

BAKER VOLLEYBALL



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Baker junior Jozie Ramos tips the ball during a match against Ontario on Oct. 4, 2021, in the Baker gym. Ramos was named Greater Oregon League volleyball player of the year.

# Ramos player of year, Abrego coach of the year

**Baker City Herald**

After winning the Greater Oregon League volleyball title this fall, it's hardly surprising that the Baker Bulldogs also were well-represented on the league's honors list.

Junior setter Jozie Ramos was selected as the GOL player of the year.

Baker coach Ali Abrego was named coach of the year after leading the Bulldogs to a 16-7 record and a playoff run that ended with a loss to Philomath in the quarterfinal

round on Nov. 2 in the Baker gym.

Joining Ramos on the first team are:

- Senior Lacy Churchfield, outside hitter
- Junior Rylee Elms, middle hitter
- Three Bulldogs earned second-team honors:
- Junior Macey Moore, setter
- Junior Makenzie Flanagan, right side
- Junior Taylor Dalton, defensive specialist

PAC-12 FOOTBALL PREVIEW

# Ducks travel to Utah with playoff hopes intact

**The Associated Press**  
Things to watch in Week 11 of the Pac-12 Conference:

**Game of the week**

No. 4 Oregon (9-1, 6-1 Pac-12) at No. 24 Utah, Saturday.

A potential preview of the Pac-12 Championship game could also have a huge impact on the College Football Playoff. The Ducks are No. 3 in the CFP rankings, behind Georgia and Alabama, one ahead of Ohio State. Oregon is the Pac-12's lone shot at making the CFP, so a loss in Salt Lake City would knock the Ducks out.

Oregon can clinch the Pac-12 North with a win and is vying to reach 10-1 for the first time since playing in the national championship game in 2014. The Utes are in control of the Pac-12 South, with a one-game lead and a tiebreaker over second-place Arizona State. Beat the Ducks and Utah wins the South.

**Matchup of the week**

UCLA (6-4, 4-3) at Southern California (4-5, 3-4), Saturday. Rivalry games always bring out the best in both teams and the Bruins have the added incentive of putting a dent in the Trojans' hopes of becoming bowl eligible.

With Kedon Slovis out with a lower-leg injury, USC will start Jaxson Dart at quarterback. He will be the first USC quarterback to make his first career start against UCLA since Scott Tinsley did it in 1980, but has already seen playing time this season.



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Oregon's Kayvon Thibodeaux, left, bears down on Washington State quarterback Jayden de Laura during the first half of a game Saturday, Nov. 13 at Autzen Stadium in Eugene.

The Bruins became bowl eligible for the first time since 2017 with a 44-22 victory over Colorado at the Rose Bowl. They have not won at USC since 2013.

**Inside the numbers**

Washington State leads all Power Five teams with 22 forced turnovers and 13 fumble recoveries. ... USC WR Drake London was named one of 10 semifinalists for the Biletnikoff Award as the nation's best receiver despite suffering a season-ending ankle injury two weeks ago. He made the list by racking up 88 receptions for 1,084 yards and seven TDs in a little over seven games. ... Arizona State RB Rachaad White has 386 yards rushing and five TDs the past two games.

**Player to watch**

Oregon DE Kayvon Thibodeaux. The dynamic sophomore has battled injuries this season, but still was named one of three finalists for the Bronco Nagurski Trophy, awarded to the nation's top defensive player. He's been an unstoppable force even facing double teams, with six sacks and 10 tackles for loss this season.

