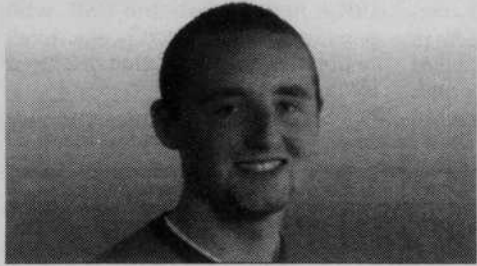


*"Most football players are temperamental. That's 90 percent temper and 10 percent mental."*

Doug Plank, a former safety with the Chicago Bears, now a coach in the Arena Football League.

## ■ In my opinion



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EXCESSIVE CELEBRATION

## Clemens' injury no excuse for Ducks

With 7:54 remaining in the third quarter of Saturday's 28-21 win over Arizona, Oregon's football season took a dramatic turn as one of its senior leaders, quarterback Kellen Clemens, lay face down on the Arizona Stadium turf after being dragged down by the Wildcats' Copeland Bryan.

The diagnosis: a season-ending ankle injury. While disbelief and heartache sank in for most Oregon enthusiasts, head coach Mike Bellotti may have summed it up best.

"Obviously, Kellen's loss is tremendous to us because, I think, he's playing as good as anyone in the nation. Certainly, there's nobody more valuable to their team."

He had become the poster boy for Oregon football — a homegrown kid, leading the resurgent Ducks to a 7-1 record and a top-15 national ranking his senior season.

He had recently been named a finalist for the Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award, given to the nation's top senior quarterback, and he was on pace to break many of Oregon's passing records.

No doubt, Kellen Clemens will be missed — not simply for his on-field skills, but his leadership and off-field charisma as well. Let's hope his injury and mere presence on the sideline will become a rallying point for the Ducks' final three games.

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## ■ Duck volleyball

# Ducks net first Pac-10 win vs. WSU

*Mira Djuric's 17 kills lead Oregon past WSU for their first home league win in five years*

BY JEFFREY DRANSFELDT  
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The breakthrough the Oregon volleyball team desperately needed arrived Saturday night in a three-game sweep of visiting Washington State.

One night after Oregon fell to No. 2 Washington and lost libero Katie Swoboda to an injury, Oregon ended a streak of nearly five years without a home win in the Pacific-10 Conference. Saturday marked Oregon's first conference win at McArthur Court since Nov. 9, 2000 against Washington.

It wasn't pretty as both teams combined for 50 attack errors.

"We were tense the whole night, and I thought we played very mediocre," head coach Jim Moore said. "To play that anxiously and tentatively, and still pull it out, I thought was very, very good."

This was the performance Moore wanted to start conference play against Arizona State. Halfway through the conference schedule, it doesn't get easier for the Ducks, with visits to No. 15 California and No. 5 Stanford on Thursday and Friday, respectively.

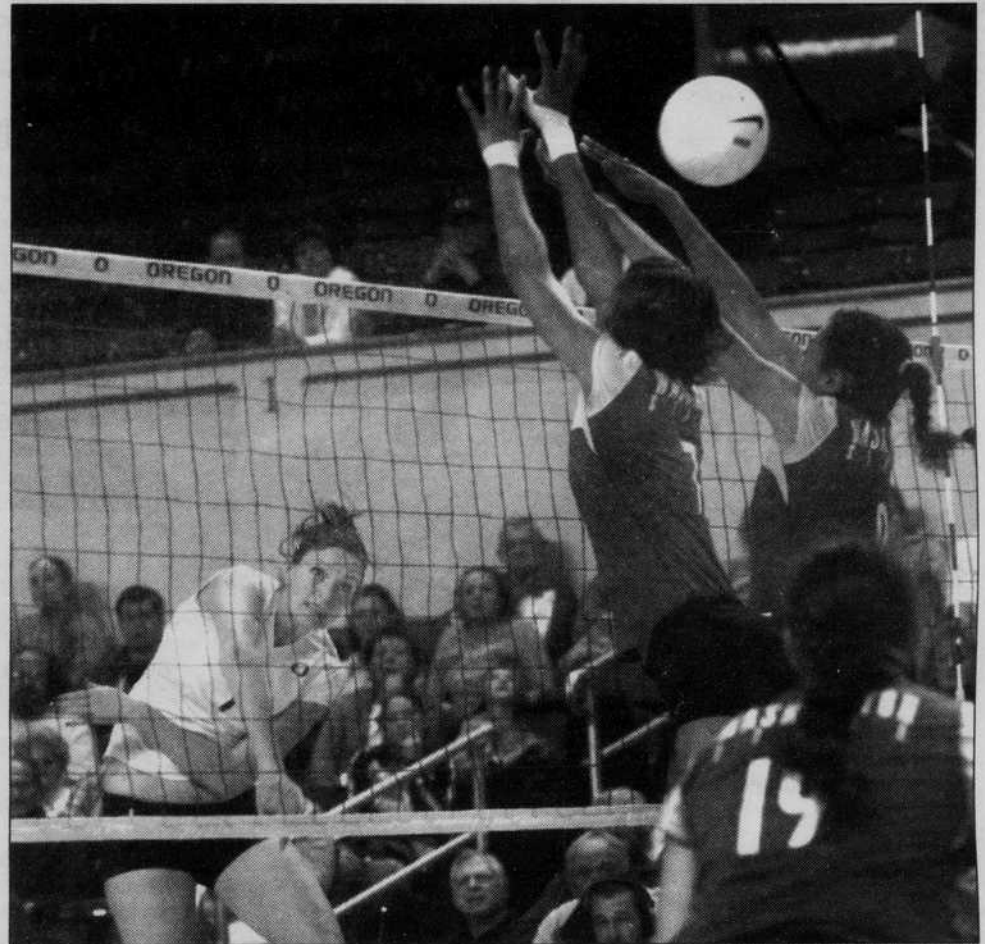
Saturday, though, Oregon cherished the emotional win. Seniors Kelly Russell and Jaclyn Jones had never before had the experience. Russell made sure Oregon did by recording six of her 10 kills in the deciding game three.

