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## Sun Devils too much for Ducks

Oregon extended its losing streak in Tempe on Friday against Arizona State with its ninth-straight Pac-10 loss

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It's beginning to sound like a broken record.

The Oregon volleyball team remained competitive until the last point was scored on Friday, but eventually fell to Arizona State, 3-0 (30-17, 30-26, 33-31), in front of 687 at Wells Fargo Arena in Tempe.

### DUCK VOLLEYBALL

Despite recording a higher hitting percentage than the Sun Devils in game three (.343 to .292), the Ducks fell short in a bid to win their first Pacific-10 Conference game of the season. Oregon (3-15 overall, 0-9 Pac-10) last won a set on Sept. 23 in a 3-1 loss at Portland. The Ducks last won a match on Sept. 13 against Villanova (3-0).

Game three against the Sun Devils marked the third time since the start of Pac-10 play that the Ducks had a game extend past the 30-point mark. The Ducks also dropped game two against Stanford, 33-31, on Sept. 19 and game three to UCLA, 36-34, on Sept. 26. Games continue past the 30-point mark until a team is ahead by two.

"I'm pleased with how we ended the match tonight," Oregon head coach Carl Ferreira said. "We continue to progress."

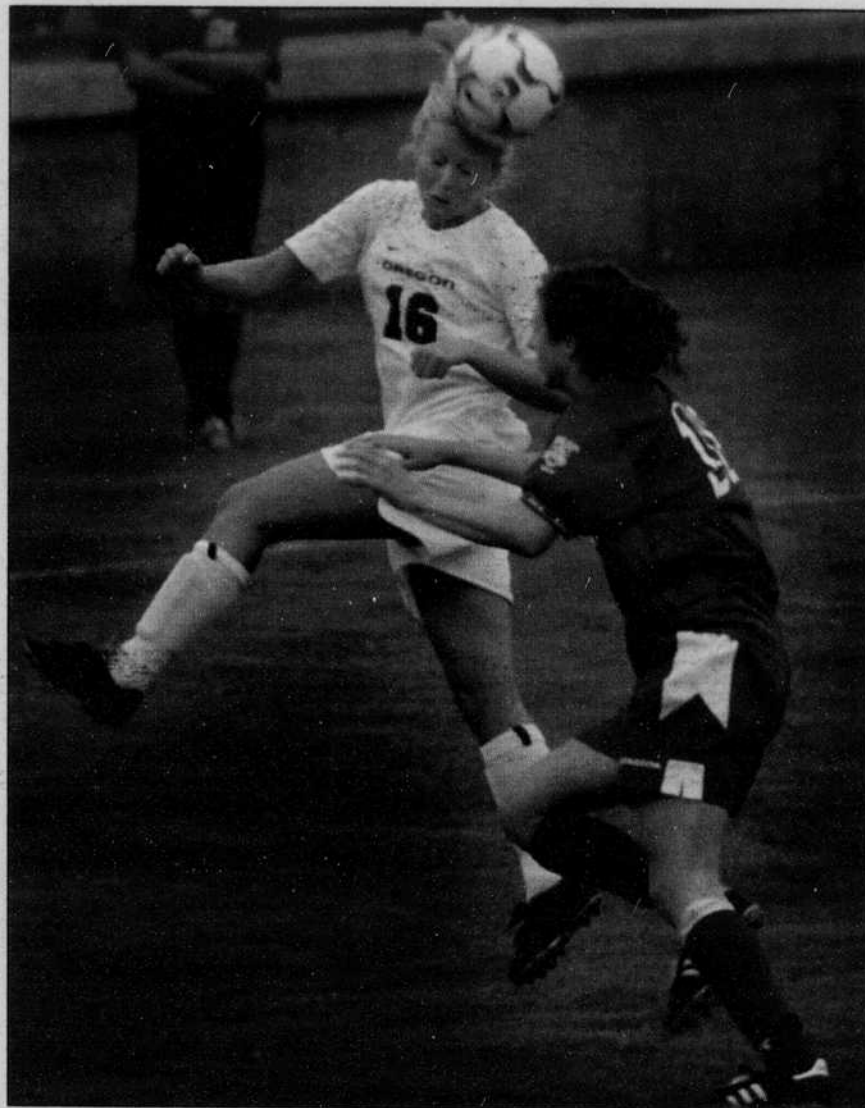
Freshman Sarah Mason and sophomore Kelly Russell were bright spots for Oregon. Mason led the team in kills with 10, giving her double-digit kills in five consecutive matches. Russell finished with nine kills, one block and a block assist.

"We started off the match a little slow, but we definitely picked it up," Ferreira said. "Kelly and Sarah once again led us offensively."

Sophomore Jodi Bell finished with a match-high 29 assists, while juniors Lauren Westendorf and Katie O'Neil each contributed a team-high 10 digs. Westendorf added seven kills while hitting at a .333 clip.

The Sun Devils (8-10, 3-6) were able to spread the ball around effectively, utilizing their 4-2 offense that

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Freshman midfielder Dana Richardson and the Ducks lost for the first time in Pac-10 play to Washington State, and then to Washington in weekend matches.

