

Americans in control after a slow start



Photo by Mark McIntyre

Debbie Green, setting up the spike, was a key to the Americans offensive explosion.

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The United States women's national volleyball team, led by 6' 5" Flo Hyman, defeated the Japanese national women's volleyball team three games to two in an exhibition match Friday night at Rec Hall.

The U.S. women won by scores of 15-10, 13-15, 15-11, 11-15, and 15-5.

About 4,000 people saw the American team come back from a four-point deficit in the first game to take control the remainder of the game. With Sue Woodstra serving, the Americans reeled off six straight points to jump to a 9-7 lead — a lead they never lost.

In the second game, the Japanese began leaping and diving techniques, a characteristic of Japanese play. They jumped to an early lead, which was again taken away by strong American play, but came back to tie the score at 13-13 and eventually win the game.

In game three, the Americans demonstrated that they were a strong team, even without Flo Hyman. With Hyman on the bench and Laurel Brassey in her place on the floor, the Americans ran off six straight points on their way to a 13-6 lead. They held on to go ahead of the Japanese two games to one for the match.

Game four belonged to the Japanese. Although it was a close match most of the way, the Japanese came back with

six straight points from an 11-9 deficit to force the fifth and deciding game.

In that deciding game, the Americans took an early lead and held on to win the game and the match. Hyman, Woodstra and Patty Dowell were all the offense the Americans needed in the 15-5 win.

After the match, Nittany Lion volleyball coach and local match coordinator Tom Tait commented on the play of the two teams.

"The Americans had the firepower," Tait said. He was especially impressed with the play of Flo Hyman. "She was dominating," Tait said. "She was hitting very high."

Tait explained that some of the other American players were hitting the ball low over the net, making it easy for the Japanese to block.

"High hitting makes it hard to block. It gives you an enormous difference in what you can do offensively," Tait said.

About the Japanese, Tait said, "They're a lot better team than what they've shown at this stage." He added that the Japanese have been working extremely hard at recent practices, but were just outplayed by the Americans on Friday night.

Tait sees Friday's match as a possible springboard for volleyball both at Penn State and in the country as a whole.

"It's one way to introduce volleyball to people who hadn't seen it before," Tait said.

