

Oregon women play tough, gain split

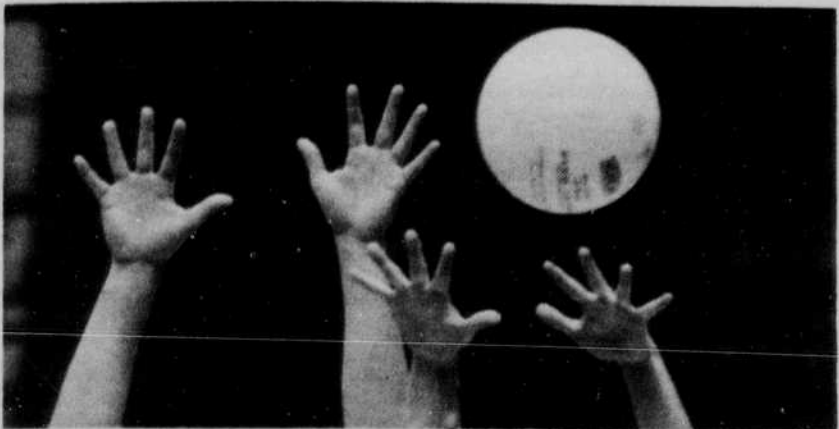


Photo by David Corey

Strong net play kept the Oregon women's volleyball squad in the game against UW, and enabled them to pound WSU.

Netters drop match to Huskies, but beat Cougars

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The Oregon volleyball team put together some of its best ball of the season, showing some of the promise that has been hidden all year when they split with the University of Washington and Washington State this weekend.

The Ducks lost a heartbreaking fifth game to the Huskies in Seattle, falling 14-16, 15-13, 16-18, 16-14 and 14-16. They came back Saturday to trounce hapless Washington State 15-6, 16-14, 10-15 and 15-1 in MacArthur Court.

The loss to the Washington was especially hard on the Ducks because they were down 2-8 in the final game, only to come back and score 12 straight points. But the 15th-ranked Huskies showed the class that it takes to finish 10th nationally last year, and went on seven point scoring spree to drop the Ducks to 9-22-2 for the season.

"The Washington match was really a tough one to lose," said coach Chris Voelz. "We could have quit when we were down, but we came back strong. We just couldn't get that last point."

"We played well, though. That

was the closest we've come to beating them in four years. It was such a fierce struggle, with every game decided by two points."

"This was a super win for us. We have played well in both matches. I wondered if we could maintain a high level of play after the Washington letdown, but it looks like we didn't have any problem, especially after letting them score only one point in the final game," Voelz said.

The Ducks' defensive play

was outstanding in both matches. They contained a high powered Washington attack to keep themselves in the match, and they buried an outclassed WSU squad. Oregon thoroughly destroyed the Cougars at the net with 31-9 blocking edge.

"Cathy Hill and Karen Beamer were decisive for us at the net," she said. Hill led the Duck charge with a .250 hitting average, 13 kills and eight blocks. Beamer added nine blocks and a .281 average to the Oregon cause.

Saints, Giants, Bears triumph

Surprises hit NFL games

(AP) — The New Orleans Saints and New York Giants, the biggest doormats in the National Football League last season, and the Chicago Bears, who have been manhandled regularly this year, all were headed in the right direction Sunday.

Rookie running back George Rogers broke a scoreless tie with a 19-yard, third-quarter touchdown burst to ignite the Saints, 1-15 last year, to a 17-7 upset victory over the Cincinnati Bengals, the first-place team in the American Conference Central Division.

The Giants, whose 4-12 record gave them the No. 2 pick in the draft after the Saints picked Rogers, got a 40-yard field goal from Joe Danelo with 5:40 to go in overtime to beat the Atlanta Falcons 27-24.

And John Reveto's 26-yard field goal with 5:30 left in overtime lifted the Bears to a 20-17 victory over the San Diego Chargers, snapping Chicago's four-game losing streak.

Gary Fencik's interception of a Dan Fouts pass set up Chicago's winning score. The Bears moved the ball from the 27 to the San Diego 9-yard line before Reveto's winning kick.

Danelo's field goal came after Brad Van Pelt fell on a William Andrews fumble at the Atlanta 31. The victory in the rainy, 45-degree weather was the third in a row for the Giants, now 5-3, who trailed 17-7 in the third quarter.

Rogers, the 1980 Heisman Trophy winner, carried 31 times for 113 yards, his third straight

100-yard rushing game and fifth of the season for the Saints.

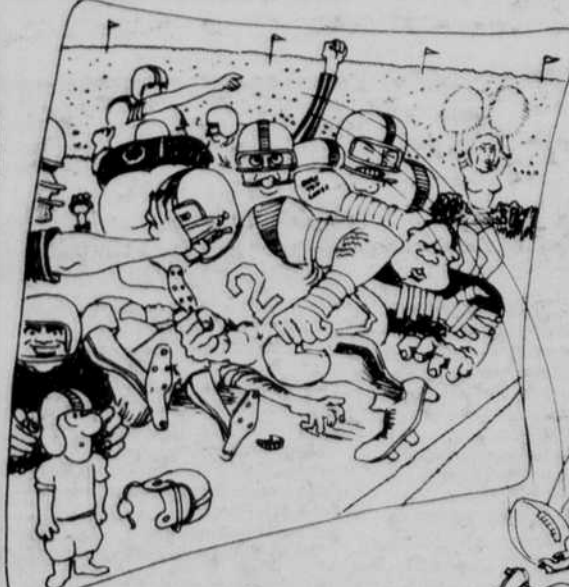
Benny Ricardo added a 38-yard field goal and Archie Manning hit reserve running back Wayne Wilson on a 19-yard scoring toss for New Orleans in the fourth quarter to make the score 17-0.

In other NFL games Sunday, Buffalo halted Denver 9-7, Cleveland bombed Baltimore 42-28, Detroit outlasted Green

Bay 31-27, Philadelphia beat Tampa Bay 20-10, St. Louis Washington edged New England 24-22, Seattle tripped the New York Jets 19-3, Dallas nipped Miami 28-27, San Francisco trimmed Los Angeles 20-17 and Kansas City blasted Oakland 28-17.

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