## UO drops two in Washington

Oregon suffers its first two conference losses this weekend after being shut out by both Washington schools, falling to the middle of the Pac-10 race

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Oregon is back to its old ways again.

After losing five straight shutout matches earlier this season, the Oregon women's soccer team appeared to have a second wind after winning two over Weber State and Oregon State. That was until the Ducks played Washington and Washington State.

### DUCK SOCCER

Oregon (7-7 overall, 1-2 Pac-10) lost 2-0 to Washington State on Friday. The Ducks repeated the score two days later at the hands of Washington.

Washington's Tina Frimpong delivered the final blow to the Ducks again. She scorched Oregon for two goals in a 2-1 Husky victory last season at Papé Field.

The junior forward delivered the final shot at 46:35 in the second half by sliding the ball past rushing goalkeeper Dominique Lainez. It was Frimpong's team-leading 10th goal of the season.

The Huskies scored in the first half off a header by senior Jaime Carstensen, good enough for her fourth goal of the season.

Oregon had its opportunities throughout the match, most notably when forward Mele French fired one from close range in the 81st minute that was cleared by a Husky defender.

To Oregon's credit, freshman Kelsey Rasmussen was in goal for Washington. In just her second career start, Rasmussen posted her second shutout. Rasmussen has not allowed a goal this season in 315 minutes, which is the equivalent of three-and-a-half games.

"Kelsey had a great game today; the kind of game we expect her to have because she has been doing really well in training," Washington head coach Leslie Gallimore said. "She was calm, composed and had

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## Quartet leads UO tennis at ITA Regionals

Two Swiss natives come up short in the singles draw at the ITA Regionals

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Fans and players had high expectations for the Oregon men's tennis team at the Intercollegiate Tennis Association Regionals held this weekend at the University Student Tennis Center.

### DUCK TENNIS

However, the team of seven Ducks missed their goal of winning the singles main draw.

The first day of competition saw four Ducks advance to the second round. Juniors Manuel Kost and Sven Swinnen, along with sophomores Thomas Bieri and Arnon Spencer, all won their first matches, but none of them could sustain that winning level through the last day of the tournament.

Head coach Chris Russell was encouraged by

his team's play and saw the development of his fairly young squad.

"Overall, our guys did a very good job," Russell said. "There's still things we want to keep working on. After each tournament, we want more guys developing more of a belief in their respective game style."

Kost, seeded third in the tournament, had high expectations for himself. He won his first two round match-ups against Stanford's Chris Rasmussen and John Pettit of California, respectively.

In the round of 16, Kost's goal was stopped short in straight sets, 6-3 and 6-2, by Washington's Christopher Palmanshofer.

"(Kost) played a guy with a hot hand," Russell said. "But I think he knows, and I know that he didn't play his best tennis."

The best chances at winning the singles main draw came from the two Switzerland natives, Swinnen and Bieri. Both advanced into the quarterfinal round yesterday, but neither could conjure up a victory to move into the final four.

Swinnen, ranked No. 9 in the tournament,

took care of St. Mary's Tim Welty and Phil Sheng of Stanford in straight sets in the first two rounds. The third round saw the junior beat California's Balazs Veress, 6-2, 6-2. Veress, seeded No. 4 this weekend and ranked 81st in the nation, was one of the favorites to win the singles main draw.

However, Swinnen was stopped short by sixth-seeded Alex Slovic of Washington in a highly competitive match that ended 7-5, 7-6.

"I lost a pretty close match," Swinnen said. "I played pretty good actually, but it was just too bad that I lost."

It was the second-year Bieri who impressed many, however, including his teammates and coaches over the weekend. The third Swiss native on the team lost in the quarterfinals to the 25th ranked player in the nation and No. 1 seed, Conor Niland of California, in straight sets, 6-1, 6-2.

"It was a breakthrough day (when) we had Sven and Thomas step up to new levels," Russell said.

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## Oregon rested, ready for season

The women's basketball team talked to the media Friday and said it is ready to get over the distractions of last season

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Among five off-season surgeries, two players coming off a redshirt year and the addition of five freshman, the Oregon women's basketball team is ready for a new season.

"There's new growth," head coach Bev Smith said. "The season's over, we learned some valuable lessons and had some questions asked. Hopefully this is where we're going to be able to answer them."

The addition of players, along with a growth in the

average height of the team, changes the game plan for the Ducks.

Two of the five freshmen are more than six feet tall — including Portland native Jessica Shettters, who takes over the title of tallest teammate at 6-foot-6-inches, which is two inches over senior Catherine Kraayeveld.

### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

"We have a great nucleus of centers, beginning in the low block with Andrea (Bills)," Smith said. "Catherine can do a lot of things offensively and certainly Carolyn Ganes with her year last year and growing this year. And Jessie Shettters sort of rounding that height out, I think it gives us a

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Freshman Jessica Shettters (43), who stands at 6-foot-6-inches, and Cicely Oaks (35) are two recruits from Portland on the women's basketball team.  
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