

Bears end hibernation against winless Ducks

■ A strong offense gives California a convincing win, but not before the Ducks fight back in the third game

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It took six matches and 16 games, but it looks as though the Oregon offense has begun to wake up.

However, it wasn't good enough against California, as the Ducks (8-7 overall, 0-6 Pacific-10 Conference) lost to the Golden Bears (5-6, 1-4) in three games (30-23, 30-23, 32-30) Friday at Haas Pavilion, but not before putting up a fight.

After dropping the first two games to Cal in a convincing fashion, the Oregon women bounced back in the third. Behind 26-17, head coach Carl Ferreira's squad fought back, winning 11 of the next 13 points. But a service error by freshman Katie O'Neil and block assists by the Bears' Candace McNamee and Camilla Leffall put the

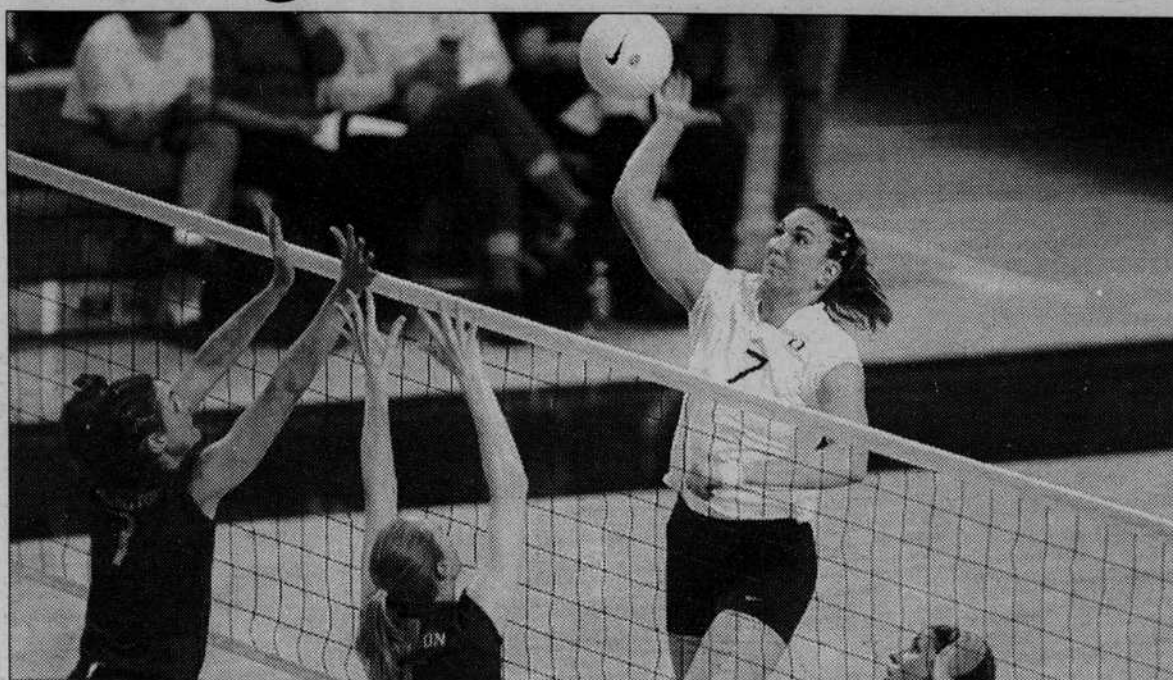
Ducks down for good. It was just a case of too little, too late for the Oregon squad.

"Their service was better than our passing, which got us out of our rhythm," Ferreira said. "Our volleyball execution was good in the third game until the end of the match."

For the second night in a row, junior Stephanie Martin led the Ducks with 11 kills and chipped in with four blocks. Junior Sydney Chute also came in strong for the Ducks, assisting on 28 points, but hit for a negative-.375 percentage, worst on the squad. Senior Monique Tobbago, playing her last match as a Duck in the Bay Area, where she is from, pitched in with eight kills and seven digs.

But it wasn't enough as the Golden Bears outmatched the Oregon defense. Cal led the match with 50 kills, compared to the Ducks' total of 31. To make matters worse, the Oregon women hit for a team-com-

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Junior Stephanie Martin, seen here against Washington earlier this season, led the Ducks with 22 kills last weekend, including 11 against California on Friday. The middle blocker has 159 kills in 15 matches this season, her first as a Duck.

