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the match.

Despite the setbacks last weekend, the Ducks are still in good position to make their first-ever NCAA Tournament. A sweep against the Arizona schools this weekend would greatly improve Oregon's chances.

Both Arizona schools have fallen on bad times this season. Arizona is last in the Pac-10, with a 3-7-1 record. The Wildcats are in the middle of a slump, as they have lost their last six contests by a combined 13 goals.

Arizona State is having slightly more success this season, but not much. The Sun Devils are 6-6-0 this season, but are also in the middle of a losing streak. Arizona State has lost four in a row, and five of the last seven.

For Oregon, the chance to hit the

road could be refreshing. The Ducks have played seven straight home games, going 4-3 over that time. After this weekend's games, Oregon will return home to face UCLA and Southern California, then hit the road again to face Oregon State, Washington and Washington State to end the season.

On the flip side of Oregon's home games are Arizona's away games. The Wildcats have played six straight games on the road, while Arizona State has faced four straight road tests.

Last season, the Ducks' games with the Arizona schools were one of the few highlights of the year. Now-senior Chalise Baysa shattered the Oregon career goals record with three on the weekend and two against the Wildcats. The Ducks were able to beat Arizona 2-0, but lost to Arizona State 2-1.

Oregon will face Arizona at 7 p.m. Friday and Arizona State at 1 p.m. Sunday.

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more points after that and succumbed to head coach Patti Snyder-Park's team by six.

In what would be a mentally draining third game, not only for the Oregon players, but the Oregon fans as well, Ferreira's squad never really stood a chance. Down 8-5 early on in the game, the Ducks would see Arizona State run the gambit on them, winning the next five points to put them in a commanding position. Oregon's seven kills and .000 hitting percentage were no match for the Sun Devils en route to the Sun Devils' 14-point win in the final set.

"We're disappointed in the outcome of tonight's match," senior Monique Tobbagi said.

While the Ducks were dominated on the scoreboard, they would be further humiliated on the stat

sheet. Ferreira's team was outkilled 56-34, including 16-7 in the final game. Oregon's .133 hitting percentage was almost .300 points lower than Arizona State's .404, and the Sun Devils tallied more assists than the Ducks, 48-29.

"They flat out had their way as attackers," Ferreira said. "So our attackers needed to do a much more dominant job at the net, and then we needed to have our blockers do a much better job at controlling the net."

The one bright spot for the Ducks was Tobbagi. With her fourth kill in the first game, Tobbagi became the fifth Oregon player since 1986 to record 1,000 kills for her career. In addition, her 13 digs led the Ducks.

"I'd rather have the win," she said. "I'd give up all those kills to get some W's in our column."

The Ducks host No. 7 Arizona tonight, with the first serve slated for 7 p.m. at McArthur Court.

Yanks win again at Safeco

By Jim Salisbury

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SEATTLE (KRT) — The Seattle Mariners made history this season, setting an American League record with 116 wins.

But two games into the 2001 AL Championship Series, it is the New York Yankees who have history on their side.

No team has lost a league championship series after winning the first two games on the road. That is the comforting position the Yankees find themselves in as they head back to the Bronx with a two-games-to-none lead in this best-of-seven series.

The Yanks won Thursday night by riding the strong starting pitching of Mike Mussina and the impressive bullpen work of Ramiro Mendoza and Mariano Rivera to a 3-2 victory over the Mariners in Game 2 of the ALCS at Safeco Field.

A loud throng of 47,791 Mariners fans packed the stands and saw their team's 25-year-old starting pitcher, Freddy Garcia, turn in a terrific effort while working on just three days' rest.

Garcia pitched seven innings and allowed just three runs, all coming in the second inning. But that was enough support for the Yankees' pitchers, who have held the highest scoring team in baseball to four runs in two games.

After the Mariners' loss in Game 1, manager Lou Piniella said that they were going to have to beat the Yankees' starting pitching to advance to the World Series. Their chore gets no easier now. They must face Orlando "El Duque" Hernandez and Roger Clemens in Games 3 and 4. Hernandez is 9-1 in the postseason, and Clemens won 20 games this season.

The Mariners must win at least two of the next three games in New York to bring the series back to Seattle.

In beating Garcia on Thursday night, the Yanks avenged the two de-

feats he had thrown at them in last year's ALCS.

The only runs that Mussina allowed over six innings came on Stan Javier's two-run homer in the fourth. That blast came two innings after Scott Brosius, who hit a two-run single, and Chuck Knoblauch, who hit an RBI single, gave the Yanks a 3-0 lead.

Knoblauch, the Yanks' leadoff man, collected two hits and reached base three times. He had totaled three hits in Game 1. So far, he has been the more impressive of the two leadoff men in the series, with the Yanks having kept Ichiro Suzuki in check.