Oregon had fallen behind 25-23, when Moore called a time-out. Russell and Karen Waddington combined for five of Oregon's last seven points in the 31-29 match-deciding win. More importantly, Oregon recovered after giving up a late lead, something it didn't do against Cal, Oregon State and others.

Stephanie Alleman said they work on fighting back during a deficit through drills in practice.

"We knew we could come back," Alleman said. "We just had to settle down and make the right plays and we did it."

Sometimes wins come down to breaks, getting points at opportune moments and



KATE HORTON | PHOTOGRAPHER

Jaclyn Jones powers the kill past Washington State's blockers Saturday. The Ducks' win over the Cougars was their first home league win since 2000.

successful teams can do that, Moore said.

"That's a huge thing," Moore said of coming back. "And that's the problem ... that could have turned around. In reality, you need a little luck and we got a little lucky."

With Alleman filling in effortlessly, as Russell described it, and steady, as Moore said, Oregon won with normal starter Swoboda sidelined after her head collided with Russell's knee in a game against Washington. Oregon officials called the injury a concussion.

Swoboda watched Oregon win, appearing anxious to play, one night after she left in the

third game in obvious pain as teammates and coaches looked on.

"It will be a day-to-day thing and the doctors will evaluate her and see what happens," Moore said.

Currently, her status for the next two matches is unclear. Swoboda has responded daily to treatment, said assistant director of media services Andy McNamara.

Alleman, who had 18 digs, dedicated the match to Swoboda.

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## ■ Duck soccer

# Foul-plagued Civil War match goes to Oregon State



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Oregon midfielder Taylor Callan (4) battles with an Oregon State player for the ball Friday. The Ducks lost 4-2 to their in-state rival and are still in search of their first league victory this season.

*Defensive letdown dooms Oregon as the Beavers send the Ducks to their fifth consecutive defeat, and fourth loss in five games against their rivals*

BY SCOTT J. ADAMS  
SPORTS REPORTER

Seniors Caitlin Gamble and Nicole Garbin made the most of their final Civil War game Friday, scoring both of Oregon's goals against Oregon State in Corvallis. However, the Beavers' offense was too much to handle for the Ducks, who fell 4-2, marking their fifth-straight loss (8-6-1 overall, 0-5-0 conference).

On Wednesday, senior defender Katie Abrahamson said she expected the game with Oregon State (9-5-1, 2-2-1) to be physical and laden with fouls. The game Friday did not disappoint. There were 40 fouls called and nine yellow cards issued, but no players were ejected from the game.

The Beavers got on the scoreboard first in the 29th minute when several Oregon defenders failed to clear a loose ball from their goal box. Capitalizing on the Ducks' mistake was Jodie Taylor, who found herself with the ball in a one-on-one situation with Oregon's goalkeeper Jessie Chatfield. Taylor's shot found the net,

giving the Beavers their first lead of the game and ending a 318-minute scoreless drought for the sophomore forward.

The Ducks struck back in the 40th minute when Gamble beat Oregon State goalkeeper Melissa Onstad with a close-range shot. Gamble's teammates Tiffany Smith and Sabrina DeMonte were both credited with assists. For Gamble, a senior midfielder from Salt Lake City, it was her fourth goal of the season and gave the Ducks new hope, tying the game at 1-1.

"It felt good to tie things up," Gamble said. "The goals that we had were awesome. Obviously goals are what matters most and they had more than us, I think we could have scored more."

The joy on Oregon's bench in light of the tie was short-lived as Whitney Goodell of Oregon State defied an off-side trap by the Oregon defenders and drove home a shot past Chatfield 71 seconds after Gamble's equalizer. It was a controversial play and was met with criticism from Oregon head coach Tara Erickson, who felt that

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