

Volleyball: Pacific-10 honors Kristin Bitter

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and 28 assists.

The next match in Seattle against Washington ended in a quick three-game sweep. Washington, which has become a national contender, used 15 kills from Sanja Tomasevic to help seal the victory over the Ducks, one night after the Huskies clinched their second consecutive Pac-10 championship.

"We kind of controlled them the first two games, and I challenged them to stay connected emotionally because you can drop off, and little things can happen," Washington coach Jim McLaughlin said. "This game, the ebbs and flows, they are

happening all of the time. We held them off and beat that team in three — it was a good win."

In the first two games, Washington took early leads of 13-4 and 10-1, respectively.

When Oregon finally recovered, taking the lead in game three, Washington tied the score at 11 with a Duck error and a Tomasevic kill. After four more ties, the Huskies went ahead 16-15. Washington expanded its lead to 25-20 and finished the match with back-to-back blocks from Christal Morrison and Brie Hagerty. Oregon hurt itself in the last game with 11 attack errors.

Djuric had 10 kills and freshman libero Katie Swoboda dug 17 balls.

Academic honors

Pac-10 commissioner Tom Hansen announced the conference women's volleyball All-Academic teams Monday. Eligible players must have a minimum 3.0 overall grade-point average and be either a starter or significant contributor.

Oregon's Kristin Bitter made the first team and Erin Little graced the second team. Stephanie Alleman, Heather Madison and Russell were honorable mention selections.

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IN BRIEF

Club soccer claims championship trophy

The men's club soccer team came away with the Open Division championship trophy in the Men's Collegiate Club Soccer National Tournament that took place in Tuscaloosa, Ala., over the weekend.

After finishing the regular season with a perfect record of 4-0 by a combined score of 21-3, the men's team had high expectations heading into the tournament and they certainly did not end up disappointing themselves.

The team went 6-0 in the tournament with a goal differential of 17-1.

They easily breezed past their first group of competitors which included Georgia Tech, Southeastern Louisiana and Wisconsin. They then defeated Georgia Southern in the quarterfinals and went on to face Arizona in the semifinals. The team surrendered its lone goal, but defeated the Wildcats by a score of 5-1.

In the final, Oregon shut out Cal-Berkeley and won the championship game 2-0.

Four Oregon players made the All-Tournament team: tournament MVP Bryan Mikolaitis, goalkeeper Patrick Drake, Zach McManus and Eric Richards.

The team was unable to compete for the national title because currently there is no regional tournament in the Northwest. Club coordinator Patrick Drake hopes the team will be able to play in the main tournament next year by practicing before school begins in order to compete in the California regional league. The academic calendar forces the men's team to start competition late into the season because most other schools start at the end of August.

Until then, the team will remain proud of the fact that it was undefeated all year and outscored their opponents 38-4. The team now looks forward to competing in the indoor soccer season beginning winter term.

— Jacob May

Basketball: Undefeated teams meet when Ducks face Pacific

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28-21 lead, the Ducks went on an 9-5 run to close the half with a 37-26 lead. Oregon managed 22 points in the paint compared with Bowie State's eight.

"Our inside presence continues to grow," Oregon coach Ernie Kent said. "Ray (Schafer) and Ivan (Johnson) played extremely well in there."

Leunen scored the first eight Oregon points in the second half, including two three pointers, to help the Ducks build a 45-31 lead less than three minutes into the second half. From there, the Ducks made 17 of 18 free throws and used a hounding defense to keep the game out of reach.

Four other Oregon players finished in double digits, led by Johnson's 14 points. Brandon Lincoln tied his career-high with 12 points, Aaron Brooks had 11 and Malik Hairston added 10. The Ducks shot 43.1 percent from the field.

"In a ball game we didn't shoot the three well, I thought we had another good game defensively," Kent said. "Maarty Leunen got us going a little bit in the second half with the threes ... and we gave ourselves a chance to take control of the game with our free-throw shooting."

Derick Payne led the Bulldogs with

21 points along with Thomas Hawkins who had 14. Bowie State shot 38.8 percent from the field and 36.4 percent (8 of 22) from three-point range.

"Defensively, I thought they (the Ducks) were great," Kent said. "We just needed to make some shots."

The Ducks play their third game of the Hispanic College Fund Classic in a row tonight before taking on Rice at home on Saturday — a game which is not a part of the tournament. The Ducks then hit the road to face Vanderbilt before returning home for the final game of the tournament against Georgetown on Saturday Dec. 3.

Tonight the Ducks will face Pacific, last season's Big West Champion. Led by senior Christian Maraker, the Tigers are coming off a 27-4 record in 2004-05 and a berth into the NCAA Tournament where they beat Pittsburgh 79-71 in the first round before bowing out against Washington 97-79 in the second round.

"They (Pacific) are a very well-coached team," Kent said. "They've got three great guards to shoot the ball extremely well. It's going to be a good match-up for us."

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