

■ Duck volleyball

Oregon wraps up season in Corvallis

The Ducks will take on the Beavers Friday, followed by a season-ending match with Portland or Portland State

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The second round of the volleyball Civil War will take place Friday as part of this weekend's Oregon State Showcase tournament in Corvallis.

Oregon State (10-16 overall, 4-13 Pacific-10 Conference) defeated Oregon (9-18, 1-16) in four games on Sept. 24, which was the first conference match of the season for each team.

"I thought they had a very good,

balanced attack last time we played them," Oregon head coach Carl Ferreira said. "We haven't seen each other for two months, and I don't think we're the same teams we were back then — we've developed a whole new identity."

Ferreira said that, on film, teams' play styles look similar because they both have balance and depth to their attacks. He said the Ducks' lack of depth was exposed after Lauren Westendorf sustained her season-ending injury in the second game.

Senior Allison Lawrence posted 17 kills and 14 digs for the Beavers in that match held at McArthur Court. Lawrence is currently third in the conference in kills with 3.94 per game. She has a team-best 378 kills and is second on the squad in digs with 318 this season.

"You can shut her down and (Oregon State) can still be successful because they have a more balanced attack than we do," Ferreira said. "We have to pass well, we have to serve well, and we have to score points consistently."

Lawrence has been consistent on offense and defense with 15 double-doubles on the season and has recorded double figures in kills in the last four matches. Oregon's Sarah Mason has accomplished the latter feat in each of the last five. Mason tallied a match-high 19 kills the first rivalry match this season.

On average, Oregon State allows opponents 16.4 kills per game.

Since the 3-1 stomping, Oregon has developed three sophomore attackers who see that as an inviting statistic: Erin Little, Allyson Leavitt and Kristen Bitter.

The Beavers have won the last four matchups between these two teams. However, the Ducks lead the all-time series 53-36-1.

Oregon will play its season finale on Saturday against Portland (11-16, 2-12 West Coast Conference) or Portland State (13-15, 5-9 Big Sky Conference) as part of the tournament.

The Ducks swept Portland State in three close games earlier this season.

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Smith: Both fans, players are at fault

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Players and fans, here are some thoughts.

Players: The basketball court is not the same as the street. The same rules do not apply.

Fans: The basketball court is not the same as the street. The same rules do not apply. You're lucky those tiny stadium chairs give you some immunity.

Players: You don't deserve to ever have anything thrown at you.

Fans: You don't deserve to ever have the chance to throw anything.

I don't know if this incident merits glass dividers, e.g. hockey rinks, or whether or not this deserves any kind of reaction. It just seems to be the overall state of the game and the main problem isn't fans being within fondling distance of players.

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Women's: Ducks win despite shooting struggles

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half, and our team did a good job of finding her."

Kraayeveld, in her fourth game back since her season-ending knee injury last year, did a little bit of everything for the Ducks scoring 18 points and grabbing seven rebounds as Oregon exploited its height advantage

the entire game.

Senior Andrea Bills scored 12 points and led the Ducks in rebounding with eight.

Oregon also struggled from the three-point line (3 of 15) and the free-throw line (14 of 23) on the night.

The Ducks travel to Brooklyn, N.Y., this weekend for the Long

Island University Tournament, Nov. 26-27.

"We must be sharper mentally to be ready to battle and compete for 40 minutes," Smith said. "If we think we can turn it on, that is a big mistake."

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Men's: Team to feast on turkey in transit

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and they will arrive in an Atlanta airport later that day to enjoy a Thanksgiving dinner. Later they catch a flight to Charleston, W. Va., and stay the night.

Sophomore Aaron Brooks, who scored a career-high 22 points against New Mexico, said it will be a bonding experience for the team, but they have one goal in mind.

"All of our focus will be on Marshall this week," Brooks said.

Ernie Kent knows it will be a different experience for his team in Oregon's first trip to West Virginia.

"It's a long trip to go back to West Virginia to play Marshall," Kent said. "There's not going to be a lot of Duck fans back there. It's just going to be us and their fans."

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Club Sports: Hockey team wins first game 6-4, drops second 4-3

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According to Slavich, Oregon may have also been a bit in awe playing in its first national tournament, which took place in Notre Dame's massive 45,000-square-foot Rolf's Aquatic Center swimming facility.

However, Slavich commented on the need to adapt to new surroundings. "The water and the chlorine taste the same no matter where you are," he said.

Overall Slavich was proud of the leap the Ducks took this season.

"It's a dream to help build a program and get it to perform on a different level," Slavich, who played intramural water polo at Stanford, said.

Hockey splits with Bruins during trip to Los Angeles

Oregon's Club hockey team split its weekend series with UCLA Friday

and Saturday night, leaving the Ducks in sole possession of third place in the Pacific-8 Conference.

Oregon won the opening game 6-4 behind a balanced scoring attack. Forwards Jeff Knebel, Justin Keeland, Ryan Jones, Cal Brackin, Dorian Dolinajec and defenseman Whit Ackerman all scored in the Duck win. Jones and Brackin each had three assists for Oregon and goalie Matt Nuernberg stopped 34 of the Bruins' 38 shots, giving up three goals on UCLA power plays.

In Saturday's 4-3 loss the Ducks "shot ourselves in the foot," according to Club coordinator Keeland.

"This game was a heartbreaker," Keeland said. "We felt we were the better team but timely penalties hurt us."

Oregon gave up all four goals playing down a man, making it tough on Nuernberg.

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