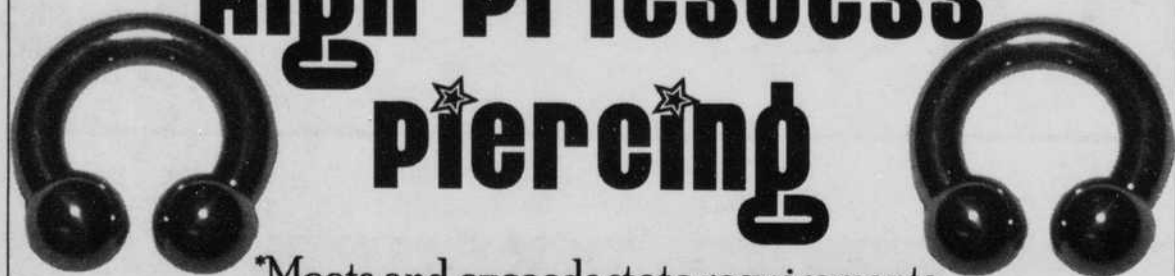


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## Oregon volleyball falls to Wildcats

The Ducks lose a match to Arizona and are now winless in eight Pac-10 matches

By Jon Roetman  
Sports Reporter

The Oregon volleyball team dropped a match against Arizona on Thursday, 3-0 (30-21, 30-28, 30-19) in front of 438 at the McKale Center.

### DUCK VOLLEYBALL

Led by sophomore Bre Ladd, the Wildcats outthit the Ducks percentage-wise .347 to .245. Ladd finished at .643, including nine kills in 14 attempts. Arizona also got another big performance from sophomore Kim Glass, who finished with 17 points and 11 kills. Glass has registered double-digit kills in 25 consecutive matches.

Despite being outthit for the match, Oregon head coach Carl Ferreira said the Ducks featured an efficient attack in games one (.440) and two (.294).

"One of the things we have been working on is our efficiency," Ferreira said. "Games one and two tonight were the most efficient we have played all year. That is a big positive for us."

Arizona (8-10 overall, 2-6 Pacific-10 Conference) was able to take advantage of Oregon's problems with the service game. The Wildcats finished with 13 service aces, including five from Glass. The Ducks (3-14, 0-8) committed nine service errors.

Freshman Sarah Mason and

sophomore Kelly Russell led Oregon with 14 points apiece, each finishing with 11 kills.

Sophomore Jodi Bell added a team high 28 assists.

"Games one and two (were the best) Jodi Bell has ever set," Ferreira said, "which was reflective of our hitting percentage."

Sophomore Jennifer Abernathy led Arizona with 13 kills. Junior Jolene Killough finished with 17.5 points and 12 kills. Senior Kelly Griffin-Halfaker contributed a match-high 38 assists.

Oregon wraps up its two-match road trip with tonight's contest against Arizona State. Unlike the Wildcats, the Sun Devils run a 4-2 offense, which includes two setters on the floor at the same time.

Arizona "has this mega-superstar that can kind of bail them out of situations," Ferreira said, referring to Glass. "Arizona State kind of comes at you in a wave. They have three hitters for all six rotations and they set them all."

As of Thursday, Junior Natalie Harris led the Sun Devils with 4.25 kills per game. Senior Juliana Escobar is second with 3.30. Arizona State's attack is set by the duo of senior Cheryl Anglin and junior Giovana Melo. Anglin leads the team with 435 assists, while Melo has 302.

Harris, Anglin and seniors Kim Mehlhorn and Courtney Blocher have been playing together since they attended Valley Christian High School in Tempe. Escobar and Melo are natives of Brazil.

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## Sharks, Philadelphia miss mark on offense

The Flyers and San Jose play to a scoreless tie in an early season NHL game

By Tim Panaccio  
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SAN JOSE, Calif. — Flyers coach Ken Hitchcock was wary of the San Jose Sharks. Sure, these aren't the Sharks starring Owen Nolan, Vincent Damphousse and Niklas Sundstrom who were supposed to challenge for the Stanley Cup two years ago.

No, these are Sharks of youthful vim and vigor. The Sharks of Milan Michalek, Jonathan Cheechoo, Nils Ekman, Christian Ehrhoff, Tom Preissing. "There is no substitute for emotion," Hitchcock said. "To me, some of the younger teams like Vancouver and San Jose, they've had a great start and you've got to watch out."

The Flyers had to watch out on Thursday night at the HP Pavilion during a scoreless tie that marked the start of their four-game Western road trip, as well as the Sharks' home opener. San Jose came out firing and never let up.

Flyers goalie Jeff Hackett, who played for the Sharks during their inaugural season of 1991-92 and the next year, had a spectacular game, turning away shot after shot from difficult angles and close range. He outdueled San Jose's Evgeni Nabokov, making 26 saves in regulation.

Hackett stole a point for the Flyers. Without him, this trip to San Jose likely would have begun with a loss.

In recording his second shutout of the season in two starts, he had a dramatic moment in the final minutes of overtime. Off a scramble in front, the puck appeared to go behind Hackett's

right skate, but the video replay was inconclusive as to whether the puck actually crossed the goal line.

Typical of Hackett's stops was a third-period cannon blast from Mark Smith from between the circles. The goalie cradled the puck and covered up with stick blades slashing around him for the rebound. In the final minute of regulation, he denied Patrick Marleau in the crease.

San Jose's Marco Sturm drew a double-minor penalty late in the game, giving the Flyers a four-minute power play that they squandered, something they did with frequency.

The Flyers got a major scare when forward Michal Handzus suffered what appeared to be a left knee injury in the final four minutes of the second period and limped off the ice. He returned, however, for the third period.

Neither team scored in the opening period, but the Flyers had opportunities in the second period on a series of power plays against a Sharks penalty-killing crew that ranked last in the league a year ago.

First, the Flyers got a four-on-three power play that eventually became a five-on-three power play for 1 minute, 25 seconds. Up to then, the power play had been effective at 30 percent (3 of 10). Yet, as was the problem so often last season, the Flyers' power play came to a crawl that period as the players tried to find the perfect shot or pass against Nabokov instead of doing what they did in the first two games of the season — drilling shots and finding rebounds in front.

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