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For Mike Jeung
it's the only way to go

While some like the idea of teamwork, Jeung would rather go it alone, whether it's bowling lefthanded or dueling on the tennis court Photo by Greg Clark

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It's doubtful you'll ever be able to call Mike Jeung a team man. He doesn't like playing football, basketball or hockey, and baseball doesn't really appeal to him either. Jeung is a racket man, who likes to bowl on the side. He's currently the Duck's number one singles tennis player, all 5-6 of him. That's one reason he shuns team competition.

"I've never been much of a team player," Jeung claims. "Tennis and bowling aren't really team sports

play a little baseball and I'm not fond of playing football."

The way Jeung found his niche in the sports world came with help from his father. "My dad was a very athletic person. He gave all of us kids the chance to try a lot of sports. Those (tennis, badminton and bowling) were the few I happened to like."

To throw in a little bit of variety, Jeung, a right hander, bowls left-handed. "Bowling left-handed gives me a definite advantage," he said.

What he lacks in size he makes up for with quickness. Thus far in the season he's compiled an 8-3 mark in singles and has teamed up with Web Hayward for a 6-3 record in doubles play.

"I'm relatively quick on the court," he said. "I think the smaller guys are a lot faster because they can pivot quicker because of the low center of gravity."

Jeung came to Oregon three years ago from the San Francisco Bay Area and has improved steadily under the guidance of Oregon Coach Buzz Summers.

"Quickness and agility" are Jeung's best physical attributes according to the coach.

"He's a serious player" said Summers. "You've got to be a serious player if you're going to be on a varsity tennis team."

But at the same time Jeung admits he is a crowd pleaser too.

"A lot of my problems with concentration stem, I think, because I've been a crowd pleaser type of player," said Jeung. "When I play in front of a crowd I try to make an easy shot look like a more difficult one. But my shot selection is getting better . . . I'm wising up. You can do that kind of thing against a weaker player, but a good one will just eat you up if you try that stuff."

"I definitely believe Summers has helped me with a lot of bad things I had with my game, but he's given me a free reign and hasn't tried to completely overhaul my game. By the time you get to a university, it's really tough to change your complete game."

Jeung is a "self taught" tennis player, who hadn't had very much structure in his tennis background. "I had never had a coach to go over the mechanical aspects until I came to Oregon," he said.

To help straighten out his flaws, Summers has been using a video tape machine on Jeung. "I'm working on turning sideways more and getting my shoulders down," said Jeung.

"He's got to be a thinking player on the court," said Summers. "He tries to overpower his opponents or hit the ball down the line instead of hitting in the middle."

It seems likely once he learns not to overpower foes, Jeung might be able to run circles around them. By himself, of course.

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. . . your teammates don't have a direct influence on you."

"With the exception of soccer, I don't go for team sports," he said. "I quit playing basketball years ago. I

UO inks a guard UO qualifies third relay

James, "Bo" McCloud, a 6-2 guard from North High School in Riverside, Calif., has signed a letter of intent to attend Oregon — the first Duck basketball recruit to do so.

In his four years at North, McCloud averaged 20.3 points, 8.1 rebounds and 5.6 assists. He was named All-CIF (California Interscholastic Federation) as a junior and senior and was second team All-CIF as a sophomore.

"His statistics indicate what kind of a player he is," said Oregon Assistant Coach Jim Haney. "He's quick and intelligent, a real heady ball player. Bo is just a super kid."

McCloud is the fourth leading scorer in CIF history, second all time in assists and ninth in rebounding. He also holds school records for points in a single game (39), assists (15) and assists in one season (176).

Two distance aces sign

Dick Harter wasn't the only one on campus to sign a recruit Tuesday. Duck track coach Bill Dellinger revealed that two outstanding high school distance runners — Alberto Salazar and Rudy Chapa — had signed national letters-of-intent with Oregon.

Salazar, from Wayland, Mass., placed second in the national junior 5,000 meters last year and

won the event in the U.S.-Soviet junior meet. He has bests of 14:14.6 for 5,000 meters, 8:57.4 for two miles and finished 24th last year in the national AAU cross country meet.

Chapa, from Hammond, Ill., was the national 10,000 junior champion last summer. He had bests of 4:11 for the mile, 8:51 for two miles and 28:22.6 for six miles.

UO qualifies third relay

Oregon qualified a third relay team for nationals yesterday at Lane Community College as the Ducks clocked a winning 3:57 for the mile relay with splits of 61.1 for Sandy Aikins, 60.9 for Janice Vernon, 58.2 for Dawna Rose and a sizzling 56.8 for Mary Officer. The mark was well under the school record of 4:03.9. Sandy Trowbridge finished first in the 400-meter hurdles, 1:07.7

Officer captured the 100 in 11.2 while teammate Carol Amaral was second in the same time and Dawna Rose third in 11.5. Officer also tied for first in the high jump (5-0) and anchored the 440 relay team to a 49.5 win. Kathy Guiney won the 220 in 26.3 and Kim Conner ran 2:16.9 for second in the 880 behind non-scoring Debbie Roth of Oregon Track Club (2:16.3.)

Team scores were: OCE — 250 UO — 157 LCC — 26 George Fox — 20 Central Oregon Community College — 2 and Linn-Benton — 1.

Pac-8 names Duck spikers

Three members of Oregon's track squad were named Tuesday as Pacific-8 track and field athletes of the week.

Dave Voorhees, who received the honor for the second straight week, tossed the shot 62-2¼ for a lifetime best and then threw the discus 194-10 for a double victory in the Ducks' win over Washington State Saturday.

Matt Centrowitz, who was first in the 1,500 meters with a time of 3:39.8, and Don Clary, who ran the 5,000 meters in 13:45.2, were also named along with quartermiler James Robinson of California.

Karate tournament set for Saturday

The University Karate Club is sponsoring a Collegiate Invitational Karate Tournament Saturday in McArthur Court.

Schools from Oregon, Washington, California and Canada will be competing in the tourney in two divisions — individual and team in Kata (forms) and Kumite (free sparring). Preliminary eliminations will be held from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., with finals starting at 8 p.m.

Tickets are available at the EMU main desk, Okinawa Goju-Ryu Karate-Do and at the door.

Crew team takes second, thirds

Oregon's crew team took one second place and finished third in three events in the Corvallis Invitational Regatta held last weekend.

Rob Finley and Scott Langley were second in heavyweight pairs, while the Ducks finished third in lightweight eights, heavyweight eights and heavyweight fours competition.

Oregon's next match will be Saturday as it hosts the U of O Invitational at Dexter Reservoir.