. You can get where you're going on your own terms. That'll be better for you, anyway.

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