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game that we did."

Entering the game, Oregon's pass defense was ranked in the bottom-half of the Pac-10. The Ducks, however, will move up in that category after holding Arizona quarterback Jason Johnson to 7-of-15 passing for 132 yards.

The Ducks also capitalized on five Arizona (3-2, 0-2) turnovers, scoring on each extra possession.

Senior linebacker Wesly Mallard grabbed his second interception of the season, recovered a fumble and led the Ducks with seven tackles. Linebacker David Moretti also had a pick, his first of the year.

"Early in the year, we were getting turnovers but we weren't getting anything out of them," head coach Mike Bellotti said after the game. "Today, they translated into points, and that's what good teams do."

Good teams also come back with pressure, as the Ducks have done time after time.

Harrington and Co. came out on fire, scoring two touchdowns

by the 3:38 mark of the first quarter. Arizona, however, put together an impressive, six-play, 86-yard drive late in the first quarter to cut the Ducks' lead in half.

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head coach, Oregon

After a quick three-and-out series for Oregon to start the second quarter, Arizona running back Clarence Farmer — the lone highlight for the Wildcats, rushing for 156 yards in the game — broke free for 87 yards to set up another Wildcat score, tying the game at 14 with 13:38 to play in the first half.

But the 'Cats' next sudden move would prove to be their ninth life.

Arizona attempted an onside kick, which was recovered by the kicking team, but just before the required 10-yard line.

Oregon's ball. Oregon's game.

Three plays later, Harrington hit a wide open Josh Line inside the Arizona 10-yard line, and two plays after that, Harrington ran in three yards for his second score of the game.

Arizona missed on a 51-yard field goal attempt on the next drive, setting up Harrington's bomb to Parker at 6:09 in the second quarter.

Five minutes later, Harrington hit tight end Justin Peelle for a 17-yard score, Peelle's sixth touchdown of the season.

Out of the locker room, the Ducks scored on four of their first five possession, ending with Smith's five-yard run early in the fourth quarter.

Backup quarterback Jason Fife, a redshirt sophomore, saw his first action of his collegiate career, finishing 4-of-5 for 46 yards.

Oregon led 63-14 until late in the fourth quarter when Arizona's third-string quarterback, redshirt freshman John Rattay, led the Wildcats to two scores against the Oregon reserves.

"I still think there's room for improvement," Bellotti said. "We have to find a way to improve every single game. That's been our battle cry."

Runners finish second at the Willamette Open

■ Despite sending only three of the top four runners, the Ducks place second thanks to Laura Harmon's third-place finish

By Chris Cabot
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Tom Heinonen's harriers traveled north to Salem and brought home a second-place finish at the Willamette Cross Country Open on Saturday. After winning the event the previous two years, the Oregon women's cross country team could not top the Hawaii Rainbow Wahine.

In a field of 388 competitors, most of whom were with non-Division 1 schools, Hawaii's Cheryl Smith crossed the line first with a time of 16:56.33. Oregon sophomore Laura Harmon finished third among Division-1 runners, with a time of 17:51.55, behind another Rainbow Wahine runner, Casey McGuire-Torrott, and four non-Division-1 runners.

Harmon's average mile time over the 5,000-meter course was 5:44, which was 17 seconds off Smith's

average mile time.

Along with Harmon, the Duck's Annette Mosey finished sixth among Division-1 runners (35th overall) with a time of 18:32.50. Mosey's fellow sophomore Alicia Snyder-Carlson placed seventh (49th overall), followed almost nine seconds later by freshman Sara Schaaf (13th, 79th overall, 19:03.07), junior Annie Davis (14th, 89th overall, 19:12.04) and freshman Taylor Bryant (21st, 127th overall, 19:32.17).

Several Oregon runners also entered the race competing unattached. Eri Macdonald finished 33rd overall in a time of 18:31.69. Haripurkh Khalsa (189th, 20:05.29) and Rachelle Miller (209th, 20:15.04) also ran.

Macdonald has been hampered due to injury this season, but looks to be getting back to her old form. Last year, the junior from Honolulu scored in every race for Oregon.

Coming up next weekend for both the men and women is the Furman Invitational in Greenville, S.C., where many of the top teams in the country will compete.

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