

'Thunder and lightning' pace spikers

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They are an odd couple. One is six feet tall, the other only 5-3. Their height difference may look funny, but the laughing stops when Sue Harbour and Lisa Gemoya step onto the volleyball court.

Harbour, a sophomore, and junior Gemoya have led a young Oregon team to a 14-11 record this year while riddling opponents with their one-two combination.

The combination features the

sets of a waiting, yelling Gemoya, followed by the deadly kills of Harbour.

The duo, called "thunder and lightning" by teammates, is effective. Most of Harbour's team-leading 326 kills have been assisted by Gemoya, a crowd-pleaser with her diving, rolling, acrobatic saves.

Harbour, forced into a setter-blocker role much of last year, is glad to have Gemoya around.

"This is the first year I've had a so-called setter," says Harbour. "It is great. I don't expect half the things she sets to me."

"They have been a great combination," says coach Chris Voelz. "I recruited her (Gemoya) because she had a big gun and we needed a setter."

Gemoya came to Oregon after two banner years at San Joaquin Delta College, highlighted by Most Valuable Player of the Camino Norte Conference honors in 1982. She passed up Fresno State and Hawaii for Oregon.

Harbour, who leads the Ducks in four categories, also has impressive credentials. Despite not playing volleyball until age 16,

Oregon's All-America candidate was the only non-Californian to play for the West team in the 1983 U.S. Olympic Committee's National Sports Festival.

Although the Ducks are just 14-11, Harbour and Gemoya have earned the respect of opponents. Oregon State standout Julie Steding watched Gemoya lead the Ducks to a near upset of 18th-ranked OSU last weekend.

"She has really helped those guys out," Steding says. "She has cemented their game together."

Gemoya, disturbed by coaches who judged her on size alone, was happy to come to Oregon and play for Voelz. Still, she knows her height limits her ability on the court.

"I think if I was 5-9, I might be a lot better," she says with a laugh.

What Gemoya lacks in height, she makes up for with jumping ability. Against Oregon State, it was Gemoya taking an occasional set from Harbour to smash kills past the Beavers.

"A lot of the coaches recruit on height," Gemoya says. "They might not ever see you play, but if you write in something and tell

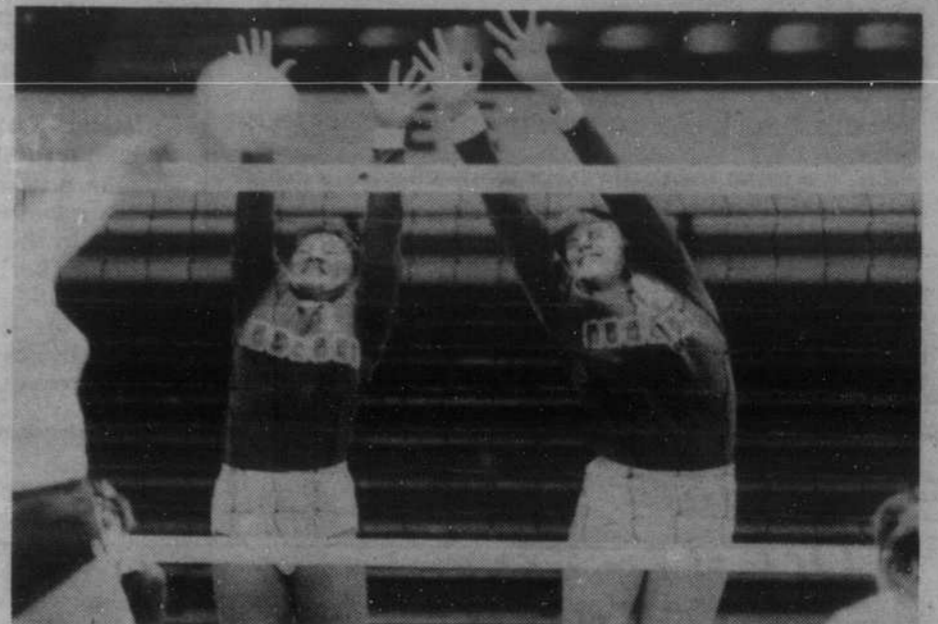


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After watching Sue Harbour and Lisa Gemoya in action, teammates dubbed them, 'Thunder and lightning.'

them your height, you're out."

Harbour, a math and physical education major, says she got a late start in volleyball because her high school program wasn't exactly paradise.

"We had high school, three

bumps and over. I wouldn't call my high school years volleyball — I would call them rat ball," says the sophomore.

With the help of an energetic setter, Harbour's rat ball days are over.

Trivia time

Think you know your Oregon sports? Take a shot at answering these five questions about Oregon teams and athletes of the past in the Emerald's weekly sports trivia quiz.

The winner, who will receive a \$10 gift certificate, will be the first person to pick the most correct answers by 3 p.m. Friday.

Answers should be turned in to the Emerald office, EMU Suite 300. In the event of ties, winners will be determined by who handed in answers first. See quiz rules below, have fun, and good luck.

1. Who was the winner and what was the score of the 1957 Oregon-Ohio State Rose Bowl? a) Oregon, 24-17 b) Ohio State, 7-6 c) Ohio State, 10-7 d) Oregon, 14-6.

2. Counting 1983, how many years has Rich Brooks coached Oregon's football team?

3. Oregon's volleyball team has beaten what Northwest school only three times? a) Portland State b) Oregon State c) Washington.

4. How many consecutive years has Oregon's women's cross country team won District 8 team titles? a) Four b) Three c) Six d) Oregon hasn't won a District 8 title since 1976.

5. Name the Oregon men's cross country runner who's won the most NCAA individual titles. a) Alberto Salazar b) Kenny Moore c) Steve Prefontaine.

Quiz rules: Gift certificates provided by NIKE EUGENE, W. 10th and Olive. Answers should be handed in on a piece of paper with name, year and major — all current students and faculty can enter, but participants may enter just once; answers and name of winner will be published in Monday's Emerald. Winners must come to front desk, EMU Suite 300, and show proper identification to collect certificates; certificate valid at NIKE EUGENE, 10th and Olive, only; certificates expire 60 days after quiz date; Emerald employees may not enter contest.



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