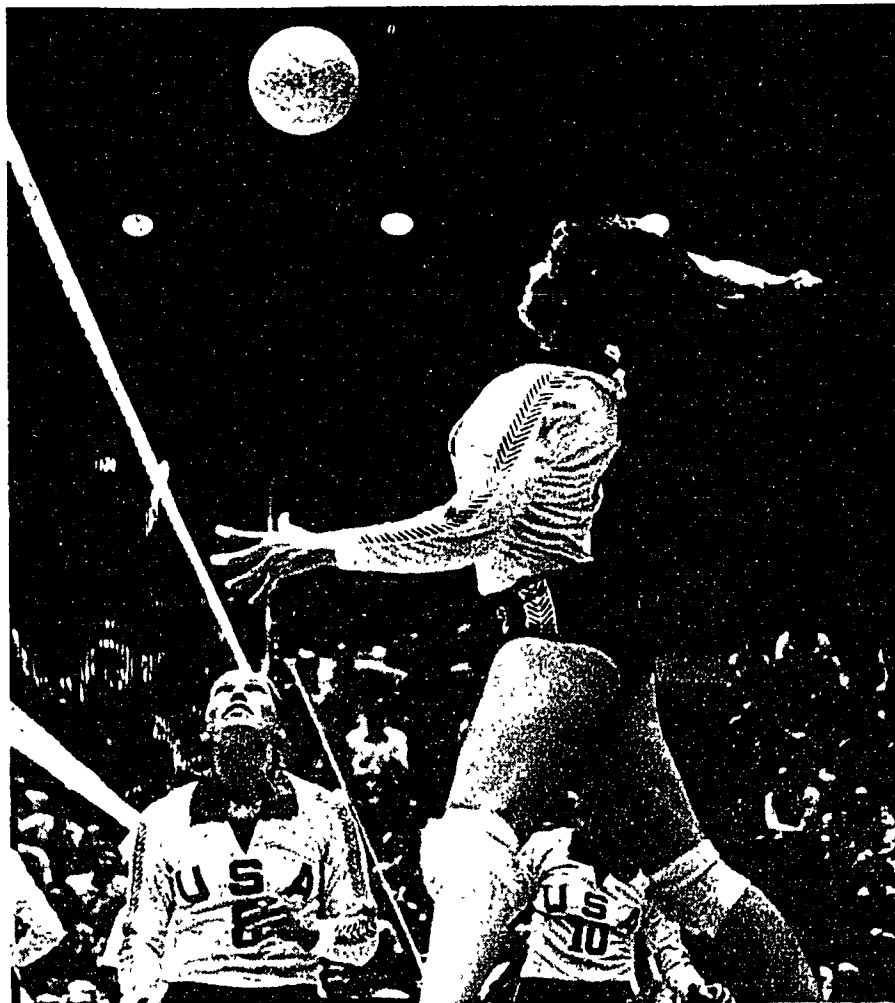


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Sue Woodstra goes up for the spike as the American national team defeated the Japanese at Rec Hall Friday. There are eight more exhibition matches on the nationwide tour.

U.S. team beating Japan squad with ease on cross country tour

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The American victory at Rec Hall Friday night carries with it a few suggestions about the world of volleyball in the future.

By virtue of their three-games-to-two-victory, the American team went ahead 15-5 in tour wins. American coach Arie Selinger expected the tour to be more evenly matched.

"Considering this is the twentieth match with a lot of travel and a little rest, I didn't expect it to be that much of a kill," Selinger said. "I expected it to be fifty-fifty."

The teams have been exposed to some grueling punishment. Both the Americans and the Japanese have played, practiced and travelled every day since

Oct. 2.

Coach Selinger says that the tour shows both the improvement in the American team and somewhat of a decline in the Japanese team. He pointed out that the Americans had little trouble handling the Japanese early in the tour, and thinks that the Americans will have little trouble the rest of the way.

Selinger pointed out that the Japanese coach Shigeo Yamada is building a new team for the 1980 Olympics. Selinger said Yamada has benched three of his players that competed on the gold medal winning Japanese team at Montreal in 1976 through most of the tour.

The American coach also said that his team is improving steadily. He said his team proved that fact in the world competition by beating another recognized

volleyball power, China, by a 3-0 score in a five game match.

Selinger is convinced that his team has a legitimate chance at a medal at Moscow in 1980, and is not concerned by Japanese coach Yamada's benching of his experienced players.

"When they were in, we beat the Japanese 3-0. When they were on the bench, we beat them 3-0."

When asked if the three Japanese Olympians would make a difference if they played later on in the tour, Selinger replied, "I don't worry, we'll beat them . . . 3-0."

The Japanese and Americans have only eight more meetings left on the tour, which ends October 29 in Hilo, Hawaii.

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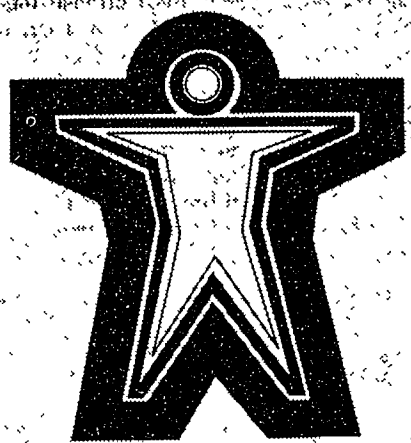
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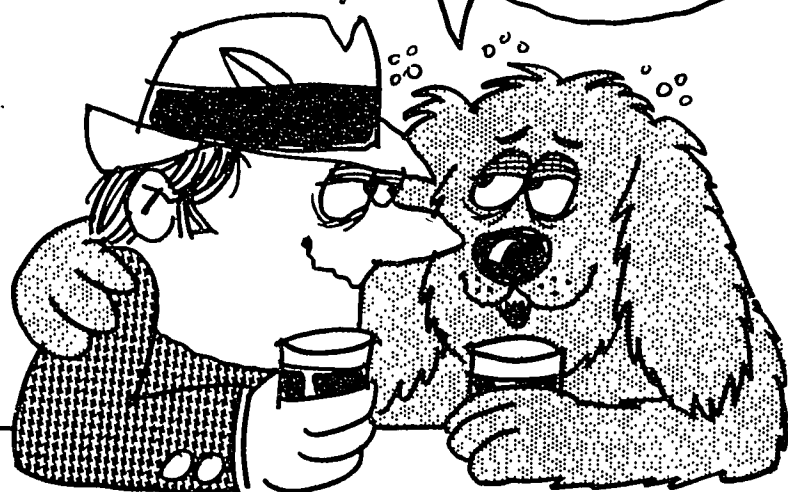
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