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Civil War football game could be rescheduled

CORVALLIS — Oregon State athletic director Bob De Carolis is floating an idea to move the annual Civil War game to a Friday night after the Thanksgiving holiday weekend.

Starting next year, the Pacific-10 Conference moves to a 12-game schedule. As it stands, the Civil War is usually played the third Saturday every November.

This year's Civil War is set for Nov. 19 at Autzen Stadium. Under the new

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schedule, the game could fall closer to the holiday break, hence the proposal.

"We've got a long way to go before we come to a decision," De Carolis said.

Oregon athletic director Bill Moos said: "There have been some discussions but no decisions reached. We're both looking at ways to make rivalry week work in the 12-game schedule."

There are some road blocks. The Pac-10 schools, which approve any schedule changes, have traditionally been against Friday night games because of conflicts with high school games. But prep teams are in the playoffs after Thanksgiving, when games aren't necessarily played on Friday.

De Carolis said the teams would work with the Oregon School Activities Association to resolve any conflicts.

"Any schedule change has to be approved by the other schools," Pac-10 spokesman Jim Muldoon said. "But if it was just Oregon and Oregon State wanting to move their game, I don't think there would be any objection to that on anyone's part."

- The Associated Press

Volleyball: Djuric impresses Stanford coach

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offense," Stanford coach John Dunning said. "(Djuric) just about chewed us up all by herself in game one. If we don't win that game, who knows where the match is going to go."

Game one's emotional loss seemed to take steam out of Oregon in game two as the Ducks came out flat, falling behind 7-1. A six-point run late in the game gave Stanford a comfortable 19-8 advantage and the eventual 30-15 win.

Oregon's hitting percentage dropped to 0.026 while Stanford lifted its percentage to 0.400.

"It wasn't the same team that was on the floor in game one," Moore said. "We got flustered and (Stanford) got a run of points."

The Ducks hit slightly better in game three (0.059) but after falling behind 6-1, got no closer than two points the rest of the way, losing 30-23.

Oregon had no answer for Richards, who hit 0.529 for the match and freshman Foluke Akinradewo who hit 0.444. The tandem combined for 35 kills.

"There are people that say they are better this year than they were last year," said Moore, referring to a Stanford team that went 30-6 last season. "They're great. They are going to put the ball on the floor a good amount of time." Pac-10 kills leader Cynthia Barboza to only six total kills. The freshman is averaging 4.67 kills per game. Oregon's defense has been

among the many surprises this season for Moore. The Ducks are averaging 2.7 blocks per game, a steady increase over last season's average of 1.94 blocks per game.

Junior outside hitter Erin Little leads the team with 48 blocks this season after 15 matches. She had 21 blocks all of last year.

Freshman libero Katie Swoboda has also helped anchor the defense. She ranks among the conference's top 10 with a team-high 220 digs, a 4.49 digs per game average.

"They played very well and have some good players on their team," Dunning said.

Offensively against Stanford, Oregon's Djuric finished the match by totaling a team-high 18 kills, giving her a total of 35 kills in the last two games. Senior Kelly Russell recorded 11 kills, while Swoboda led the Ducks defensively, compiling 13 digs.

Oregon (10-5 overall, 0-4 Pac-10) has another conference test when it travels to face No. 17 UCLA on Friday and No. 19 USC on Saturday. The Bruins and Trojans will be the Ducks fourth and fifth consecutive ranked opponents, respectively.

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Heather Madison sets the ball for Kristen Bitter during Friday's match against Stanford. Madison had 20 assists and Bitter contributed seven kills.

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Football: Stewart scores three touchdowns

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my legs, my brace was wrapped too tight, everything was going wrong and my mind was clouded and I just wasn't there. I was running around with my head cut off," Long said. "I went out in the second half with a smile on my face, changed my shoes, got my little fast shoes on and I was like, 'I'm just going to have fun.' I was just running around with my boys."

Penalties hurt the Ducks as they were penalized 16 times for 170 yards. Half of those came in the second half for 105 yards.

"I am frustrated by the penalties, that were way too many," Bellotti said. "Some of them were penalties of aggression. I can appreciate that. I

don't condone it, but I appreciate it." It was only 9 yards from setting the record for most penalty yards in a game.

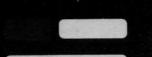
On the positive side, several true freshmen outperformed the Cardinal on their own. Running backs Jonathan Stewart and Jeremiah Johnson accounted for four touchdowns in filling in for Terrence Whitehead, who didn't play because of an injury and started the previous four games this season.

Stewart scored his first three offensive touchdowns of his collegiate career. He caught an 11-yard touchdown pass from Clemens in the first quarter to get the Ducks on the scoreboard and rushed for two more touchdowns in the third quarter.

Johnson, who was planning on redshirting this year and worked on the scout team, rushed for a teamhigh 63 yards on 11 carries and scored his first career touchdown on a 5-yard run in the fourth quarter.

Long wasn't the only veteran that stepped up. Clemens, who threw for 393 yards in less than three quarters, became the fourth Oregon quarterback to surpass 7,000 career total yards. He is just 8 total yards from passing current Detroit Lion quarterback Joey Harrington and 17 passing yards from surpassing Chris Miller for fourth on the all-time passing yardage list.

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