

Oregon netters face 'big weekend'

Ducks take on 15th-ranked Huskies in Seattle

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The Oregon volleyball team will be out for "blood" this weekend when they take on their old nemesis, the University of Washington.

The Ducks travel to Seattle on

Friday for a league match with the 15th-ranked Huskies who, according to Oregon coach Chris Voelz, "aren't necessarily our bitter rival, but they're definitely not a friendly one."

Oregon, who is 1-4 in the league and 8-21-2 for the sea-

son, will return home Saturday to face Washington State in another Northwest Women's Volleyball league match.

"This will be a big weekend for us," said Voelz, "because this is a turning point in our season. We could get back into the thick of things with a sweep. This weekend will be very crucial."

The Washington match has always been a big one for Oregon. There is no love lost between the two teams, and if Voelz's attitude is any indication, they aren't likely to get any closer.

"The kids and the coach really want to beat them," Voelz said with a wry grin. "They have been a thorn in our side for years. Against a lot of teams, you develop camaraderie, but not with them. We go into that one wanting it bad."

Oregon will certainly have to. Washington has always been a perennial power in Northwest volleyball. Especially after last season when they were the Region 9 champion and fin-

ished tenth in the national tournament.

But this isn't last year. After starting out with a high ranking, the Huskies went on the same kind of suicidal trip that Oregon did earlier. That is, traveling to California to face the top teams in the nation, including number-one ranked UCLA and number-four ranked Hawaii. They didn't do any better than Oregon either, coming out with 3-8 record for the season and 2-1 in the league.

"They've been just like us this year," said Voelz referring to Washington's poor start. "And now they have to turn their season around too."

Washington lost to Montana State in three straight games last week, and should be fired up for the Oregon match.

The Ducks will have to stop All-American Lisa Baughn to have any chance of toppling the Huskies. To do this they'll counter with Cathy Hill, Oregon's own candidate for All-America honors. Hill will be assigned to follow Baughn throughout the match, trying to stifle what Voelz considers to be the basis for the entire Husky attack.

"Cathy will be following Baughn where ever she goes. This could be the key to the match because we are going to have to slow Baughn down if we are going to win this thing," Voelz said.

Hill is the likely choice. She has the highest jumping ability on the team and leads them in many statistical departments. She tops the team in hitting, with a .246 average and also in service aces with 40. She is second behind Karen Beamer in blocks with 83 to Beamer's team and league-high 95.

Beamer has finally recovered from a knee injury to give the Ducks their first healthy starting lineup in over a month. With the addition of Kelly Disschinger who recently got over a virus, the Ducks should be ready for the weekend.

"It will be exciting to have a fairly healthy team ready to play," said Voelz. The team is still missing Ronda Dalthrop who is still out with a stress fracture of the foot.

After their tough match with Washington, the Ducks will be back in MacArthur court for an 8 p.m. shootout with Washington State.

"It may be tough to get back up for the Cougar match because we are definitely aiming for the Huskies," said Voelz.

"They are going to want to rip us to shreds after their loss (to Montana State) but we'll be ready for them. We look forward to this match every year, we always try to give it a little extra effort. It'll be the white hats against the black hats."

