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## Ducks go south Netters to play in Cal tourney

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Oregon's volleyball team just can't seem to get enough of a good thing.

Just coming off a 17-day trip in California last week, the Ducks will head back this weekend when they compete in the Cal Invitational — Dolphin Classic, in Berkeley.

Oregon will again be taking on some of the nation's top-ranked teams as they try to gain in experience and improve on their 5-15-2 record.

Like a case of *deja vu*, the Ducks will take on seventh-ranked Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo in the first round. This will be the third time the two teams have met in the last 11 days.

"Last year I talked to their coach and we both decided we would like to play each other this year. But three times in less than two weeks is something we could live without," she said.

Oregon hasn't done very well against Cal Poly, losing each time in straight games. Voelz, though, has adjusted her goals and hopes to do better.

"We would just like to score better against them," she said. "We hope to get closer to them each time we play, but you have to be realistic, they have an excellent team."

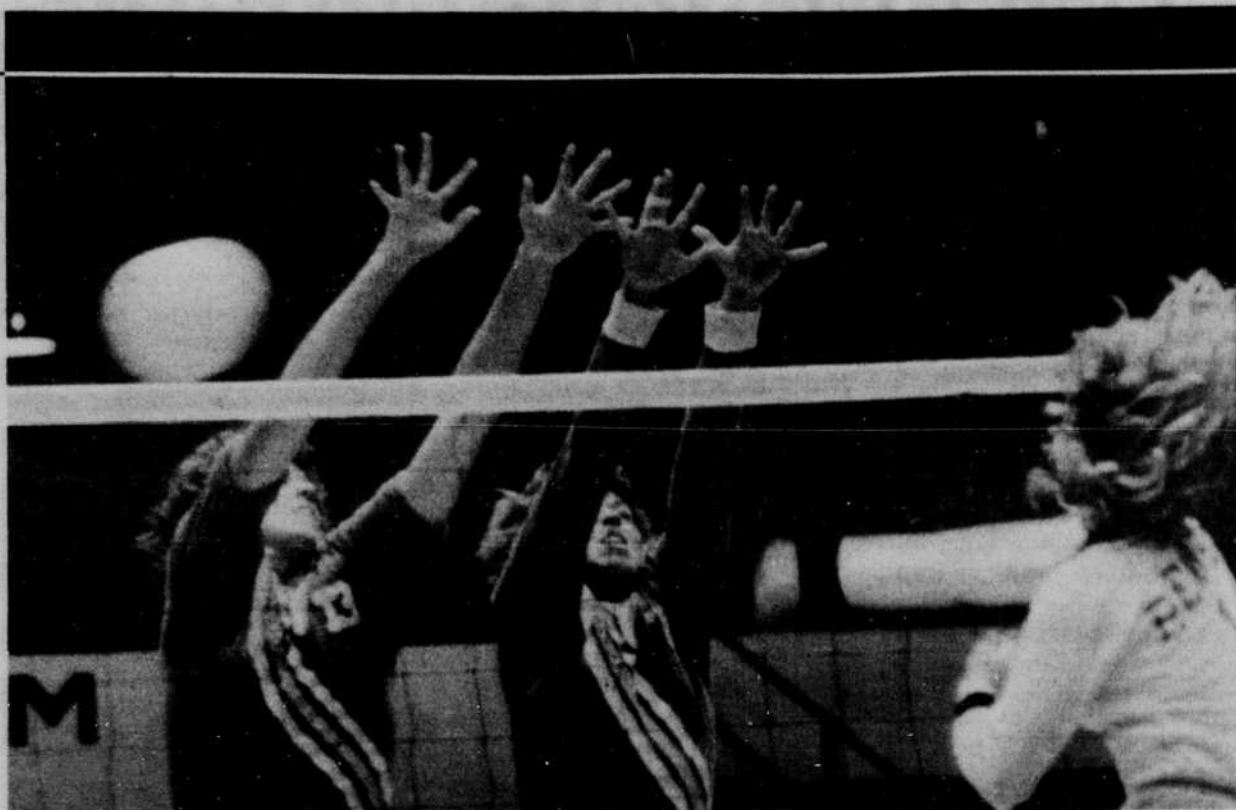


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The Oregon volleyball team seeks to rebound from Wednesday's loss to Oregon State with an improved performance at the Berkley Invitational this weekend.

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## Crimson Tide coach Bryant toughens tone

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. (AP) — As he closed in on the all-time coaching record of Amos Alonzo Stagg, the Grand Old Man of college football, Bear Bryant had inadvertently become a grandfatherly type himself.

That became a thing of the past Thursday. No more Mr. Nice Guy, Bryant said.

"I'm through tiptoeing around. I'm going back to being Paul Bryant, and everyone around me is gonna be Paul Bryant, too, or they'll be gone," Alabama's 68-year-old coach said Thursday. "I've been trying to be a grand old nice guy, but the hell with that. I'm going back to being myself. I've turned out some pretty good people that way."

What got Bryant's dander up, besides sluggish performances against Kentucky and Vanderbilt in the wake of a shocking upset at the hands of Georgia Tech, was a story in Wednesday's Atlanta Constitution that Alabama has been beset by racial and morale problems. It is no secret that Bryant has had to discipline several players this season, suspending All-American linebacker Thomas Boyd for a game when he missed a curfew and stayed out all night.

One of Bryant's closest associates, who didn't want to be identified, says the Bear has changed his whole coaching style as he nears Stagg's mark of 314 victories. Bryant has 309 going into Saturday's game with Mississippi.

"He's been walking on eggshells because of all the media attention," said Bryant's associate.

Whether the Bear will resort to being the tough, drill sergeant taskmaster of yesteryear remains to be seen. It usually worked in the past, though.

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