## Nothing compares to what volleyballers face

Have you ever been to a volleyball game?

Rough sport

Forget about football. This is the toughest game in town. No comparison. Nothing even comes close.

Just look at the terminology. Football has such easy words. like first down, field goal and

The Oregon men's golf

team enjoyed a successful

day last Thursday, finishing

second in a field of 12 teams

at the Wolf Pack Classic in

Oregon finished 19 strokes

behind tournament champi-

on Nevada-Reno in the 54-

hole event. Nevada-Reno

finished the day with 878

strokes followed by Ore-

U.S. International. Boise

State and Washington State

rounded out the top five

with scores of 900, 902 and

Larry Bull of Boise State

Carson City, Nevada.

gon's 897.

908, respectively

Men golfers successful

safety. Volleyball on the other hand is much more violent. These guys have digs, spikes and my personal favorite ... the

They even keep statistics on kills. Outside hitter Michelle Krebsbach had 37 in one game against Portland State last year. What a coach's nightmare. PSU

was the individual winner

with a score of 215, one un-

Oregon's Bob Rannow tied

for second with Rod Butler

of Nevada Reno with a score

of 216. Chris Holzgang of

Oregon finished seventh

Other Oregon scores were

Tom Smith, Tim Hval and

Shawn Aicher with scores of

229, 236 and 236, respec-

The Ducks travel to Black

Butte in central Oregon for

the Portland State Invitation-

al on Monday and Tuesday.

overall at 220.

tively

der par for the tournament.

probably had to pull people out of the stands just to finish the

Titan missiles don't travel as fast as some of these girl's spikes. Dawnn Charroin often breaks the sound barrier. Kresbach, on occasion, has been known to maim.

Wanna know what the Oregon girls team's nickname is? The Hit Squad. Football teams choose tame mascots, like lions and tigers and bears (oh my). But volleyball players go a different route. The Hit Squad isn't the name of a sports team. It's Capone's gang.

Even the tactics of volleyball are totally different than any other game. In football, for example, you try to throw the ball away from the defenders. In volleyball, you aim for them. Preferably their head.

I know volleyball. I was born and raised in Southern California, where volleyball is something like what hockey is to Canada. A national pastime. I also think it's a law.

Growing up, I spent a lot of time at the beach, playing volleyball. There is no comparison between beach volleyball and the indoor version of the sport.

For one thing, its played on sand, not the hard wood of indoor volleyball

Indoor volleyball actually has strategy. Offense, defense and the standard bump, set, spikeit-in-your-opponent's face play. At the beach, whoever gets to

> Don Peters



the ball first hits it over the net. And of you don't get to it, well heck, another will come along soon enough.

Watch the Oregon volleyball team play some time. These people actually dive onto the court after balls. At the beach, the only time you go to the ground is to impress the goodlooking person who just walked by. You don't do it often. Sand down the shorts chafes.

One time though, I had the opportunity to play regulation indoor volleyball against some guys from the U.S. Junior team.

They were in town, and a few friends and I ran into them at the gym.

They challenged us to a game, and since the bowling alley wasn't open yet, we accept-Mistake number one. Should have stuck with bowl-

Since I'm taller than most people, my friends persuaded me to play on the front line.

Mistake number two.

Worst experience of my life. Since when did 16-year-olds grow to 6-5 and jump like gazelles? Balls were whizzing around my head with the speed of automatic weapon fire. I still have dents in my arms from blocking, but the volleyball imprint in my forehead faded with time.

Since then, I haven't played to much volleyball. I'm almost gun-shy. I wake up nights sweating at the thought of jump serves. I'm thinking about seeking professional help. Volleyball Anonymous. Hello, my name is Don.

Football, rugby, hockey or lacrosse? No way

Volleyball is for the truly



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