

Strong, shy setter leads netters

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Strong. Agile. Powerful.

These words accurately describe Sue Harbour, the middle blocker/setter who leads the Oregon volleyball team in nearly every category and has been called "our Bev Smith" by coach Chris Voelz.

Shy. Unassuming. Modest.

These words also describe Harbour. She appears to be unaffected by the praise heaped upon her, though, and "we" usually replaces "I" in her conversations.

Yet the praise keeps coming, and for good reason. Harbour leads the Ducks in seven different categories, including blocks, kills hitting percentage and service aces. Harbour's dominance on this year's Oregon team is in the kills department. She leads the team with 102, 40 ahead of second place player Aneta Ensworth.

"Sue is obviously a blue-chip athlete," says Voelz. "People notice her presence. They'll be watching a game, and they'll say, 'God, who is no. 14.' She is physically striking."

For Harbour, volleyball began as a freshman in high school. "I started playing volleyball because it was a sport, and there was nothing else to do," she says. But she still found time to play basketball and track and field where she accumulated 10 letters between the three sports.

But volleyball became her serious sport the summer after Harbour's junior year. After attending a camp she was asked by a representative from the American National Volleyball Association to train in California.

That started an affair with top-flight competition that has carried her to the United States Volleyball Association nationals, the USVBA junior nationals and the Olympic Development Center in Colorado Springs in 1980.

When the time came to pick a college, Oregon, Oregon State and Idaho were at the top of Harbour's list. "Oregon had the programs I needed (she is a math and physical education major), and I liked the campus," she says.

The presence of Voelz was another incentive for Harbour to come to Eugene. "I liked her ideas. She had high goals — and I liked that too, because that's the way I am," says Harbour. "I think there's always a chance to do better."

Everything seemed rosy at the outset of last year for Harbour. She was at a school she liked, playing for a coach she liked, and playing well. She was particularly impressive in Oregon's near-upset of then fourth-ranked Pacific. But the party ended four games into the season when a torn achilles tendon sidelined Harbour and forced her to redshirt.

"That really brought me down," says Harbour. "I had looked forward to my freshman year, because I was going to show everyone what I could do."

Her enthusiasm dampened, but not doused, Harbour turned to frequent workouts and watching her teammates from the bench as her therapy. "I really learned a lot," she says.

The perseverance paid off, as Harbour earned MVP honors for Oregon's Junior Olympics team

and was selected as an alternate for the West team in the United States Olympic Committee's (USOC) National Sports Festival this past summer.

During her stay at Oregon, Harbour has become a very versatile performer for the Ducks. Besides her duties as middle blocker, Voelz has called on her as a setter, and she has also managed to nail a team-leading 18 service aces.

Harbour's versatility as a woman athlete has led to inevitable comparisons with another multi-talented athlete who performed in Eugene — Bev Smith. "She's been a hitter, a setter and our best server," says Voelz. "I don't know what Bev Smith did as a freshman, but Sue has done it all for us."

The comparison causes blushing and a nervous laugh from Harbour. "It's very flattering, but it's hard to put a label like that on someone," she says. As a matter of fact, Harbour is quite hard on herself when grading her performance. "There's so many things that I can do better. I should be able to do so much more. I guess I'd have to give myself a D," she says with a laugh.

Instead of talking about herself, Harbour chooses to focus on the team as a whole. "I guess I'm a little disappointed," she says of Oregon's 11-16 record. "We are so young — I think we needed a little more experience than we had."

Individually, though, it has been a banner year for Harbour, not only statistically, but also in her adjustment to the position of setter.

With her solid performance in '82, all-league honors seem to



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Sue Harbour (14) trades jokes with the University of Washington Lynn Poelstra (3) in a lull in the action earlier this year.

be just around the corner for Harbour. Voelz agrees, and she suggests a bit more. "I would suspect some of those honors would come her way," she says. "In two or three years, we expect her to show national dominance."

Harbour is so likable, so down-to-earth, one gets the feeling she'd be a pleasure to coach. Not surprisingly, Voelz feels the same way. "She is so smart that you don't have to worry about her," says Voelz. "It's going to be great to coach her for three more years."

Still, with her talent on the court, one wonders why she didn't choose to play in the volleyball hotbed of California. After all, that's the place to play, right?

Well, Harbour dispels that notion. "I thought about going to Pacific," she admits, "but they weren't going to give me a scholarship, and it's expensive to pay for a private school."

"Besides," she says, responding to the statement that California is the place to play, "maybe soon people will think that way about Oregon."

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MEETINGS

The Oregon Students Public Interest Research Group, (OSPIRG), will hold an introductory meeting Tuesday, Nov. 16, at 7:30 p.m. in 101 EMU. The meeting will include an overview of OSPIRG's structure and history.

as well as a look at the future of this unique student group. All students are encouraged to attend.