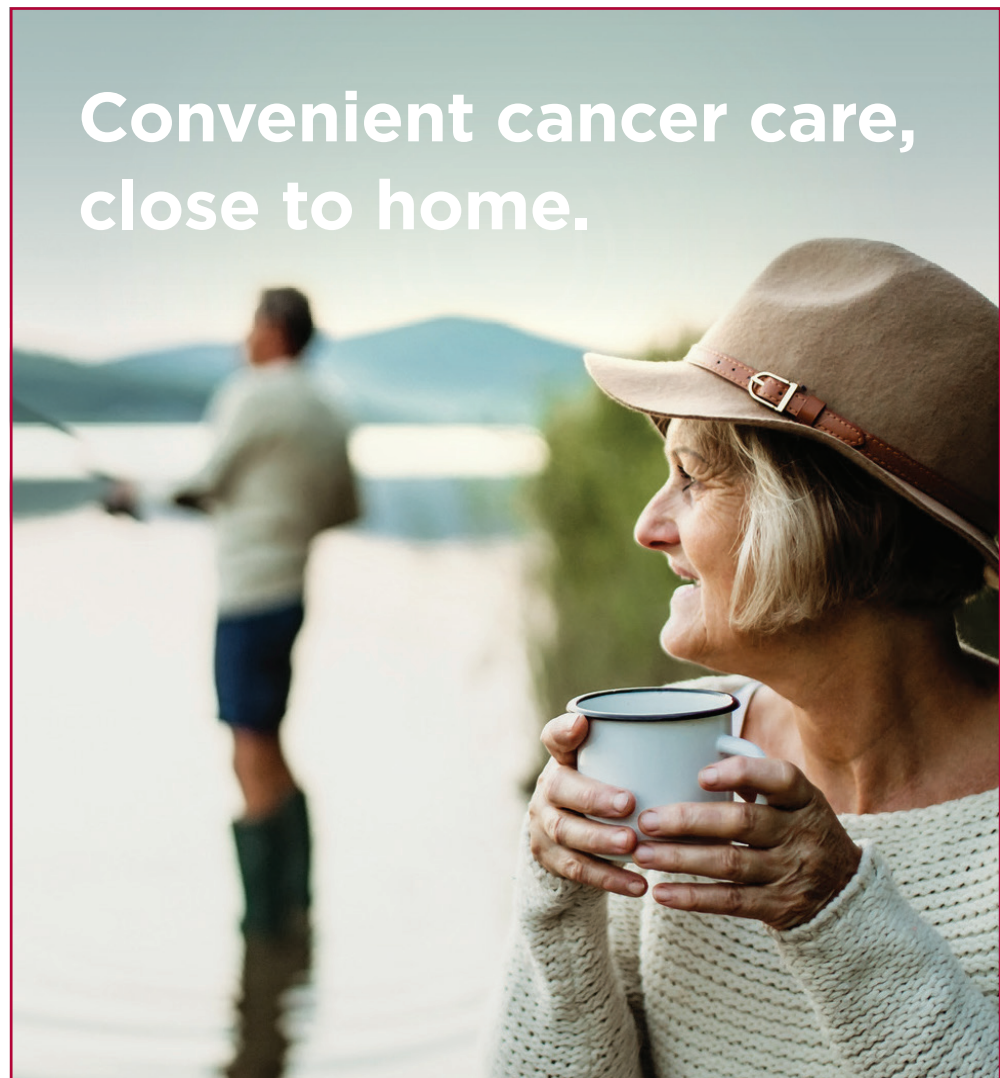
**Upset watch**

Arizona (1-9, 1-6) at Washington State (5-5, 4-3), Friday. The Cougars are 14.5-point favorites, according to FanDuel Sportsbook, so the oddsmakers are expecting a rout. But the Wildcats have been

**Ducks, Beavers in action today**

- Oregon (9-1) at Utah (7-3)
- Saturday, 4:30 p.m.
- TV on ABC
- Arizona State (7-3) at Oregon State (6-4)
- Saturday, 7:30 p.m.
- TV on ESPN

playing better in recent weeks. They ended a 20-game losing streak with a 10-3 win over COVID-depleted California two weeks ago and gave Utah a much tougher game than expected in last week's 39-28 loss. The Cougars, who can become bowl eligible for the sixth straight season with a win, have lost two of three.



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