

# Volleyball

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game. The men's game puts less emphasis on long volley exchanges, and more focus on intense net play. In a sense, it's a race to the kill.

Kills were plentiful for the Ducks on the weekend of March 14, when they won the Northwest Collegiate Classic. It was the first tournament the Ducks ever hosted and they didn't disappoint. Rising above the likes of Washington, Washington State, Western Washington, Oregon State and Lane Community College, the Ducks eventually defeated the Titans 25-17 and 25-19 in the championship match.

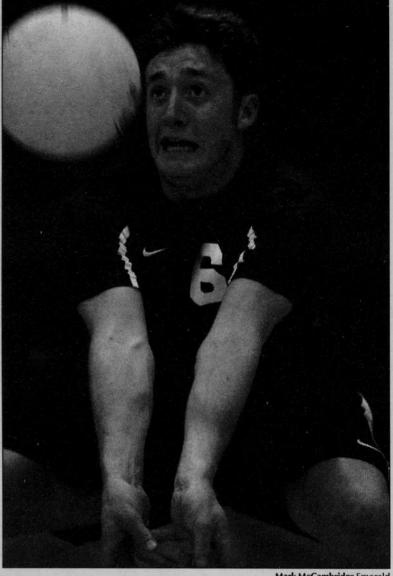
"Winning our tournament at home gave us the confidence to compete at a national level," Mc-Clain said. "Washington State and Washington are some of our biggest rivals.'

Leadership from returning players like McClain, seniors Bryant Griffiths and Steve Childers, mixed with contributions from newcomers like Tony Fuller, Brent Crouch and Kyle Sinner, led to a third-place finish in a tournament at Washington State and a second place finish at a tournament in Walla Walla, Wash. The Ducks also placed third in their regional tournament on April 15 in Seattle.

At the national tournament, Milwaukee Area Technical College was eventually crowned Division II national champion, the prize the Ducks were after. Arizona, a hotbed for men's volleyball, won the Division I championship.

With the season over, the Ducks look to boost offseason commitment from players who look to return next year. Experience can only help build on the achievements of a team that had only three players on the roster return from the previous year. Commitment will be especially important if the Ducks want to make a run deep into the national tournament.

"The national tournament is defi-



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Kyle Sinner focuses intensely while preparing to dig during practice.

nitely overwhelming," McClain said. "Once you walk in and see 30 or 40 different courts being played at once, it's definitely intimidating.

With an improved work ethic and some thick skin, McClain vows to come back strong next season.

"It takes commitment," McClain

said. "You have to be able to take critical comments and always be able to improve."

And it never hurts to listen to people who know what they're talking about.

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## Track

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Now she has emerged as one of Oregon's most elite distance runners, holds an all-time-best record as a Duck and earned her first All-American honors in the fall.

When asked how to describe Zografos in one word, Sandoval replied, "amazing."

#### Who's close and who has to stretch?

With the Pacific-10 Conference Championships less than a month away and NCAA Regionals two weeks later, some athletes are close to qualifying marks whereas others will have to stretch.

Senior Eri Macdonald has easily qualified in the 800 meters, but her 1,500 meter time of 4:34.72 is shy of the 4:31 qualifying mark. Redshirt sophomore Laura Harmon is a mere .31 seconds shy of he regional qualifying mark

1,500 as well.

Senior Clarice Hayward-Lee hit a personal best in the triple jump on the weekend of 39 feet, 10 1/2 inches. Her eight-inch improvement places her near the 40-foot regional qualifier.

Junior Jill Hoxmeier is just two feet from qualifying in the discus but she must stretch over seven feet to qualify in the hammer.

### On her way up

Even though senior Becky Holliday upped her own school record on Saturday, she is far from satisfied.

The mark of 14-5 1/4 was an improvement of two inches but Holliday said she wanted to jump 14-8 at the Mt. San Antonio College Relays and that it would be a mental barrier.

Holliday's ultimate goal is to reach 15-1 this season, which would surpass the top collegiate mark thus far of 14-10 1/4 by Arizona's Amy Linnen.

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