The Third Annual Meeting of the Oregon Women's Rights Coalition will be held Saturday at PCC, Sylvania Campus, between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. The keynote

speaker will be State Representative Barbara Roberts (D-Portland). Also featured will be "A Real Professional Women's Company" performing scenes from their feminist musical, Nancy Drew. A \$3 donation is requested at the meeting. Lunch will be brown bag. For further information contact Mabel Armstrong at 345-8382.

Campus Crusade for Christ's weekly meeting, "Prime Time," is tonight from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Newman Center, near the corner of 18th and Emerald. High energy fellowship. High quality teaching. Everyone is welcome.

Alcohol Education Committee will meet today at 8 a.m., 360 Oregon Hall.

SEMINARS/WORKSHOPS

"Meditation: The Key to Inner Peace," is the topic of a workshop offered by Douglas Bloch this Sunday at the New Age Center, 1015 River Road. For further information call 689-5482.

Register for the EMU Craft Center's Pathwork Holidays Workshop to be held Saturday. Materials and instruction will be provided for making several small gift or ornamental items.

"Conservation and Renewable Energy: Priorities in the Regional Power Plan" is the topic of a presentation Saturday at 11 a.m. to be given by Senator Mark Hatfield. The presentation is part of this year's Solar Seminar and will be held at the Eugene City Council Chambers.

The People's Law School wants to teach you how the Small Claims Court works. Come to their free class on Nov. 17 to learn about an important way for you to preserve your rights. The class will be from 7 to 9 p.m. at Patterson Community School, 1510 W. 15th. For more information contact Sue Heini at 342-6056.

SPEAKERS

"Hunger for Justice" is the topic of a lecture to be given by Joseph Short, Executive Director of Oxfam America. The presentation will begin at 7 p.m. tonight in 167 EMU. It will include issues such as international aid and development, obstacles to the implementation of aid, and Oxfam's contribution around the world. Please share with us in this opportunity to educate ourselves and create a better world for us all.

MISCELLANEOUS

A rummage sale for Vet Works, a non-profit group whose purpose is to find jobs for veterans, will be held today and tomorrow from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Big Y Farmers Market, 2175 W. 7th.

Seminary recruiters from San Francisco School of Theology and Pacific School of Religion will be interviewing students who want more information about graduate work in the religious vocational field. They will be available from 9 a.m. to noon at the Wesley Center, 1236 Kincaid.

Wesley Foundation's T.G.I.F. group will be focusing

on "The Biblical Witness to Peacemaking" at the regular Friday evening session at 7 p.m. at the Wesley Center, 1236 Kincaid. Visitors are invited.

The University Singers and University Chorale will perform tonight in the University Music Building. Saturday night will feature Alice Artzt on the guitar. "Three Generations of Harp," with Sally Maxwell will be held at 4 p.m. Sunday. For more details call The Office of Community Relations, University School of Music, at 686-5678.

"Reversal of Aging Through the Transcendental Meditation and TM-Sidhi Programs" will be the topic of a lecture in Century Room E today at 12:30 p.m. A recent study published in the International Journal of Neuroscience found that TM-meditators had a mean biological age 5-12 years younger than nonmeditating controls subjects. Reversal of aging and other benefits of the TM technique will be discussed in the lecture. For more information call the Eugene Age of Enlightenment Center at 686-1378.

The Community Center for the Performing Arts presents The New Klaus Roehm and Andre St. James Quartet, featuring Curtis Woodman on piano and Alan tarpinian on drums. This special jazz concert will take place at the W.O.W. Hall, 8th & Lincoln at 9:30 p.m. tonight. Admission is \$3 at the door. All ages welcome. I.D. required downstairs, wheelchair accessible.

Students for a Nuclear Free Future's symposium "Nuclear War: What's in it for you?" presents: "The Nuclear Free Pacific Movement, Part 2," an informational panel, at 2 p.m. in 167 EMU and "Living With Nuclear Weapons," a panel on how adults and children deal with our feelings about nuclear war, with a psychologist, Families for Survival, Children's Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, and Student Action for Nuclear Education — at 3:30 p.m. in 167 EMU (children welcome). All events are free and open to the public.

The Episcopal Campus Ministry holds regular communion services on Sundays at 4:30 p.m. at the Koinonia Center Chapel, 1414 Kincaid. All are welcome.

The Eugene Scottish and English Country Dancers invite you to their Fifth Annual Harvest Ball to be held Saturday at the Walterville Grange Community Hall. A dance workshop will start at 1:30 p.m. and the Ball will begin at 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$7.50 for dancers; \$5 for non-dancers. For more information call 344-4934.

Political Science Majors: the time has come for the mandatory 90-hour academic reviews. All Political Science majors who have 90 or more credit hours must see either their academic advisor or a Political Science Peer Advisor to receive an unofficial degree analysis. Contact the Political Science Peer Advising (907 PLC) x4875 for more information.

All former volunteers and anyone else interested in the Peace Corps are invited to a Spanish Potluck for Returned Peace Corps Volunteers tonight from 6 to 9 p.m. at 2760 1/2 Potter. Call Marsha Swartz at 686-3235 for information.

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