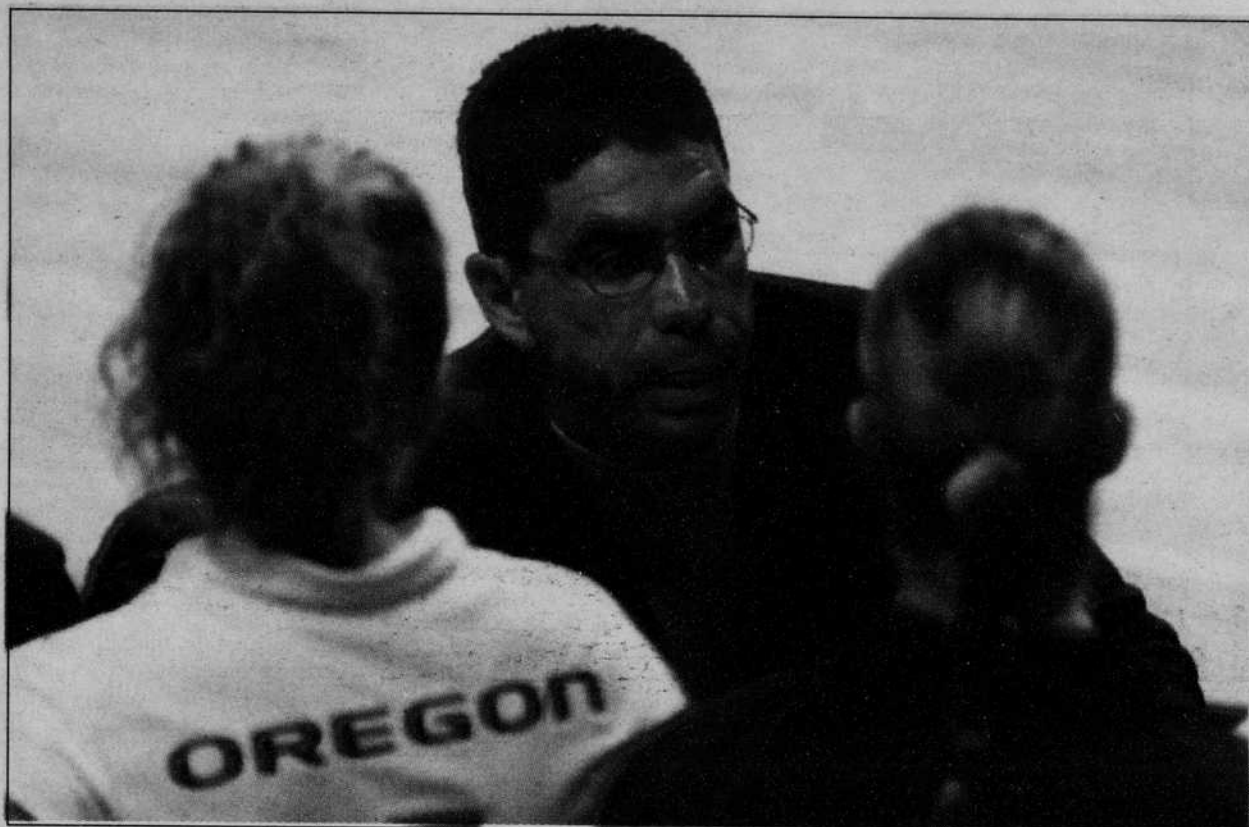


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In six years at Idaho and Cal State-Bakersfield, Oregon volleyball head coach Carl Ferreira compiled a 148-56 record. In two years with the Ducks, he is 19-38 overall and 2-34 in Pac-10 play heading into tonight's match against UCLA.

DOWN but not OUT

■ Oregon head coach Carl Ferreira remains in high spirits while awaiting his first conference win of the season

By Hank Hager
Oregon Daily Emerald

For Oregon volleyball head coach Carl Ferreira, the 2001 season has been one of twists and turns, achievements and disappointments, but more often than not, a time of aggravation.

Entering today's 7 p.m. match against UCLA at McArthur Court, the Ducks remain winless in Pacific-10

Conference play, and they have won only one match since Sept. 8. In the 32 seasons Oregon volleyball has existed, no team has ever failed to win a conference match. With only two more remaining this season, the Ducks are very close to obtaining this dubious feat.

But ask Ferreira if the season is a waste, and he'll tell you otherwise.

"Just an overall evaluation, I'd say we're probably twice as good as a year ago," he said, "winning and losing not reflective of the significant amount of growth we've taken on."

"There's no question; from where we were when I got here — 19 to 20 months ago, to now — the growth is staggering."

And all that comes from a coach who had never seen a losing season in six years before coming to Eugene.

Ferreira came to Oregon before the

2000 season after leading Idaho to three top-3 finishes in as many seasons. Before that, he led Division II California State-Bakersfield to a 100-13 record in three seasons, including a trip to the national championships in 1994.

