

Sports

Duck netters succumb to OSU in last match of losing season

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As the cheers enveloped Gill Coliseum following Oregon State's 15-10, 15-9, 10-15, 4-15, 15-9 victory over the Ducks, it became apparent that the echoes of a losing season would reverberate among Webfoot players and coaches until they took the floor in 1989.

While the Beavers celebrated their first win against the Ducks in 11 tries dating back to 1983, the frustrations of the Ducks' nightmare season culminated into a moment of despair.

Duck middle blocker Dawnn Charroin lay motionless on the court after the match point fell in Webfoot territory just seconds before. Teary-eyed outside hitter Kate Harper found solace in a barren section of Gill Coliseum seats as she reflected on the season's misfortunes. Senior back row specialist Tina Adolph, playing the last game of her collegiate career, had hoped to pull off a win for a specific reason.

"One of the main things was that, with a win tonight, Oregon State would have been the only team that I could say that (Oregon) had always beaten during my career," Adolph said. "Now I can't say that."

"We made a lot of unforced errors tonight," Oregon coach Gerry Gregory said. "We had a lot of missed defensive opportunities as well. We had a lot of confidence going in to the fifth

game, but we botched some chances to go ahead."

With the loss, the Ducks end the season at 8-19 overall and 2-16 in the Pacific-10 Conference, good for a tie with Oregon State for last place in the conference. The loss was the Ducks' 16th in their last 17 matches and extends the Webfoots' school record losing streak to 13. The Duck winning percentage of .296 marks the first sub-par campaign in Gregory's nine year career as a head coach.

"(OSU head coach) Guy (Enriques) is really turning their program around," Adolph said in regards to the Beavers' 13-24 finish this year as opposed to 8-24 in 1986 and 3-25 in 1987.

For the season, OSU has been drawing impressive reviews for its defensive performances.

Outside hitter Tricia Becker and Julie Leamon collected 18 digs each while adding 18 and 17 kills, respectively, and sophomore middle blocker Helen Hoonhout tied an OSU school record with eight solo blocks.

On the offensive side, Leamon and Kristy Wing logged three service aces apiece as the Beavers made life tough for the Duck defense, racking up 10 service aces for the match.

For the Ducks, Michele

Krebsbach hammered 22 kills to lead both sides and helped on the defensive end with 16 digs. Charroin added 13 kills and also combined with fellow middle blocker Denise Kuhn (10 blocks) to help the Webfoots outblock the Beavers 27-15.

"This year we have won more matches than the two previous years combined, so we have proven that we have the abilities to compete," Enriques said. "Sometimes a team will have contributions by six or seven players, but tonight we got contributions from all 11 players."

"We're a young team, and I think we just need some more experience," outside hitter Julie Jeffery said. "I know we will be a better team next year." However, the question of how the demise of the Ducks came about still lingers, and answers are few.

"It may be a question of being motivated to become a good team," Gregory said. "It could be that I'm not doing a good enough job as a coach. I just don't know."

"I guess we'll find out in the off-season what kind of team we are," junior middle blocker Stephanie Drier said. "Each of us will have to take a look at our individual roles and go from there."

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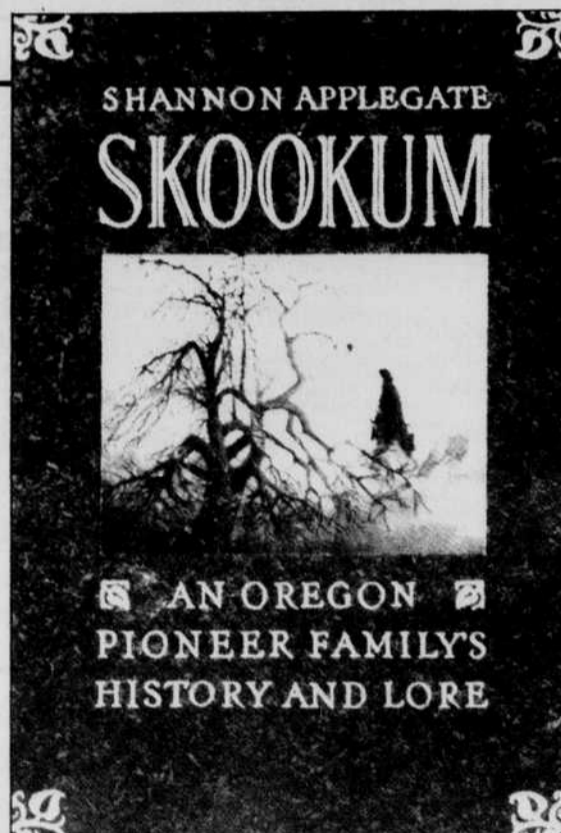
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