

# Football

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which were touchdowns.

"That has a lot to do with Joey Harrington's leadership and ability to operate down there," Bellotti said.

Despite the offensive explosion, junior wide receiver Keenan Howry said the unit can still improve.

"You can always get better," said Howry, who had four touchdown receptions in Oregon's 42-24 victory over Arizona State Saturday. "You can never say you've played a perfect game."

Said Bellotti: "From where this thing was nine weeks ago, I'm very pleased at where we're at. We have great focus right now."

## Sold out

The implications are huge when the Ducks and Bruins meet Saturday, and the crowd at the Rose Bowl will show up accordingly.

A sold-out crowd is expected to greet the Ducks Saturday as they enter the Rose Bowl, which seats more than 91,000.

"My roommates were trying to call for some tickets, but both the

Oregon section and the UCLA section were sold out," Harrington said. "So we're anticipating a lot of people. We're going to go out there and it's going to be two great teams."

Bellotti said as many as 20,000 Oregon fans may make the trip to Los Angeles.

"How many times does that happen?" he said.

## Eat your apples

Bellotti said junior rover Rasuli Webster "should be OK" for the UCLA game after suffering a strained hamstring against Arizona State.

Both tailbacks, senior Maurice Morris and sophomore Onterio Smith, will also play Saturday. Morris sat out the ASU game with a sore hamstring, but could have played if necessary. Smith's right eye was inflamed when his helmet rubbed against it during the game against the Sun Devils; he sat out Monday's practice but was back on the field Tuesday.

In all, Bellotti said, "I don't think anybody will be ruled out" for the Bruins game.

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# Runners trying to stay healthy

■ Freshmen Sara Schaaf and Seth Pilkington will both likely miss this weekend's regional championships in Arizona

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Women's cross country freshman Sara Schaaf, who has had pain in her upper leg throughout the year, may not run at the Western Regionals this weekend. There is a possibility that Schaaf has a stress fracture on her femur, which would prevent her from running.

"We don't want to jump to conclusions that it might be (a stress fracture), but it's been hurting, so hopefully in the next couple days we'll find out," Schaaf said. "If it is something not too serious, I may be able to run."

## Another freshman falls

On the men's side, another true freshman, Seth Pilkington, will not run in this weekend's regional

championships in Tucson, Ariz. Pilkington collapsed in the pre-nationals on Oct. 13 and head coach Martin Smith opted to hold him out of the Pacific-10 Conference Championships on Oct. 27.

The idea, however, is to preserve Pilkington's strength for the NCAA Championships on Nov. 17. Both races are 10Ks and there may be a question about whether Pilkington would be ready for the nationals if he ran in the regionals.

## Back on track

After a fall midway through the Pac-10 Championships that cost him valuable time, All-American Jason Hartmann should be fully recovered by Saturday's regional race. Hartmann — who finished sixth in the Pac-10 — had no serious injuries, just some bruises and soreness that lingered.

## Preppin' it up

In a state known for its running, the top race for the Class 4A high school cross country runners was held at Lane Community College. The 5,000-kilometer cross country championships was won by Lauren Jespersen with a time of 15:29, just

ahead of teammate Jacob Gomez.

Both runners hail from Klamath Union High School, the same school where Schaaf spent her prep years. Schaaf trained with Jespersen and Gomez during both the cross country and track seasons, so she became good friends with them.

"Our great coach ... was like our good friend," Schaaf said. "So even during school during breaks and stuff we would all go down to her room and just hang out as a team and a group."

## Other notables

The cross country team from South Eugene High School placed first in the girls' race at the state championships. Oregon harrier Eric Heinonen, whose father, Tom, is the head coach of the Oregon women's cross country team, is a graduate of South Eugene and a former runner on the Axeman cross country team.

Heinonen, a freshman, is redshirting this season to save a year of eligibility.

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# Volleyball

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Junior blocker Amanda Porter had her best match of the season, posting a career-best .636 hitting percentage and tying a career-high with six blocks. Defensively, Lindsay Murphy led the Ducks with 16 digs.

The win also marked the return of junior blocker Stephanie Martin, who sat out Friday's game against No. 4 Stanford with a knee injury. Martin had 12 kills and four blocks against the Pilots.

But the Ducks also know they need to make it happen in the Pac-10 as well. Ferreira sees the non-conference matchups as important, especially since they offer a break from the ultra-competitive Pac-10.

"It's all about learning what the Pac-10 is," he said. "The consistency (of play) will follow the mature responsibility of doing it all the time."

In game four against Portland, the Ducks sealed their four-point win with two solo blocks and 10 block assists, en route to a match high 17 total blocks.

But the team as a whole stayed strong enough for the win.

Led by senior junior Anna Abatzoglou, who had a career-high 18 kills in the match, the pesky Pilots kept the Ducks at bay until they finally caved in. In the first game of the match, Portland held off the Ducks to win by a scant two points, essentially putting the match in their hands.

But the resiliency of the young Oregon squad showed through, and this time it paid off dividends.

A 30-27 win in game two put the match back in reach, and it showed in game three as the Ducks again took a game from the Pilots. The 30-24 win put them ahead of their opponent for the first time since a loss to Idaho State on Oct. 14.

One game and seven total blocks later, the Ducks had pulled out their first win in almost two months with a 30-26 win.

The Ducks now take momentum into their match against Oregon State at McArthur Court Friday.

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# Club hockey falls to nation's top team

■ The hockey team returned from Wyoming and Colorado with two losses last weekend

By Mindi Rice  
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The Oregon Club Sports hockey team may be 3-7-0 this year, but the Ducks continue to improve with every game.

Last weekend the Ducks traveled to Wyoming and Colorado for two games. Although the team lost 2-1 Friday to Wyoming State, goalie Joel Fagliano had one of his better games on the season, allowing only two goals in 35 attempts.

## Sports brief

### Golfers finish 12th

Chris Carnahan shot 7-under over the final two rounds to tie for eighth at the Prestige at Palm Desert golf tournament Tuesday at the 7,056-yard, par-72 Desert Willow course in Palm Desert, Calif. The Ducks finished 12th in the event.

Mike Tornabene scored the only goal for Oregon with five minutes left against Wyoming State.

Saturday, the Ducks played Colorado State, the defending American Collegiate Hockey Association champions. The game proved to be a good lesson for Oregon as it was reminded about the values of solid passing and strong hitting. The final score, 13-1, doesn't tell the whole story as the Ducks had a relatively good showing against one of the country's strongest teams.

Oregon is in the Pacific-8 Hockey

Conference, which is a sub-conference in the ACHA. The Pac-8 consists of the Pac-10 teams minus Arizona, which belongs to ACHA Division I, and Oregon State, which does not have a team.

Oregon won its last home series against Washington State at the end of October. The Ducks' three wins on the season have all come at home against Pac-8 teams.

The Ducks host UCLA Friday and Saturday as Pac-8 play resumes. Both games are at 7:30 p.m. at the Lane County Ice Arena at the fairgrounds.

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Senior Aaron Byers tied for 30th at 216.

Washington won the tournament at 844, with round of 280-284 Tuesday. Kansas and Colorado tied for second at 849. Oregon had rounds of 288-291 Tuesday and finished 12th at 871, two strokes behind Stanford.

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