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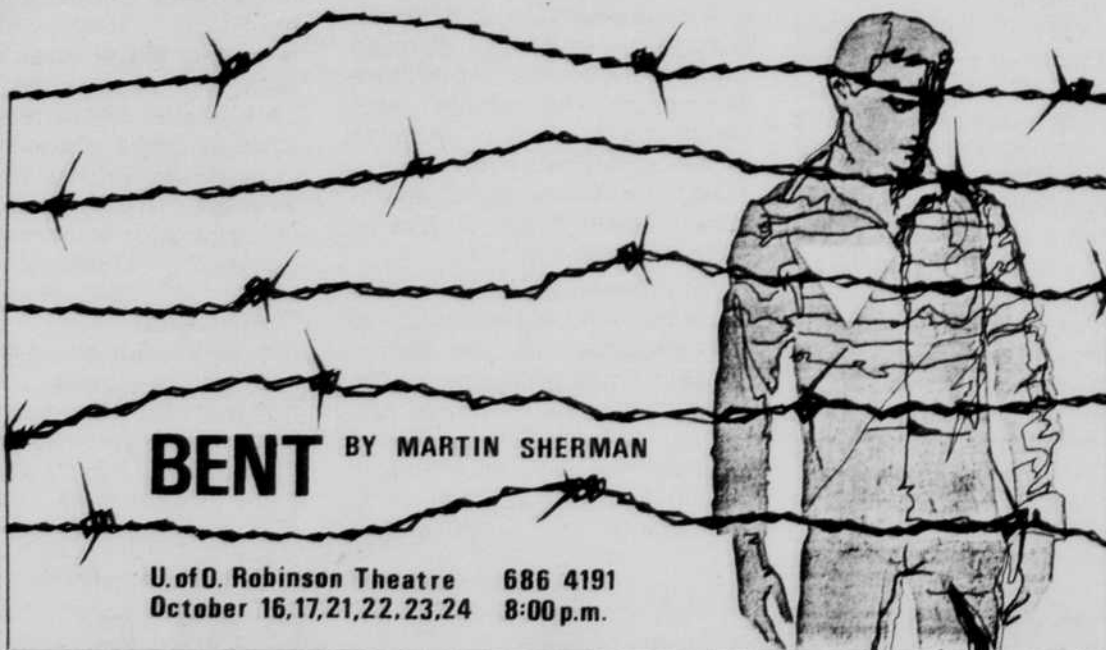
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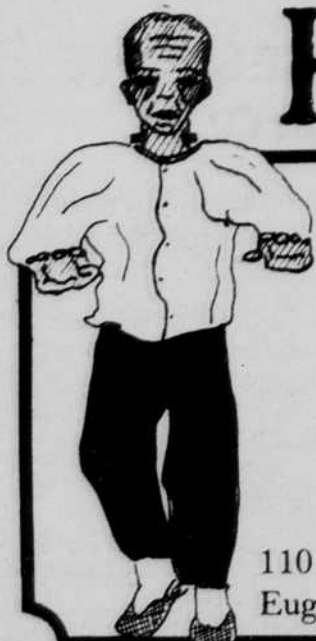
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Fencing bouts slated

The University of Oregon fencing club will host a multitude of national champions and U.S. Olympic Team members at two tournaments to be held Saturday, October 24 at 352 Gerlinger Annex.

The Eugene Foil Open and the Challenge Lacasz Sabre will be contested from 12 noon to 6 p.m. Eugene fencing club and Oregon fencing club members plus other Oregon swordsmen will be competing against the visiting champions, including Mark Smith of Atlanta, GA., the current U.S. champion in the foil, and reigning North American champion Micheal Marx of Portland.

Also slated to compete is Norm Campbell, former U.S. champion and presently the fencing coach for the Oregon team. The current women's national champion, Jana Angelakis, is expected to appear, but that has not been confirmed.

Admission to the finals, slated to begin at 3 p.m., is \$1.00. The event is a fund raiser for the Oregon club.

Fernando in, Nettles out Friday as series shifts to Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES (AP) — They call it Fernandomania and fans of the Los Angeles Dodgers hope the pitching of the left-handed rookie from Mexico can get their club back into the World Series picture against the New York Yankees Friday night.

Fernando Valenzuela, who won his first eight decisions this season and finished 13-7, goes against another rookie left-hander, Dave Righetti, at Dodger Stadium. It is the first time in 31 years a pair of first-year major league pitchers have started a World Series game. The 5-foot-11, 180-pound Valenzuela is 20 years old, while the 6-3, 200-pound Righetti is 22.

New York arrived in Los Angeles with a 2-0 lead in the best four-of-seven series for baseball's championships.

"The only thing I'm going to try to do is win the game," said the chunky Valenzuela on the eve of his most important outing. After being the surprise starter in the Dodgers' opening game of the season, the 20-year-old native of Etchohuaquila, Mexico, went on to lead the league in shutouts with eight, complete games with 11, and strikeouts with 180.

The third game of the Series is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. PDT and Los Angeles Manager Tommy Lasorda talks of recuperation for his club, which was beaten 5-3 and 3-0 in Yankee Stadium.

"We play good baseball in front of our fans," he said. "In the best-of-seven, one team has to win four."

He can remember the last time the clubs met in the World Series, in 1978. The Dodgers won the first two games in their home stadium and then proceeded to lose four straight and the championship.

Craig Nettles, the Yankees' acrobatic third baseman, said he probably would not start Friday night because of a sprained left thumb.