After Mussina departed, Mendoza and Rivera teamed to pitch three scoreless innings. Rivera earned his fourth save of this postseason and his 23rd postseason save overall.

The pitching matchup featured two of the best righthanders in the AL. Garcia won the league's ERA crown with a 3.05, and Mussina was second at 3.15.

Garcia, 25, was a top prospect with Houston before the Mariners picked him up in the July 1998 trade that sent Randy Johnson to the Astros.

The Yankees shelled out \$88.5 million to sign Mussina to a six-year contract last winter. Mussina had spent a decade in Baltimore. The decision to leave Baltimore, in his words, came down to "which place would give me the best chance of still playing in October."

Mussina turned around the Yankees' division series against Oakland with seven shutout innings in Game 3. The Yanks went into that game down by two games to none and facing elimination.

There aren't many better hitting teams in the AL than Oakland. The team Mussina faced Thursday night is one of them.

Mussina listed Suzuki, Edgar Martinez and Bret Boone as the keys

in the Seattle lineup.

"If I can stop Ichiro and Edgar and get Boone out, then I should be able to slow them down enough that we can win the game," Mussina said before the game. "You have to be on top of your game to face that lineup."

Mussina faced Seattle twice in the regular season, losing in April and winning in August. He pitched seven shutout innings in the victory.

Mussina wasn't as sharp Thursday night as he had been against Oakland in his last start. But he had the luxury of an early lead.

Garcia allowed a single to Tino Martinez and a walk to Jorge Posada with none out in the second. With one out, Brosius clubbed a two-run double to left. Two batters later, Knoblauch drove Brosius in with a single, giving the Yanks a 3-0 lead.

Mussina allowed baserunners in each of the first four innings. He taphanced his way out of trouble in the second, leaving runners on second and third when he struck out David Bell on a full-count slider. An inning later, he survived a two-base error by centerfielder Bernie Williams, who dropped a long drive by Suzuki.

But in the fourth, the Mariners finally solved Mussina, cutting the Yanks' lead to one. Mike Cameron drew a one-out walk, and Javier unloaded on a 1-0 fastball, sending it over the center-field wall for a two-run homer.

The Yankees might have followed their three-run second inning by doing more damage in the third, but Cameron, the man who succeeded Ken Griffey Jr. in center field for Seattle, robbed Williams of extra bases with a sensational leaping catch at the wall. There was one out and a man of first when Cameron made the catch.

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Horoscope by Linda C. Black

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Oct. 19) - Are you considered to be a person of great wisdom? If not, you will be by the time this year is through. You have a compulsion to ask probing questions, and you won't give up until you get the truth. This new-found pit-bull quality, plus your old Mr. Nice Guy/Mrs. Nice Gal skills, will put you into the major leagues of sagaciousness. Don't let it go to your head.

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 an 8 - Look for mistakes, even ones you didn't make. Your partner could make a big one. If you can keep it from happening, you'll have a friend for life. Celebrate at your favorite foreign restaurant.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) - Today is a 5 - You've had an interesting week. If you're not up for going out dancing tonight, don't feel guilty. Just relax and count your blessings. You can also count the nice returns you're receiving on your investment. If you don't have any investments, make some.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21) - Today is a 9 - Don't spend your money to prove your love. You'll do much better if you put your feelings into words and offer those words as a gift. A person you find attractive feels the same way about you, so expound.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) - Today is a 5 - Did all the work pile up on Friday? Or has a new project captured your interest? Regardless, you'll be in the mood to work tomorrow.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 9 - Whatever was bothering you yesterday is easily forgotten. Now, everything looks possible again, and it is. Don't brag about what you intend to accomplish. It's a waste of breath and energy, and it tips off the competition.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is a 5 - Jeal-

ously could rear its ugly head if a friend just got something that you're trying to save up for. Instead of being jealous, count your blessings and be really generous to somebody who has less than you do.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Today is a 10 - If you've just jockeyed into better position, there still may be new things to learn. No problem. You're in an inquisitive mood. If you dig through the books, you'll discover all sorts of amazing things - which you'll use to become even more successful, of course.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is a 6 - You know all that stuff you have stashed away? The stuff you can't bear to part with? There's an excellent chance that something in there may be valuable. Maybe you ought to find out what it is.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 9 - You're so cute, popular and funny, you're the life of the party without even trying. Your humor is mixed with probing insights, of course. You could do social and political commentary for a living! But don't quit your day job just yet. You'll make more love than money on this gig.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is a 5 - Pull back again for a little while. New information causes a change in plans. Secrets are being revealed. If you want to know, ask questions. If there's something you don't want everyone to know, clam up.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is a 9 - Whatever it was you were worried about now seems distant. Everything seems possible again, and it is.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is a 6 - An older person seems to have figured out how you should live your life. A little advice goes a long way, and this person could save you some money. Practice your listening skills.

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