

# Duck netters whip SOSOC for first victory

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Chris Voelz, Oregon's women's volleyball coach, finally found her

"comfort zone" Wednesday night against Southern Oregon College as the Ducks downed SOSOC 10-15, 15-11, 15-10, 15-9 to notch their first win of the season.

Unfortunately, Voelz didn't get to stay in her comfort zone for long, as Oregon College of Education outplayed Oregon in the finale of Wednesday night's triple-header in Mac Court 15-10, 5-15, 15-10, 17-15.

Voelz, who stresses to her players the power of "positive thinking", defines her comfort zone as a sense of security or of feeling "at ease in a situation." Be-

fore the Southern Oregon match Voelz didn't have much to feel secure about.

After an opening season loss to powerful Portland State, the Ducks got walloped in five straight matches at the Berkeley Invitational last weekend.

"We beat them (SOSOC) at the net," explained Voelz. "Our spikers were far better, especially Christie McFarlane who played her best game of the year."

"Shawna (Baxter) played a great all-around game, and Kim Jessup was outstanding on offense," she continued.

Against OCE, the Ducks played

well in spurts, but made too many mental errors at critical points.

According to Voelz, the lack of seasoned players is still hurting the Ducks. "We play in spurts because so many of our players are freshmen and sophomores. Our setters lack pizzazz. We're making too many communication errors."

The third set against OCE was a case in point. Leading 4-0, Oregon began making a series of mental miscues that allowed OCE to score 10 straight points and take a 10-4 lead. The Ducks came back tying it at 10-10, but couldn't pull out a win.

Voelz is back to looking for her

"comfort zone", and the women's volleyball team is 1-7 and headed for the Portland Invitational this weekend.

Oregon plays in the "white" pool, which includes Nevada-Reno, Washington State, Victoria, Oregon State, and Western Washington.

"I don't know much about the teams in our pool right now," said Voelz, "but Nevada-Reno beat us at the Berkeley Invitational."

The Ducks face Nevada-Reno and Oregon State tonight, then take on Washington State, Western Washington, and Victoria Saturday.

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Oregon volleyball coach Chris Voelz exhorting team members while they take a load off of their feet during a break in the Ducks' game with Southern Oregon State on Wednesday night.

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pretty.

Faced with a virtual must-win situation, the Yankees hand the ball to the game's best pitcher this season, ace left-hander Ron

Guidry.

Guidry won 25 games and lost only three for the American League champions during the regular season, including the climactic AL East playoff against Boston. Then he won the equally climactic fourth game of the AL championship series that thrust the Yanks into their third straight World Series.

Opposing Guidry will be Dodger right-hander Don Sutton, who grew up dreaming of the day he would pitch in the Stadium, always hoping it would be for the Yankees, not against them.

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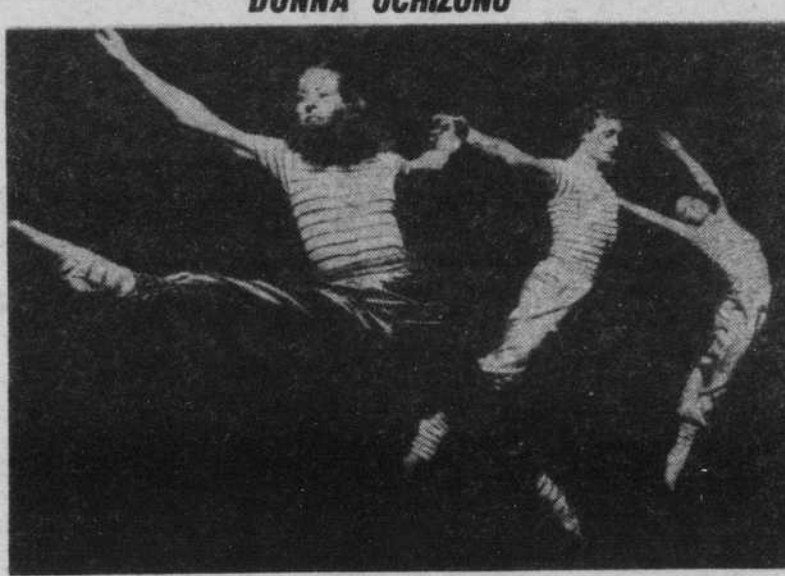
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