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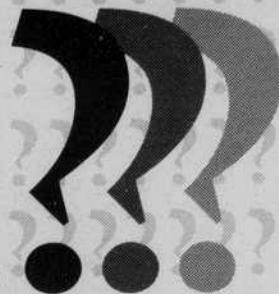
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## Volleyball: Swoboda's 24 digs impress

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0-6 conference) took an early 9-4 lead with four kills by Mira Djuric and one from Jaclyn Jones. UCLA (9-5, 2-3) responded with a 8-2 run to take a 12-11 lead that it wouldn't relinquish.

Game three was much like game one, with UCLA running off a 5-1 start and Oregon tying the game at 13 before UCLA took the lead for good and ended the game 30-24.

UCLA received a large boost from the return of junior outside hitter Colby Lyman, who missed her previous five matches with a bone bruise in her left knee. Lyman totaled 13 digs and four aces. Nana Meriwether had nine kills and had helped from Kaitlin Sather and Nancy Barba, who each had eight kills.

Djuric led Oregon with 11 kills and Jones had six.

Less than 24 hours later, Oregon played No. 17 USC (7-6, 3-2) and again had a difficult start, as it com-

mitted 21 hitting errors in the first two games and hit 0.000 over that span.

Oregon lost the first two games, 30-20 and 30-19, improved in the third game, losing 30-23 and upped its hitting percentage to 0.159.

Senior Kelly Russell had a team-high 11 kills, Djuric had 10 and Bitter had nine and an efficient 0.316 hitting percentage.

"She hit ... high above the net," Moore said of Bitter. "We keep trying to tell her that she's got to make it so that other people don't get to play with her."

Freshman libero Katie Swoboda had her second-highest dig total of the season with 24.

Swoboda's success is part of what Oregon needs to be win in conference play, Moore said. Her success was more impressive, he said, considering she was facing USC's Debora Seilhamer, who has played with the Puerto Rico's National Team.

Seilhamer had 19 digs for USC. Bibiana Candelas, a one-time Pac-10 Player of the Week, had 11 kills.

"She played unbelievably well," Moore said of Swoboda. "We need to win some little battles before we worry about winning all the big battles."

Swoboda is No. 4 in the Pac-10 Conference, averaging 4.58 digs per game, only trailing Arizona State's Sydney Donahue, Seilhamer and Washington State's Jalen Pendon.

"She is really talented," Bitter said. "The sky is the limit with her, there's no telling what she's going to be able to do."

Djuric continues to lead the conference in service aces at 0.66 per game. She had four against UCLA and two against USC. Her powerful kills have her fourth in kills per game at 4.34.

Setter Heather Madison is 10th in assists per game with 6.73.

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## Soccer: Abrahamson, Garbin each score

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for the Sun Devils in the 50th and 56th minutes, respectively, giving them a comfortable 2-0 lead. Their front line struck again in the 61st minute as Elizabeth Bogus tallied her ninth goal of the season, driving a shot past Chatfield into the top right corner of the Ducks' net. Bogus' goal was the last scored in the game, ending the toughest 12 minutes of Oregon's season thus far.

The Duck offense could not get past goalkeeper Kim Bingham of Arizona State, who held Oregon to just its second scoreless game of the season. The junior from Pleasanton, Calif., grabbed three saves, highlighting her second shutout this year. Not even Oregon's leading goal scorer Nicole Garbin had an answer for the Sun Devils. The senior forward has been an offensive juggernaut this season, but was held to just two shots.

The Ducks have been hindered by

injuries all season, two of which sidelined starters Andrea Valadez and Cristan Higa on Sunday. The reliable tandem were not in Erickson's lineup because both were injured Friday against the Wildcats. Erickson turned to her bench for support, calling upon freshman Taylor Callan and junior Sabrina DeMonte to play. DeMonte made the most of her outing, managing one shot on goal. Erickson was pleased with Callan, who started in place of Higa.

"Taylor had a good game stepping in and starting for us at the last minute," Erickson said.

Oregon may have lost to No. 23 Arizona two days prior, but the Ducks' offense did not go quietly. Garbin and fellow senior Katie Abrahamson scored against the defending Pac-10 champions, who walked away the victor thanks to senior Mallory Miller, who recorded her second hat trick of the season. The game was hard-fought and

played physically by both squads, leading to 31 fouls called. Joining Higa and Valadez in the trainer's office after the game was Chatfield, who was treated after colliding with Kelly Nelson of the Wildcats during the game.

Arizona head coach Bill Tobias was glad to get a win out of the goal-heavy game, which featured a combined 35 shots.

"This is good lesson for our team and especially our young players," Tobias said. "Pac-10 play is very physical. We have to be prepared for that. No one is going to back down from anyone."

The Ducks look to right their ship this weekend as the conference's Los Angeles schools come to Papé Field. On Friday, Oregon faces No. 4 UCLA (11-1-0, 1-0-0) at 5 p.m. and then plays USC (6-4-1, 0-1-0) Sunday at noon.

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