Netters squash Beavers

By Robert Collias Of the Emerald

The Oregon volleyball team got a taste of sweet revenge Saturday night against the Oregon State Beavers.

The Ducks had not beaten the Beavers since 1980, but Oregon ended the four-year drought with a four-game thrashing of OSU 15-9, 15-4, 10-15, and 15-9.

The Ducks showed why they are ranked 13th in the latest NCAA poll before an enthusiastic crowd of 1500 at McArthur Court. Oregon dominated most of the match and sent OSU back to Corvallis without a win for the first time in four years.

With the victory the Ducks upped their Nor-Pac conference record to 3-0 and 15-6 overall. In the process, Oregon set a school record with 10 straight match wins, breaking the record of nine set in 1980. Ironically, 1980 was the last time the Ducks had beaten the Beavers who dropped to 11-7 overall and 2-1 in the NorPac.

Oregon had little trouble with OSU, but Oregon coach Chris Voelz was less than pleased with the overall team effort.

"We didn't execute our game plan very well," said Voelz. "In the third game we had a lot of unforced errors that cost us the game."

OSU won the third game which was only the

second loss the Ducks have given up in their last 28 games.

"We've been playing very well lately and I'm pleased that we can play below par and still get a win, especially against the Beavers," said Voelz.

The Duck players were in agreement.

"We didn't play real well, but I think it is a sign of a good team when you don't play as well as possible and still win," said setter Lisa Gemoya.

Oregon was never headed in the match except for the loss in the third game. The Ducks ended the Beaver rally as Oregon jumped to a 13-3 lead in the fourth and final game of the match.

"We didn't do exactly what we wanted to, but to win that way will give us confidence for the future," said Oregon's All-America candidate Sue Harbour who ended the game with a 17 kills and nine blocks.

"I think it was our intensity that kept us in front the whole way," said sophomore Shaunna Koenig.

The Ducks take their ten-match win streak and growing confidence into this weekend with home contests against San Jose State University and the University of Santa Clara.

"We'll need all the confidence and breaks we can get this weekend," said Voelz.

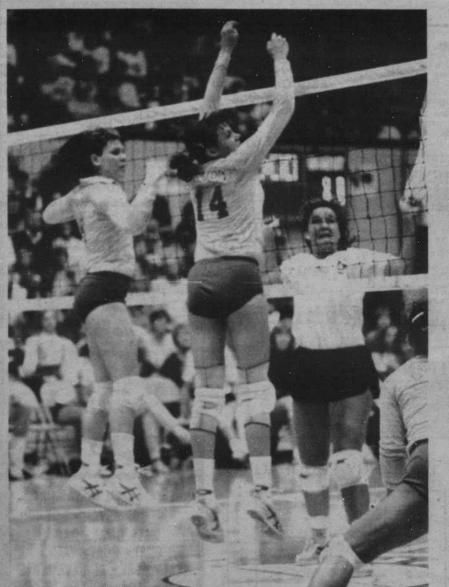


Photo by Steven Wall Teri Kramer and Sue Harbour (14) go up for a block against Oregon State University Saturday night in McArthur Court. The

Hayes wins Salem meet

The Oregon women's cross country team crushed the opposition in the Willamette Invitational in Salem Saturday.

Oregon runners, led by senior Kathy Hayes, swept the first five places in easily winning the meet 15-144 over second place Pacific Lutheran.

Hayes' time of 16:19.7 broke her own course record by almost 12 seconds. Kim Roth came in second with a time of 16:54.6. Oregon's Claudette Groenendaal, Gretchen Nelson, and Birgit Petersen finished third, fourth and fifth respectively to round out the Ducks' sweep of the top five positions.

"Our first seven finishers were grouped within 1:03, which is unheard of," said Oregon coach Tom Heinonen who saw his No. 1 ranked team run an impressive meet.

The results of Saturday's race has determined the seven runners who will compete in the prestigious Wisconsin-Burger King Invitational to be held in Madison, Wis., on Oct. 13. Hayes, Roth, Groenendaal, Nelson, Petersen, Ranza Clark and Lisa Johnson will make the trip to the Midwest for this weekend's meet.

The invitational features some of the top teams in the



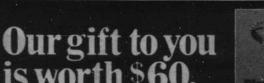
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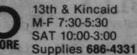
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