

Oregon suffers first Pac-10 losses to 'Cats, Sun Devils

After a 10-1 start, its best in 32 years, Oregon's volleyball team sunk against both Arizona schools

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Despite a successful run through the non-conference schedule that included the school's best start in 32 years, the Oregon volleyball team stumbled in its first two Pacific-10 Conference games, losing 3-0 to both Arizona State and No. 15 Arizona.

The Ducks (10-3 overall, 0-2 Pac-10), playing their seventh and eighth consecutive games on the road, were led by senior Kelly Russell and her 21 kills in two games, but the Ducks' 47 attack errors proved to be too much to overcome.

Oregon fell 30-21, 30-20, 30-24 to Arizona State one night before slipping against Arizona 30-20, 30-19, 30-25.

Similar to last season, when the Ducks went 9-3 in the preseason before going 1-17 in the Pac-10, Oregon struggled in its first conference weekend.

The Ducks hit a season low .070 against Arizona State, which won its fifth match in six tries this season and extended its win streak over Oregon to 15 straight matches dating back to the

1996 season.

Russell posted a double-double against the Sun Devils, recording a team-high 15 kills and 10 digs. She finished the match with a .560 hitting percentage.

But Oregon's 29 attack errors, eight service errors and two ball-handling infractions handed Arizona State 39 of its 90 points in the three-game match.

Freshman Margie Giordano paced the Sun Devils' attack with 16 kills, and Gresham native Staci Smith had a career-high eight blocks. Arizona State's defense also held Oregon freshman Mira Djuric, the Pac-10 kills leader, to only eight kills.

The Ducks showed much-needed signs of improvement a night later against No. 15 Arizona, cutting their attack errors down to 18. Oregon also hit .200 for the match, led by junior Kristen Bitter's team high .467 hitting percentage. Bitter also finished with 10 kills, one behind Djuric, who had a team-high 11 kills.

"We played better tonight, but Arizona played very, very well," first-year head coach Jim Moore said. "We learned some things tonight, and had we played like this against Arizona

State, the end result may have looked a little different."

Arizona (10-1, 2-0) was led offensively by Jennifer Abernathy's match-high 20 kills. The Wildcats hit .364 as a team and had seven aces on the match to Oregon's one.

"Up until intermission was the best I had seen (Arizona) play in the last three years," Wildcats head coach David Rubio said. "It was one of the few times that I have felt we played a really good match from start to finish."

The Ducks held a lead in the third game, but one of Kim Glass' 10 kills gave the Wildcats a 16-15 lead that they would not relinquish. Glass also finished the match with 12 digs to collect her sixth double-double of the season.

"We did some good things at the end, but we have to learn how to stay with Pac-10 competition every game and every match," Moore said.

The Ducks have a prime opportunity on Thursday when they host No. 25 California at McArthur Court. Then on Saturday, defending national champion Stanford comes to Eugene and will be Oregon's third ranked opponent in as many games. Both matches against the Bears and Cardinal begin at 7 p.m.

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can play with her back to goal and set Garbin up, set (Andrea Valadez) up — set somebody else up from there."

Smith made six shots on goal, and the sophomore was moved from midfield to forward prior to the game. The move paid almost immediate dividends, with the Eugene native creating shots and placing less pressure on leading scorer Nicole Garbin.

With Pacific-10 Conference play approaching, Erickson said they don't want to have teams simply focusing on Garbin, Oregon's leading scorer with six goals.

"I liked some of the runs from our forwards," Erickson said. "We worked on some more attack. Now we just need to finish, and that's something that's a mental (thing) ... you can

work on it all you want, but come game time you got to put those ones away."

Smith blasted a shot on goal with 16:06 left in the first half, breaking between two South Dakota defenders who appeared ready to clear the ball, before Smith controlled it and booted the shot that South Dakota's Davis had to knock down and grab.

"We need to shoot more — coming from everybody," Smith said. "Garbin's under a lot of pressure."

Garbin did have her chances — several on breakaways with shots going slightly awry. Going elbow-to-elbow with a South Dakota State defender, shooting a looping shot at the goalkeeper and a second-half breakaway that ended with a shot off her left foot that went wide left, amounted to a

frustrating night.

Smith's performance helped, which Garbin said she expects after seeing her in practice.

"She's constantly working, supporting, on and off the ball," Garbin said.

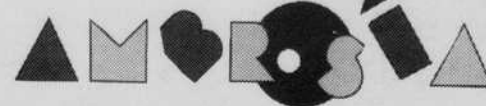
Oregon sponsored a fund raiser Friday to aid Tulane's soccer program, which has moved to Texas in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. Members of the soccer parents group "The Quacks" handed out green ribbons in exchange for monetary donations Friday and at the soccer team's official tailgate party before the Oregon-USC football game.

Oregon and Tulane are working to set up a home series starting in 2007.

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