

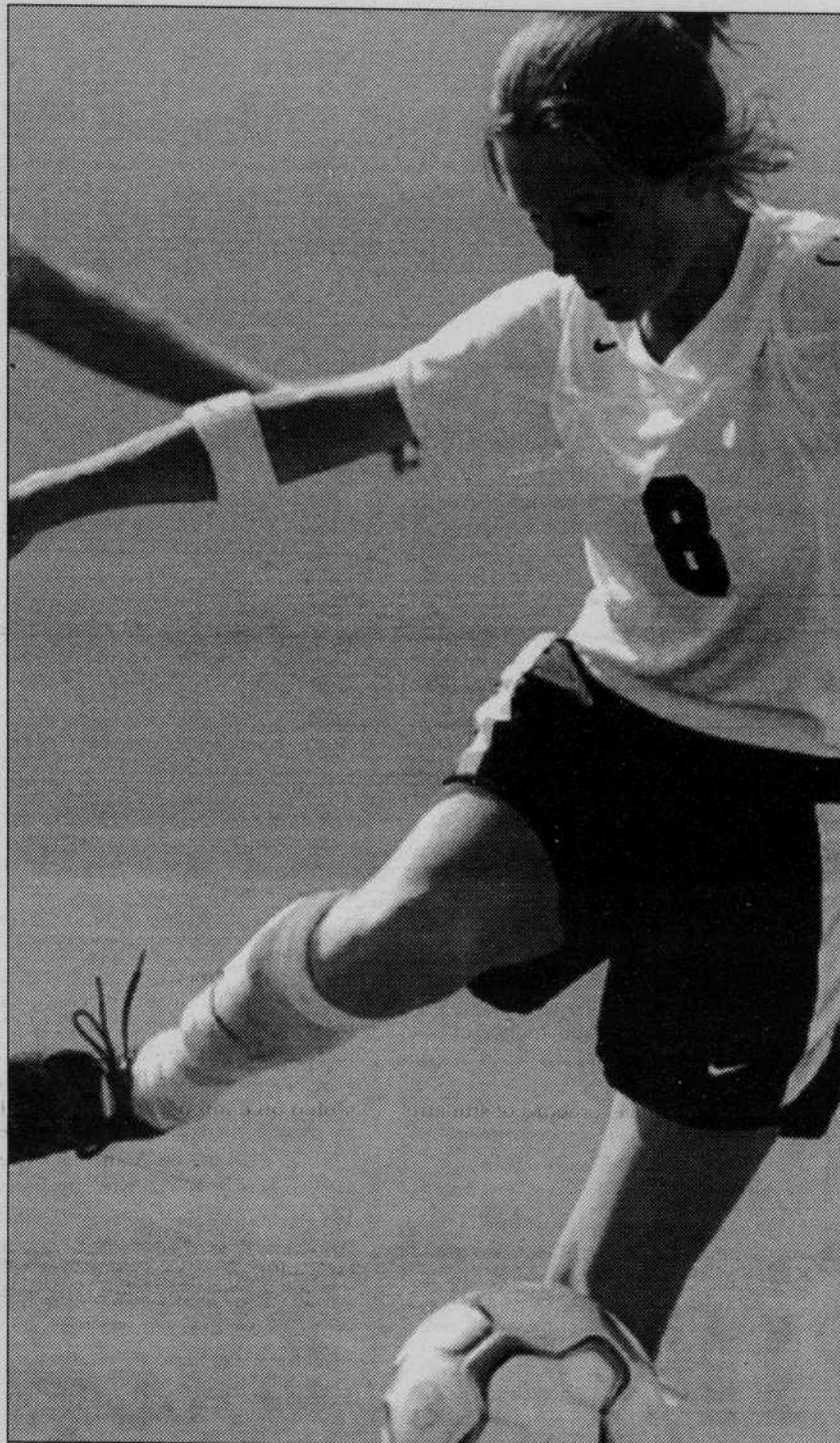
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Lindsey Peterson was nicknamed 'Peanut' by a roommate and the name has stuck with her.

PEANUTS

Senior Lindsey Peterson, nicknamed 'Peanut,' is a solid defender for the women's soccer team and a role model for her teammates

the Oregon women's soccer team.

The four-year veteran earned her nickname from her roommate her freshman year and, according to Peterson, "it just kind of stuck."

"She's the smallest person on our team but she knocks over girls my size," defender and close friend Robi Thayer said.

Not bad for someone who stands 5-foot-1.

"When I play, I don't want to just go out and play, I want to do my best and play hard, otherwise it is not worth the time and physical effort," Peterson said.

Peterson was able to make her physical efforts evident from the start of her soccer-playing days.

It all began in the first grade for Peterson, who was six years old when she started in her first soccer camp in the small town of Port Orchard, Wash.

And even at that age, mother Linda Peterson recalls "they recognized her skills and potential for soccer."

"I played everything, but soccer is the sport I stuck with," Peterson said.

Soccer has brought her through a college career at Oregon, as she rounds out her last season as a captain with the Ducks.

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Soccer

Jesse Thomas
Sports Reporter

Outwit. Outplay. Outlast.
Survivor.

