

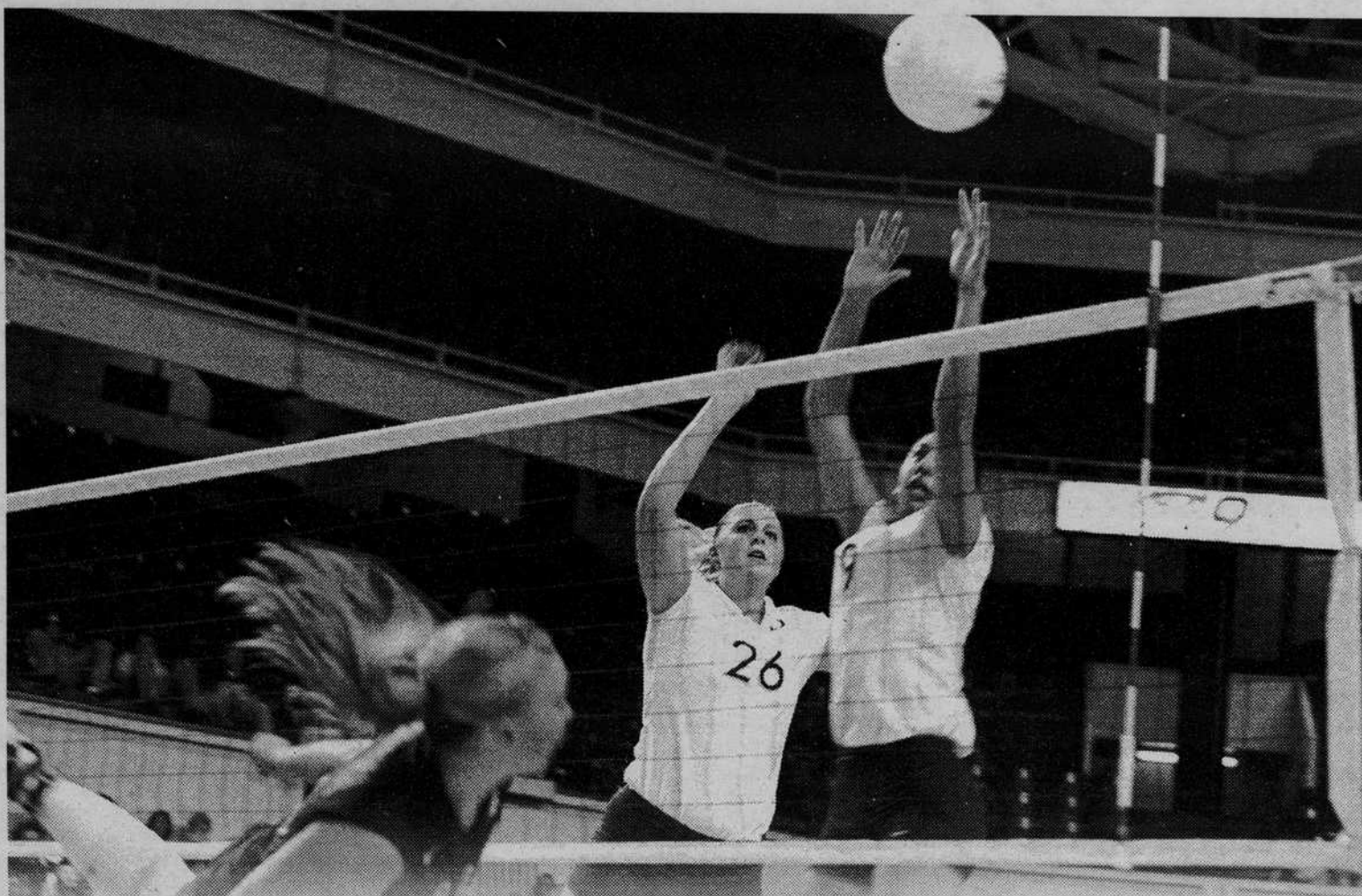
## SPORTS

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Jonathan House  
Emerald  
Amy Reynolds (26)  
and Monique  
Tobbagi (9) looked  
impressive against  
Gonzaga Tuesday,  
but lost a  
heartbreaker to the  
Zags in five  
games.

## Another one slips away from Ducks

Oregon volleyball put up a fight against Gonzaga but couldn't come away with a win against the Bulldogs in Tuesday's five-set match.

By Hank Hager  
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And the streak lives on.

Despite a team-high 18 kills by senior Monique Tobbagi, the Oregon volleyball team could not pull out a win against Gonzaga Tuesday in Spokane, Wash.

Gonzaga (7-11 overall, 3-4 West Coast Conference), on the strength of 21 kills by Christina Davis, pulled out a five-game squeaker (30-26, 30-27, 28-30, 29-31, 15-12) against the Ducks (8-12, 0-9 Pacific-10 Conference), and extended Oregon's losing streak to a season-high 11 matches.

