

Volleyballers finally defeat Huskies

Ducks complete weekend road sweep

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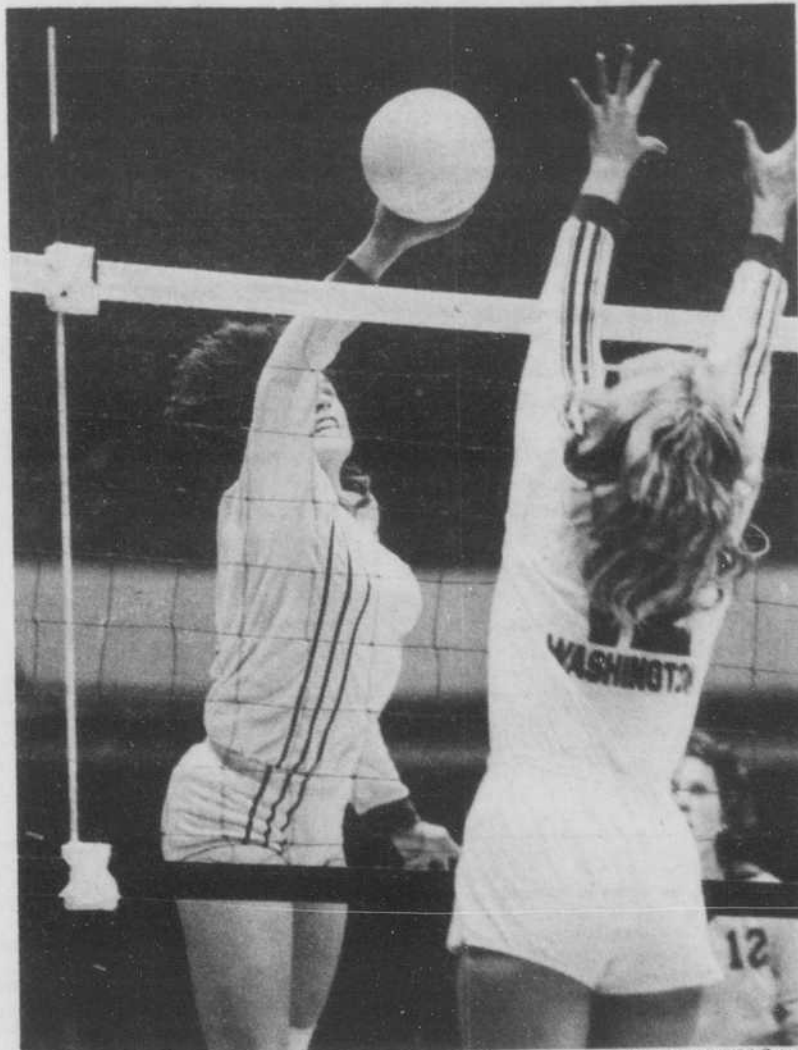


Photo by David Corey
Sue Harbor drills a spike past a Washington player in action earlier this year at McArthur Court. The Huskies won that debacle, but the Ducks came back and trounced them in Seattle Saturday.

Revenge was on the mind of coach Chris Voelz when the Oregon women's volleyball team prepared to take on the University of Washington in Seattle Saturday night.

Revenge because the tall Huskies had swept her team in three straight games the last time they met, and because the Ducks had never beaten UW during Voelz' five-year reign at Oregon.

Oregon got that revenge, beating the Huskies in three straight games, 15-4, 15-13, 15-7. "Beating Washington makes our season," said an excited Voelz.

That sounds like an overstatement from the coach of a team that sports a 10-10 record beating a team that was 5-15, until one remembers that the Huskies have been an unbreakable barrier for the Ducks.

"We have such a tense rivalry with them. We've come close before, but this time we didn't even mess around. We took it right to them," said Voelz.

Three weeks earlier in Eugene, the Ducks hadn't even come close. UW's huge front line of Lynn Poelstra, Becky Stone and Abby Lyons (all three stand 6-1) had demoralized the Ducks with a combined 25 kills, and setter Starry Suttich had set up the kills with brilliant court coverage. Oregon had been unable to read where the kills were going, and Voelz took part of the blame for that.

This time, the Ducks were ready. Voelz' team used their quickness, and her blockers, after watching the Huskies on film, knew what Stone and company were up to. Oregon had 13

blocks against UW, and Sue Harbour exploded for 13 kills, while Stephanie Tambe had 7 and Annetta Ensworth 6.

"Sue played terrifically. We outthit them at the line, which is something we've never really done before," said Voelz.

And the Ducks outquicked the Huskies as well. With Shaunna Koenig in the lineup, Voelz feels she has one of the quickest teams around, and UW was no match for Oregon in that department.

"They're huge at the line," said Voelz, "but we outplayed them. We're so much quicker, we brought the ball to the net and converted."

"We forced them to make a lot of errors," added Voelz. "They were running all over the place trying to catch up to us."

"Now I can graduate," was the claim of Ensworth, a senior who experienced the thrill of victory over UW for the first time.

Friday night, Oregon had crunched an outmanned Washington State team, 15-8, 15-10, 15-9. When the teams last played, it had taken the Ducks four games to subdue the Cougars, and Voelz' goal for this match was to win in three.

Oregon did, outblocking the taller Cougars 11-8 while serving effectively. "We served them right off the court. We took the ball to their big hitters and forced them to make mistakes," said Voelz.

The two wins in the apple state boosted Oregon to a 4-6 mark in NorPac league play, and an 11-10 record overall. However, with only two league games remaining (both against rival Oregon State), the conference playoffs are out of reach for the Ducks.

Martin with the Yanks?

NEW YORK (AP) — New York Yankees owner George Steinbrenner said Sunday that two-time Yankees Manager Billy Martin is a leading candidate to take the job again.

"Billy's right in the middle of it, but no decision's been made," Steinbrenner said in an interview on CBS-TV. "We'd like to have Billy back in New York."

Steinbrenner said he was looking for a high-profile manager. He said that in looking

over career records, he learned that many big names don't have winning records. He listed retiring Baltimore Manager Earl Weaver and Martin among the few who have won consistently.

"Billy's a draw, there's no doubt about it," Steinbrenner said.

Clyde King took over the Yankees' managerial job late last season on an interim basis after Gene Michael was fired.

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