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(quality) opponents have had something to do with us not playing that complete, competitive match."

Transition process

Ferreira also said Oregon freshmen are now entering the third stage of what he called the "transition process." The first two steps include the initial move away from home and competing at the collegiate level for the first time. The third and most difficult stage is

dealing with the start of school and Pacific-10 Conference play.

Freshman outside hitter Sarah Mason isn't having much of a problem with the third step.

"I love my schedule," Mason said. "I have one class everyday except Tuesday. I like my classes and my teachers."

Point system

Since NCAA volleyball has converted to rally scoring, player statistics are now kept through a point system. An athlete receives a point for a kill, a

service ace and a solo block; and a half-point for a block assist. If a player finishes with 19 kills, two aces, three blocks and a block assist, for example, she would be credited with 24.5 points.

"It's really just a language that we're utilizing," Ferreira said of the point system. "It's a better language than saying kills. You've got 19 kills, what does that mean? I think everyone can identify with points."

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Saturday had 58 total receiving yards.

"We dropped a couple passes," Bellotti said Saturday. "There were also a lot of tipped passes that I didn't have an answer for."

Bellotti weighs in on Wildcats

Sunday's firing of Arizona head coach John Mackovic is the topic of the week in the Pacific-10 Conference. Mackovic coached the Wildcats to a 10-18 record in two full seasons and five games this season.

"I was surprised, only because everything I'd heard had said that it would be evaluated at the end of the season," Bellotti said before practice on Monday. "Once you start some-

thing, I think most people would assume you have a chance to finish it.

"Obviously, there are some trust issues around the nation right now, both ways," Bellotti added. "I just think it's unfortunate. I respect John Mackovic as a person and as a coach just in my limited dealings with him, but I just think anytime anybody's let go midseason it's the wrong message to send to everybody."

Wild for Ludwig

In an Orlando Sentinel article that ran Monday, staff writer Mike Huguenin named six coaches Arizona athletic director Jim Livengood should call after he calls Mike Price.

Among the six named was Oregon offensive coordinator Andy Ludwig. "It's part of being at this job," Ludwig said. "But there's not much

to say about it."

Also among the six coaches named was former Oregon quarterback Bill Musgrave, the current offensive coordinator for the Jacksonville Jaguars.

Parker got ticked

When Parker was called for a personal foul in the first quarter, the only sure thing was that he hadn't played nice with David as Parker went after a pass.

"I said, 'if you can't catch that on me, you're not going to catch much on me today,'" David said after Saturday's game. "I told him I gave him a freebie and he dropped it. He was a little mad. He was mad the whole game."

Parker hit David in the face mask and was called for a personal foul.

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positions," first-year head coach Marnie Mason said. "(This weekend) will give us a chance to work on that."

Oregon heads to Bush Park in Salem to compete in the Charles Bowles Invitational on Saturday.

More work to be done

In a race which then-No. 5 Oregon finished fourth overall in its first true test of the season, one could surmise that it was an impressive beginning to what may be a successful season.

Not if you are All-American harrier Brett Holts, however.

"We are disappointed as a team," Holts said. "But, if that were to happen

at any meet, it would be this one."

"This one" was the Roy Griak Invitational held in Minnesota, with a field of 30 teams — 11 of which were ranked or received votes in the latest polls before the race.

Excuse the Ducks if they appear a little bitter. After all, this is a team that returns three All-American runners in Holts, Ryan Andrus and Eric Logsdon, from a team that finished fifth nationally and second in the Pacific-10 Conference a year ago.

In most instances, competing against 30 teams and finishing fourth is nothing to scoff at, but this year's expectations among the male harriers are sky high.

"This was a wake-up call for the team," Holts said. "We didn't get

the job done."

Rankings, rankings

After the weekend, a small shake-up filtered through the men's cross country rankings. The Ducks entered the Roy Griak Invitational ranked fifth nationally, but dropped three spots to eighth place.

"This is a team of veterans," Holts said. "The top five have been around for three and four years, we should know better. We just fell asleep."

Colorado State entered the meet ranked 23rd overall and jumped 12 spots to No. 9 after finishing the race third overall.

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