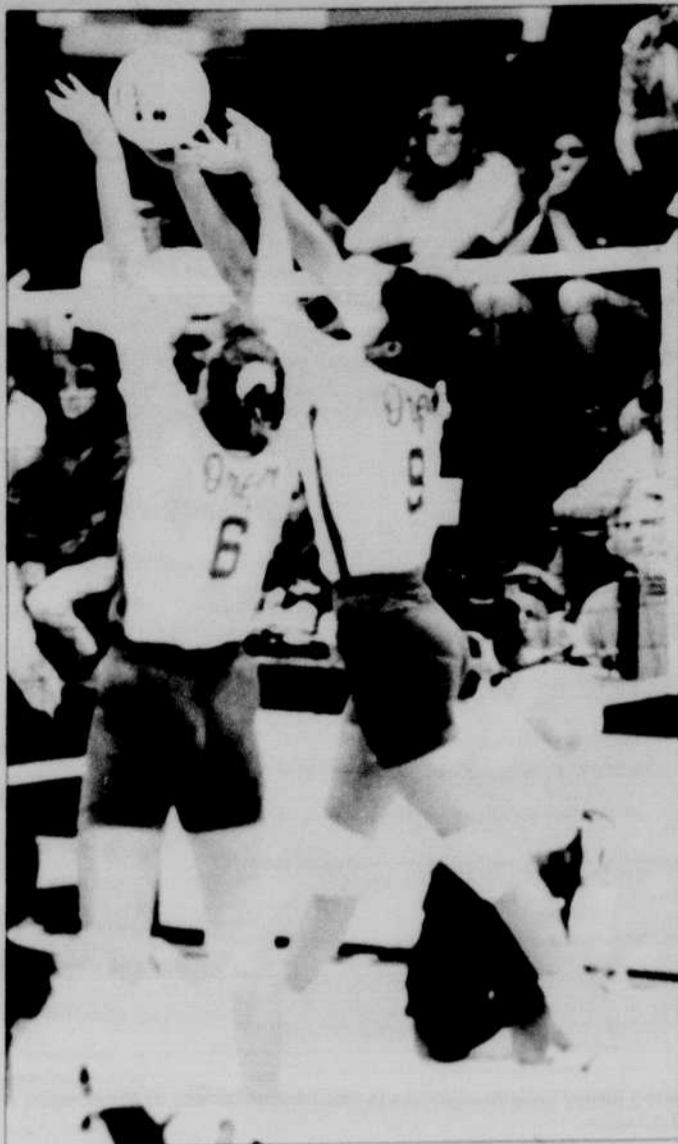


Block that hit



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Oregon's Karissa Meith (left) and Kalie Kerr (right) go up for the block earlier this year against Georgia.



Do you believe women's athletics are as respected as they should be?

"No, definitely not. One of the major reasons is because of the alumni who give most of their money to the men's sports."



MARIEKA FARRENKOPF  
sociology, senior

"Probably not, because they do not get the exposure as the men do."



CHRIS BRAZEFIELD  
math, graduate

"I don't think so, because when they win a championship the public doesn't respect them - people say, 'Oh ... it's only a woman.'"



WILSON CHAN  
fine arts, sophomore

"No, because I think that there are many women who don't take sports seriously. A lot of women just do sports as exercise."



BENJAMIN DREW  
environmental studies, freshman

"I believe it's a matter of color, because it seems like people who are white are more accepted in sports than people who are not."



YASMIN HAMID  
pre-journalism, sophomore

"It seems like men get much more publicity, receive more scholarships and earn more money that women do."



LISA TAN  
exercise movement science

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Softball coach Brown wins title

□ Brown's team gets revenge on the defending champions.

University of Oregon head softball coach Tami Brown was a member of this year's ASA Women's Major Fastpitch National Championship team from Redding, Calif.

The Redding Rebels took the championship in dramatic style as they swept past the 23-time national champion Raybestos Brakettes, 3-0 and 3-2, in Stratford, Conn. in September. For the Rebels, defeating the Brakettes in the championship was a revenge victory of sorts. Last year,

the Brakettes beat the Rebels in Redding to win the championship.

Rebels pitcher Michele Smith got the victory in the final game, and she was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player, as well as being named "Best Pitcher". For the Rebels, it was Jennifer Brundage's single in the seventh inning that plated first baseman Kelly Jackson, giving them the 3-2 win.

Seven of the 14 players for the Rebels were named ASA all-Americans, including Smith, Brundage, pitcher Lori Sippel and Julie Smith.

Redding finished the tournament with a 7-1 record, including a 28-inning, seven-hour victory over the California Commotion.

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