

Duck volleyballers face old nemesis

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The Oregon women's volleyball team takes on Portland State today in the opening game of the Southern Oregon State Invitational, a 10-team tournament being played in Ashland today and tomorrow.

The Ducks are in the "red" pool with Portland State, Lewis and Clark, Eastern Oregon State College and Nevada-Reno. The "black" pool consists of Washington State, Oregon College of Education, Southern Oregon, Oregon State, and Occidental (Ca.).

Oregon will play each oppo-

nent in their pool in a best of three match, and the two teams from each pool with the best records after Friday's competition will advance to Saturday's championship bracket.

"We want to be one of the top two from our pool," says Oregon coach Chris Voelz. She expects top competition to come from Portland State and Nevada-Reno in the red pool and Washington State and Oregon State in the black pool.

Oregon will be at full strength for the first time since the Duck's loss to Oregon State in Mac Court two weeks ago.

"Last night (Wednesday) I finally had all 12 girls on the court

for practice," Voelz says.

Oregon's opening game against Portland State today will mark the fifth time this season the Ducks have faced the Vikings. They have lost all four of the previous matches, and if it weren't for Portland State, Oregon would be sporting an 8-10-2 record instead of the current 8-14-2.

Voelz is confident that Oregon will eventually surprise the Vikings. "We're going to outlast them to the point where we are going to beat them."

"Our problem is we come off our games with Portland State dealing with the net result rather than the processes. We have to be thinking, 'What does it take to beat those people?'"

The Ducks have posed a threat to Portland State only once this season, and that was in the two teams' initial encounter last month in Mac Court.

"We played them the best the first game of the season," remembers Voelz. "We want to measure up to that again. We do have a ways to go but we can't consider ourselves second class."

Voelz will keep on varsity two junior varsity players she moved up earlier this week — Katie Bishop and Mary Schnabel — and plans on using Bishop's height (6-0) extensively against Portland State on the front line.

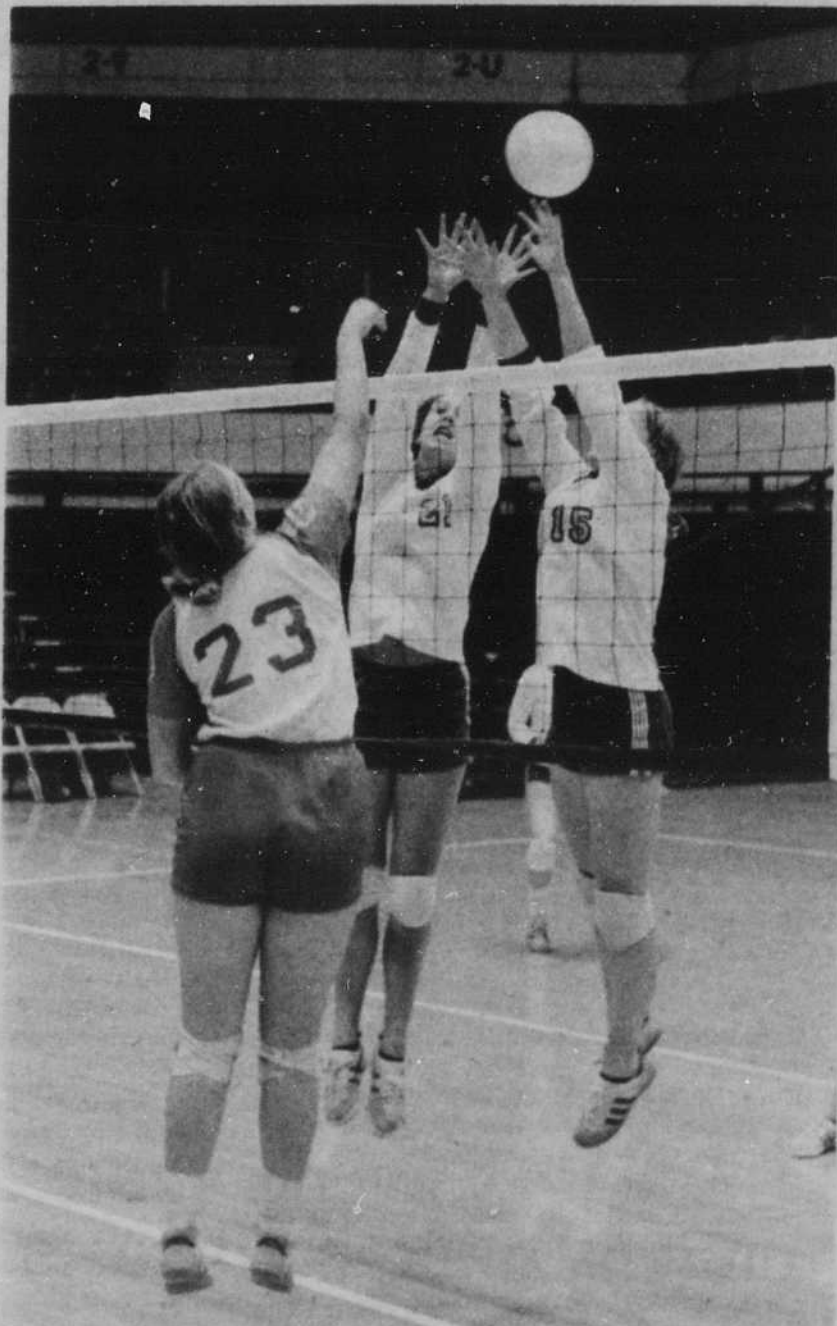


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The Ducks will need net play like this of Mary O'Brien, left, and Shawna Baxter if they are to beat Portland State today in the Southern Oregon Invitational.

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