Redundant Barbell?

Spring greeted with verbal volley

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Bop, flip, boom! Pass, set, spike! All across the nation those wonderful sounds ring out from the playgrounds of youth. Ah, the sounds of spring! As the poet says, “if winter comes, can volleyball be far behind?”

“A blister on the first game ball,” lamented Rich Behnke, captain of last year’s volleyball championship team, the Redundant Barbell, as his point-scoring machine opened defense of their title last Tuesday night.

Barbell Romps

As every true volleyball fanatic knows, the worst thing that can happen to a volleyball is a blister. But the Barbell refused to let this mishap shatter their hopes for another crown as they romped to an easy two-games-straight victory.

The Barbell’s inspired performance Tuesday answered doubts from many quarters that the team (called the Marvelous Shazams last year) would be unable to win again, since they were hit hard by graduation.

Hi, Jeff

The view from here is that this team looks even better than last year’s at a comparable stage of development. Perennial superstar Chuck Young looks even better this year, having spent the summer training with the Houston YMCA’s national team in the Norris family bathroom.

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New rapidly improving soph star Paul Roberts is already the equal of any of the departed contingent. And five-year Barbell veterans Bob Easton, Lee Hall, Rich Behnke, and Jack Smith will, with a little practice, be their usual inimitable selves.

High Flyers

The only competition the Barbell will experience will probably come from the Night Flyers, the classiest team around. Led by Lynn Morris and Mike Johnson, the Flyers would probably win if real volleyball rules were followed at all closely, but in slop, the Redundant Barbell is unequaled.

The Barbell play their next game this Saturday at 1 pm in the Rice gym. In order to be assured of seats, you must go to the Rice Ticket Office with your Blanket tax before 3:30 Friday. A standing-room-only crowd is expected.