One hour of her week is set aside to giving undivided attention to her television set — the show that she can't miss.

Everything about the show thrills her. From the competition to being able to travel somewhere new and the relationships earned from the experience. And, of course, there's the \$1,000,000.

"I've planned to make my (Survivor) application video," senior Lindsey Peterson said.

They would refer to her as "Peanut." She would likely be the smallest person on the show, but would have the biggest heart and be the strongest leader.

That goal may not be a reality for a few years at least, but for now Peterson holds that same role on



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Peterson attempts a block while goalie Sarah Peters prepares to stop a North Carolina forward's shot on Sunday.

Beavers invade Mac Court for 86th Civil War

Oregon looks for its first Pac-10 win of the season against rival Oregon State tonight

Volleyball

Hank Hager
Sports Reporter

For the first time in at least a season, the Oregon volleyball team is in a position where each player feels she controls her own destiny.

That wasn't the case against Stanford last weekend, but against California — a weaker but still quality opponent — the Ducks' talent carried them to the end.

Against Oregon State tonight at McArthur Court, the Oregon players truly feel that if they can play up to their potential, they will gain their first Pacific-10 Conference victory since 2000.

"Oregon is going to be key," senior Lindsay Closs said. "As long as we run our system we'll be the better team on the night."

The Ducks (10-8 overall, 0-4 Pac-10) ended a five-match losing streak with a victory over Portland on Monday, a win

that not only boosted Oregon's confidence, but put them at the 10-win plateau for the first time since the 2000 season and just the third time in the last seven years. Oregon has not achieved 11 wins since 1996, a year in which it finished 11-20 overall and 3-15 in Pac-10 play.

The Ducks have an uphill battle to gain back the respectability that they have not enjoyed since making the NCAA tournament in 1989.

Oregon has won just once in the last five Civil War contests, but overall the Ducks have dominated the all-time series, 52-32-1.

Last season, the Beavers dominated on the McArthur Court floor for a three-game sweep, but in the next match at Gill Coliseum, the Ducks clawed their way to a 3-1 loss.

But history be darned, Oregon is looking at the match as just another contest.

"We've talked about each week, how it's a separate entity in and of itself," Oregon head coach Carl Ferreira said. "You take one match separate from the other. We use that as we grow for the next opportunity."

The Beavers, also winless in Pac-10

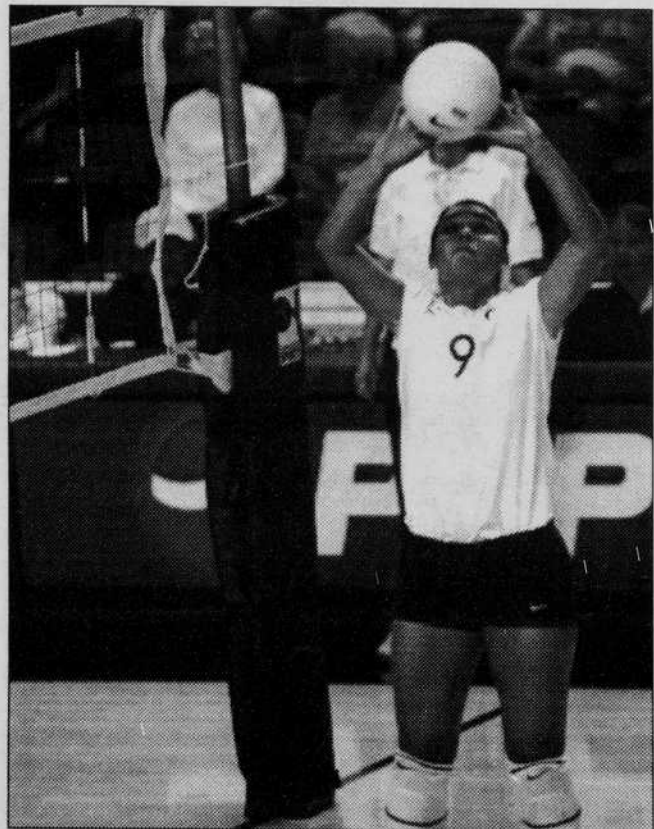
play, are looking to compete in the same manner as Oregon. A record of 5-3 in non-conference play has been dulled by Oregon State's (5-7, 0-4) slow start in conference play and just getting a win could be a big boost.

"As a competitor, the only time you can truly get down on yourself is when you don't compete well," Oregon State head coach Nancy Somera said. "Our challenge is to stay focused on the process, not the outcome. It's hard when you're not winning, but it's what will give us opportunities to win points, games and matches."

Oregon State, which competed in the NCAA Tournament last season, does not have the same firepower as a year ago. Yet senior Nikki Neuburger, junior Laura Collins and sophomore Allison Lawrence return and comprise a potent offensive trio.

The Ducks know of Oregon State's dominance in previous Civil Wars, but are in a position to compete on a more personal basis. Ferreira has focused in the past on playing Oregon volleyball and not worrying about an opponents' style of play.

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Jodi Bell and the Ducks take on Oregon State in the Civil War Thursday at McArthur Court as Oregon looks for its first Pac-10 win.