But it was one heck of a match.

After outlasting the Zags in game three,

the Ducks headed to game five for the third time this season, only to see it slip out of their fingers.

A kill by junior Stephanie Martin kept the Ducks close at 8-7, but that was the closest they would get in the final and deciding set. Four straight Gonzaga points widened the gap between the two teams, but head coach Carl Ferreira's squad fight back to get within one at 13-12. Two Zags' points, however, did the Ducks in and gave the match to Gonzaga.

"Our three top hitters are continuing to lead us," Ferreira said. "Monique has begun to generate a rhythm, but I think we need to begin scoring points from other areas as

well."

Without strong play in games three and four, the Ducks would have never even gotten to that position. But the match didn't start out so great for the Oregon women.

Up 10-8 early on in the first game, Oregon saw Gonzaga fight back to take a 17-14 lead. A kill by freshman Lauren Westendorf gave the Ducks hope, but the Zags again struck back to end the Oregon run. Down by one at 26-25, a kill by Tobbagi put the Ducks right back into the game, but the Bulldogs scored the last four points of the game, leading to the Ducks' demise.

Game two would be no different, as a

sluggish Oregon start led to a quick Gonzaga lead, only to see Ferreira's squad come back to tie it at 10. The Ducks were in driving position at 18-16 when another Gonzaga run of four points put the Ducks behind, this time for good. Oregon could get only as close as 24-23 before losing to the Zags by three.

With their backs to the wall and staring at their third sweep in a row, the Ducks fought back in impressive fashion. After the Ducks jumped out to a commanding 20-11 lead, the Bulldogs fought back to win nine of the next 10 points. But a kill by junior Lindsay

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## Underdog Oregon anxious to move on, get back on field

■ The Oregon football team gets back to work after a long weekend of thinking about its tough loss

By Jeff Smith  
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The betting line lists Oregon as a three-point underdog this week.

In a season in which the Ducks have played with a bulls-eye on their chests in every game, they will enter Pullman, Wash., on Saturday aiming to knock off the undefeated Cougars a week after losing to Stanford.

"If our kids are hungry and anxious as the underdog, that's great," Oregon head coach Mike Bellotti said. "Even had we won, there's the potential that going up there, we could have been the underdog. I don't think (being a target)

was a burden. I think it was something the kids were proud of.

"It certainly added pressure."

As the Ducks walked onto the practice field Tuesday, they appeared loose and ready to go. Joey Harrington joked with reporters about the weather. Some of his teammates got a chuckle out of hearing a girl yell, "We love you Joey!" while leaning her head out a moving car on nearby Centennial Avenue.

But it was still evident that it had been a rough couple of days since seeing their season take a major setback with the 49-42 loss to the Cardinal.

"We were mad and upset from Saturday night to Sunday," linebacker Kevin Mitchell said. "It's kind of a big shock. But we just decided to move on."

"It's gone," defensive tackle Chris

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## Injury forces Struyk to miss rest of year

■ Despite training all season to recover from an injury, Tara Struyk will have to sit out her sophomore campaign

By Chris Cabot  
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Due to a leg injury that occurred in training camp before the season, redshirt sophomore Tara Struyk will likely miss the remainder of the season.



A calf strain and tendonitis have limited Struyk's workouts to the pool, and head coach Tom Heinonen knows that as each week passes, it will be harder and harder for her to get back into competitive running shape.

"It is becoming less a smaller blow for us," he said. "It's been

so long since she's been able to do any dry-land training, that it's not likely that she could step in and help us anymore."

It is unlikely that Struyk will be able to race in the Western Regionals, which begin Nov. 10.

"It's pretty devastating," Struyk said. "I'm almost used to it, though."

In addition to missing this entire season, Struyk sat out last year's cross country season with tendonitis.

### Back in business

Oregon's Laura Harmon, a sophomore who has been among the top women scorers for the Ducks this season, is back at full strength after suffering from a kidney infection that severely affected her performance at the Pre-NCAA meet on Oct. 13.

Harmon actually made a trip to the emergency room and was on antibiotics before competing in the pre-nationals.

Redshirt sophomore Alicia Snyder-Carlson, has recovered from an ankle sprain and resumed a full workout Tuesday.

### Seeing red

This Saturday, the Oregon harriers will face their conference rivals in the Pacific-10 Championships. The likely favorite, in both the men's and women's fields, is Stanford. After the football team's loss last Saturday, Stanford isn't making any friends on the Oregon campus, and it is likely that they will anger more Duck fans this weekend.

The Cardinal are led on the men's side by a young group of runners, including freshman Ryan Hall and sophomores Grant Robison, Ian Dobson and Louis Luchini. The Cardinal are currently ranked No. 2 in the nation.

The women, who are No. 1, are led by junior Lauren Fleshman and are looking for their sixth consecutive title.