

High expectations arise for Ducks in finale

■ Oregon heads to New Mexico looking to win its final tournament of the year

By Adam Jude
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The Oregon volleyball team is hungry, and a Thanksgiving dinner is not going to satisfy any appetites.

With the treacherous conditions of Pacific-10 Conference volleyball now gone, the Ducks (10-17 overall, 2-16 Pac-10) are prepared to end the year with a championship trophy.

No, first-year head coach Carl Ferreira and the Ducks have not met their lofty goal of making a postseason berth for the first time since 1989. But they are treating the New Mexico State Thanksgiving Classic as if it were a potential NCAA tournament appearance.

"Carl wants us to get the feeling of what it's like to be in the postseason," junior setter Julie Gerlach said. "We're looking to take the tournament."

Outside of the Pac-10 this year, the Ducks have lost just once, and that was against top-ranked Hawaii

in sunny Honolulu.

"We have had a lot of non-conference success, and we know that we have the better athletes," Gerlach said. "We just can't let them out-compete us."

Oregon's first opponent in Las Cruces, N.M. will be Texas-El Paso, a team that is 14-13 overall this season and 6-8 in the Western Athletic Conference.

In the second match, the Ducks will face the host school New Mexico State (13-17 overall, 9-9 Sun Belt Conference).

The Ducks finished Pacific-10

Conference play last weekend with losses to Stanford and California, and have been hampered by some ball control problems in the past few weeks.

"We have had some ball control struggles," Gerlach said, "but I don't see it as a big issue this weekend. This is the time to be at our best... we have to elevate our level of play."

And the winner is...

It was announced Tuesday that junior outside hitter Monique Tobbagi was selected to the All-Pac-10 Honorable Mention team. Addi-

tionally, sophomore setter Sydney Chute, Gerlach and senior blocker Halie Mazza were honorably mentioned to the Pac-10 All-Academic team.

Arizona junior setter Dana Burkholder was named the Pac-10 Player of the Year, and her coach, David Rubio shared the honor of coach of the year with USC's Jerritt Elliott.

For the first time ever, a team other than Stanford and UCLA claimed the crown as Pac-10 champion. This year, Arizona (24-3, 16-2) and Southern Cal (24-2, 16-2) shared the title.

Hockey team battles, falls short against Huskies

■ The Ducks return to Eugene banged up after losing twice to the Huskies in Seattle

By Inge Scheve
for the Emerald

The Oregon club hockey team dropped two disappointing games to Washington, 5-3 and 4-1, in Seattle last weekend.

Although the scores may suggest a wipe out, the games were closer than they appear.

"Friday was an awesome game,"

Oregon captain Tyler Shaffar said. "I'm so proud of the guys and how we pulled it out. It's just unlucky play that made us lose."

The Huskies were 3-0 going into the third period, but the Ducks evened the score at 3-3 on a power play with seven minutes to go, which lasted until there were 45 seconds left on the clock. Nathan Vogel scored two for the Ducks before a number of unlucky circumstances enabled the Huskies to win 5-3, Shaffar said.

"It hurt a lot to lose that game. It was rough," Shaffar said.

Oregon goalie Joe Fagliano did an outstanding job defending the Ducks' net, playing the entire game on both nights while Josh Hardin remained injured.

"We're happy with what Joe did," Shaffar said, adding that the defense worked hard as well. "Offensively, we didn't come through this weekend. We didn't put the points on the board and that's what we were missing."

Oregon played too aggressively on Friday, Shaffar said. "We let a lot of cheesy goals go in."

On Saturday, the Ducks tried to adjust their game to the larger rink, playing more passively. But the Huskies used their giant-sized home turf to their advantage.

"They know how to play that surface," Shaffar said. "They were all over us."

At the start of Saturday's third period, the Ducks were trailing by two points when Brett Ledder shoved the puck in Washington's goal, netting Oregon's only goal that night. The Ducks were then pressing hard and thought they could tie it up, but the

Huskies got a grip on the Ducks and played into 4-1, the final result.

The Washington goalie was disqualified after Friday's game, so the Huskies fielded their back-up goalie Saturday.

While the Ducks may have been closer than the stats reveal, Shaffar said he could probably count on his fingers how many opportunities they had.

The Oregon defense in particular is hurting after the games, and everyone is looking forward to a gameless weekend coming up.

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Horoscope by Linda C. Black

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Nov. 22). Choose your friends carefully this year. They could lead you to great knowledge or into debt! You're in metamorphosis in December. Get new clothes for the new you in January. Join a class in dream building around February. More work equals more goodies in May. An old partner provides the key in June. Save in July, even if it's tough. Others' enthusiasm inspires your generosity in October. Don't spend more than you've got. Money that's promised for November may arrive late.

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 6 — Conditions change in your favor, but it hasn't happened yet. Expressing yourself and finding the information you need gets easier. A good partner is still necessary if you want to convince an older person.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 6 — Travel related to your work may seem necessary, but it's not easy to accomplish. Instead of going on a trip that will consume lots of time and money, make a few phone calls. Get somebody over there to do what you need so you can stay over here.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21) — Today is a 7 — Toss the ball to somebody who can make a move faster than you can. Romance is bogged down for a little while, too. It'll be much easier this weekend. Set up a date and then get back to what you were doing. It may take longer than expected.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) — Today is a 6 — If you and your roommate are squabbling, put in a structure. Each of you can write down your arguments on paper. Exchange notes and schedule a meeting to discuss the matter further, tomorrow or the next day.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 6 — Something new you're trying out is likely to fall flat. Don't move quickly in an area where you're unsure of you. The odds of making a mistake are high. Practice a while longer before taking this act out in front of the public.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 6 — An item a loved one wants is simply too expensive. If you've bought it already, you have to figure out how to pay for it. Maybe you can take it back and work a better deal. Perhaps you could build something together that will work better.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is a 7 — You're in a feisty mood and want to take action. You might tell a loved one what you really think, as well. If you keep talking, the outcome could be positive. That might not happen for a while, however. Think before speaking, instead.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is a 5 — All sorts of people are talking, but what is really being said? What good will it do you? If a partnership is about to break up, you might get something you need at a huge savings. Watch for stressful situations that could work in your favor.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is an 8 — Somebody's gung ho about making big changes. You're fascinated by a radical new idea, and you want to get involved. If you join a group effort, be the practical one. Prevent them from going over budget, and you'll contribute more than you realize.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 6 — This morning harsh words could make you grumpy. Overcome a setback. You and an older person can become great friends, so don't take an insult too seriously. Let it roll off your back. The two of you can accomplish great things together.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 7 — Contacting a person who's far away may be difficult, but it's easier than getting there. Travel related to business is especially difficult. Work through a person who's over there, instead — somebody who speaks the language.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 5 — The direct route may not work well. Instead of asking for the answer, figure it out. You'll make a better impression. A person you do business with can get what you need at a better cost. So, hide out and do the homework.

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