

Volleyball: UCLA has lost to six top-10 teams so far this season

did early in the season and in the spring, Moore said.

"To pull off one other (win) would be great, but that's where my frustration lies. We haven't been winning the matches that we should be winning," Moore said.

Big names dot USC's roster with libero Debora Seilhamer, Staci Venski and Bibiana Candelas all playing prominent roles. Seilhamer leads the Pac-10 with 6.48 digs per game. The Trojans have won seven of their last eight matches.

USC (11-7, 7-3) may have seven losses, but all came against quality competition with matches against No. 2 Washington, No. 3 Penn State, No. 4 Stanford, No. 5 Notre Dame, No. 6 Florida, No. 9 Hawaii and No. 18 California. Hawaii is the current home of ex-Oregon player Sarah Mason.

UCLA (11-8, 4-6) enters after a tough loss to Los Angeles rival USC.

UCLA lost its 11th consecutive match to USC in four games, but two games were within two points including a 37-35 Trojan victory in game one. UCLA has gone 3-3 since hosting Oregon to open October. Freshman Kaitlin Sather's been a force with four kills per game and tied for fourth in the Pac-10 Conference in service aces per game with .44. She trails Oregon's Mira Djuric, who's first with .61.

Continuing a four match road trip that started with USC, UCLA plays Oregon State tonight followed by Oregon Friday and Pepperdine on Tuesday.

"We can always play with UCLA. There's always a chance there, too, but obviously ... we have to beat those teams that we can beat," Alleman said.

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Golf: The Ducks on hiatus until late February

two on the back nine. She finished tied for 31st.

Individually, the Ducks had three other golfers in the top 65 in freshman Cathryn Bristow, junior Kim McCready and sophomore Victoria Wenslow, Therese's sister. They struggled throughout the tournament and finished tied for 44th, 55th and 63rd respectively.

Rouillard wants more consistency. "We've been a little up and down, but when we've rebounded, we've played well," Rouillard said.

"We had a little bad luck at Sahalee when Victoria got sick and we could only play four, but other than that, I think we've had a good fall so far."

Pac-10 rival No. 2 UCLA broke the course single day team record again on Wednesday with a 12-under 276 — three strokes better than Monday's record. The Bruins finished with a 24-under 840, 29 shots better than the previous tournament record. The scores from the top three individuals ranked top-three overall.

Three of the top teams provided

the Pac-10 with depth. UCLA, Arizona and Oregon rounded out a strong showing for the conference.

The Las Vegas Founders Women's Collegiate Showcase was the last tournament for the Ducks until the University of Arizona's Wildcat Invitational in Tucson, Feb. 20-21, 2006 at Copper River Country Club. The time off provides an opportunity for the women to put in some extra time on the greens and practice consistency for coach Rouillard.

IN BRIEF

Former All-Star Lawton tests positive for steroids

Former All-Star outfielder Matt Lawton was suspended Wednesday for a positive steroids test, becoming the 12th player penalized for violating major league baseball's policy.

Lawton, acquired by the Yankees from the Chicago Cubs on Aug. 27 and then left off New York's postseason roster, became a free agent Oct. 27. He will serve a 10-day suspension at the start of next season.

"I made a terrible and foolish mistake that I will regret for the rest of my life," Lawton said in a statement that he read over the telephone to The Associated Press. "I take full responsibility for my actions and did not appeal my suspension. I apologize to the fans, the game, my family and all those people that I let down. I am truly sorry and deeply regret my terrible lapse in judgment."

Lawton said the positive test occurred after he was acquired by the Yankees but did not answer other questions.

The substance he tested positive for was boldenone, a person familiar with the tests results said, speaking on condition of anonymity because drug-test results in baseball are

supposed to remain secret.

"It's a veterinary steroid. I think it's primarily used in horses," Dr. Gary Wadler, a professor of sports medicine at New York University and an expert on performance-enhancing drugs. "It's used like any other anabolic steroid. It's basically injectable."

When baseball conducted anonymous survey testing in 2003, there were five positive tests for boldenone, baseball executive vice president Rob Manfred said earlier this year. Paralympic powerlifter Darrell Tyrone Banks was suspended for two years last November by the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency following a positive test for boldenone.

Wadler said the steroid also was available under the name equipoise.

An All-Star with Minnesota in 2000 and Cleveland in 2004, Lawton hit a combined .254 with 13 homers and 53 RBIs this season for the Pittsburgh Pirates, Cubs and Yankees.

His positive test was the third announced by the commissioner's office since the end of the regular season, following those of Texas pitcher Carlos Almanzar and New York Mets pitcher Felix Heredia.

Baseball commissioner Bud Selig proposed in April that an initial positive for steroids result in a 50-game suspension.

— The Associated Press



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Horoscope by Holiday Mathis

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (November 3). You're not afraid to lose, and so you have much to gain this year. By your next birthday, you will have broken through the glass ceiling of your previous earnings. Communicate and put relationships on a positive track in December. A happy home life helps you concentrate on career and financial aims in March. Love is sweet with Cancer and Leo. Your lucky numbers are: 6, 30, 53, 23 and 2.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). There's a discrepancy between the way you wish to be seen and the way you really are. Of course, this is true for all people and nothing to be embarrassed about. But do consider what would happen if you came totally clean.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You're counting your vices and virtues, pitting them up against each other in the manner of someone who is considering hiring you or dating you. Get on your own side! You have the whole package.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Public speaking of some kind is in the stars — perhaps you'll be instructing a group. You come off cool, like you've got it all together. You're the only one who knows how scared you are.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Your physical prowess is at a peak. Take a long hike, or do an extra grueling workout at the gym or any other activity that puts your body in motion. Don't be afraid of your anger. Use it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your success in negotiations depends on your level of need. When you are in need, you can't strike a bargain. Take stock of your assets. Coming from a place of abundance allows you to make a winning deal.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). It's a dynamic day — you take action and beat the odds. Someone sweet comes calling this afternoon. The flirtation means something in the moment, but once the moment is gone, so is the meaning.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You act as the quality control, the censor and the peacekeeper. Such roles are not so fun, but you're willing to be the "bad guy" in order to see the group operate at an optimal level.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'll find yourself in a position of power and loving it! Of course, your responsibilities are increased, too, but you're willing to accept all that goes with the "job."

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Multiple new projects have you overwhelmed — tackling one thing at a time gets them done. Keep believing that you can have more than "just enough" to pay your bills. You were meant for big things.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You have a habit of freezing out the enemy. Now you would do well to kill 'em with kindness. Warm people up with your superb manners and social graces.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Indefinite plans are not enough to keep loved ones holding on — be specific. Tonight is perfect for doing a personal inventory. Examine your current state, and determine areas to work on.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Noble moves are still subject to ridicule. Know when you're right, and stay there. When all else fails, you can lead people by letting them believe that they are leading themselves.

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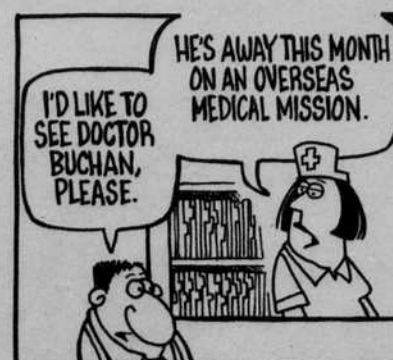
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