So, after 36 career Pac-10 matches, he has guided Oregon to a 2-34 record, including this season's winless peril. Despite the poor record, he has enjoyed his time at Oregon.

It's been "phenomenal, but with a ways to go," he said.

After taking over for the maligned Cathy Nelson almost two seasons ago, Ferreira has begun to make his mark in perhaps his strongest area. Recruiting, despite the program's poor overall record over the last decade, has picked up.

Juniors Stephanie Martin and Lindsay Closs led a small, but impressive cast of characters to put on the Oregon green and yellow for the first time this season. And, along

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Long ticket lines motivate Ducks

■ The Oregon football team is thrilled by students excited to see them play the Beavers

By Jeff Smith
Oregon Daily Emerald

Mike Bellotti was "amazed" when he spotted the throng of students lined up around Autzen Stadium on Monday morning to get tickets for Civil War.

The Oregon head coach admitted it got him a little more fired up for the Dec. 1 game.

"Well yeah, and it's still two weeks away, so I have to temper my excitement," Bellotti said. "But seeing that this morning when I drove in, I was shocked."

Knowing that their fellow classmates were braving wind and rain for hours on end just to see them play gave the Oregon football players a little more bounce in their step for Monday's practice.

"It's hyped up, you gotta love it," cornerback Steve Smith said.

"That's awesome," tight end Justin Peelle said. "That's what I love about this university, they just

rally around us."

The first tent was spotted outside of the Autzen Stadium ticket window Friday night, followed by a few more Saturday night and a lot more Sunday. The late-night campers were joined by plenty of early risers, all eager to pick the student tickets that were released at 9 a.m. Monday.

"I feel like a rock star," fullback Josh Line said. "I'm excited about that. That just shows the support that we have from the student body. I thought we had a game today, and I thought we were late for it. The whole place was packed with cars."

"It was incredible." The Ducks practiced Monday, will practice today and then have five days off for Thanksgiving before reconvening for Civil War week. Bellotti wouldn't usually give that many days off to his team but thinks it's a reasonable break for a holiday and expects a rejuvenated group when they return.

"I'll say some things to them before they go away, but I expect our kids to come back with fresh legs, great purpose and great focus," Bellotti said.

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Harriers place 13th at nationals

■ Jason Hartmann comes up short of another All-American title at the NCAA Championships

By Chris Cabot
Oregon Daily Emerald

Going into the NCAA Championships, the Oregon men's cross country team was ranked No. 14 in the nation, but on the Furman University cross country course on Monday, they ran to a 13th place finish.

Oregon finished with 389 points, while the winner, Colorado, edged Stanford's 91 points by one to tie the narrowest margin of victory in NCAA history. Regional foe Portland placed seventh with 273 points.

Junior Jason Hartmann, who has achieved All-American status in the two years previous by finishing 37th in 1999 and 35th in 2000, finished in 50th with a time of 30:21 and as a result, was denied in his attempt at a third All-American title. The top-30 runners as well as the top-30 American finishers receive the honor of All-American, and the last runner to achieve the title finished 10 seconds ahead of Hartmann.

"I was disappointed with myself in that the team was only a few points away from finishing a little higher," Hartmann said. "Overall, I was excited how the team stepped up."

"Our goal at the start was to finish top 15, and we can certainly build off this next year."

Oregon senior Adam Bergquist ran another good race in the final cross country meet of his career, placing 60th with a time of 30:29. Throughout the race, Bergquist moved up steadily and finished strong at the end.

"The last three (kilometers), I was hurting pretty bad, but still tried to pass as many guys as I could," he said. "I was able to relax on the downhill in the ninth kilometer and find a little strength there."

Other Oregon scorers included Brett Holts (96th, 30:58), John Lucas (117th, 31:09) and Eric Logsdon (156th, 31:32). Noel Paulson (176th, 31:48) and Ryan Andrus (236th, 33:13) also ran for the Ducks.

True freshman Seth Pilkington, who sat out of the Western Regional Championships in hopes that he would be ready for the national meet, did not compete. Pilkington collapsed in his previous trip to Furman at the pre-nationals and has not finished a race for the Ducks since his first collegiate competition on Sept. 29, when he finished second on the squad.

Overall, head coach Martin Smith was pleased with his team's effort against the top teams in the nation.

"This was our best performance as a group this season, and at the most difficult level," he said. "We exceeded where we were ranked coming in, and ran with a lot of poise."

Eastern Michigan's Boaz Chboiywo won the individual title with a time of 28:47, breaking the 10K course record by seven seconds.

Michigan's freshman Alan Webb, who Oregonians remember from last May's Prefontaine Classic at Hayward Field where he broke the high school record in the mile (3:53.43), placed 10th. Michigan placed 11th as a team.

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Oregon senior fullback Josh Line said he felt like a rock star after seeing the long lines of students waiting outside Autzen Stadium to pick up tickets for the Dec. 1 Civil War game.