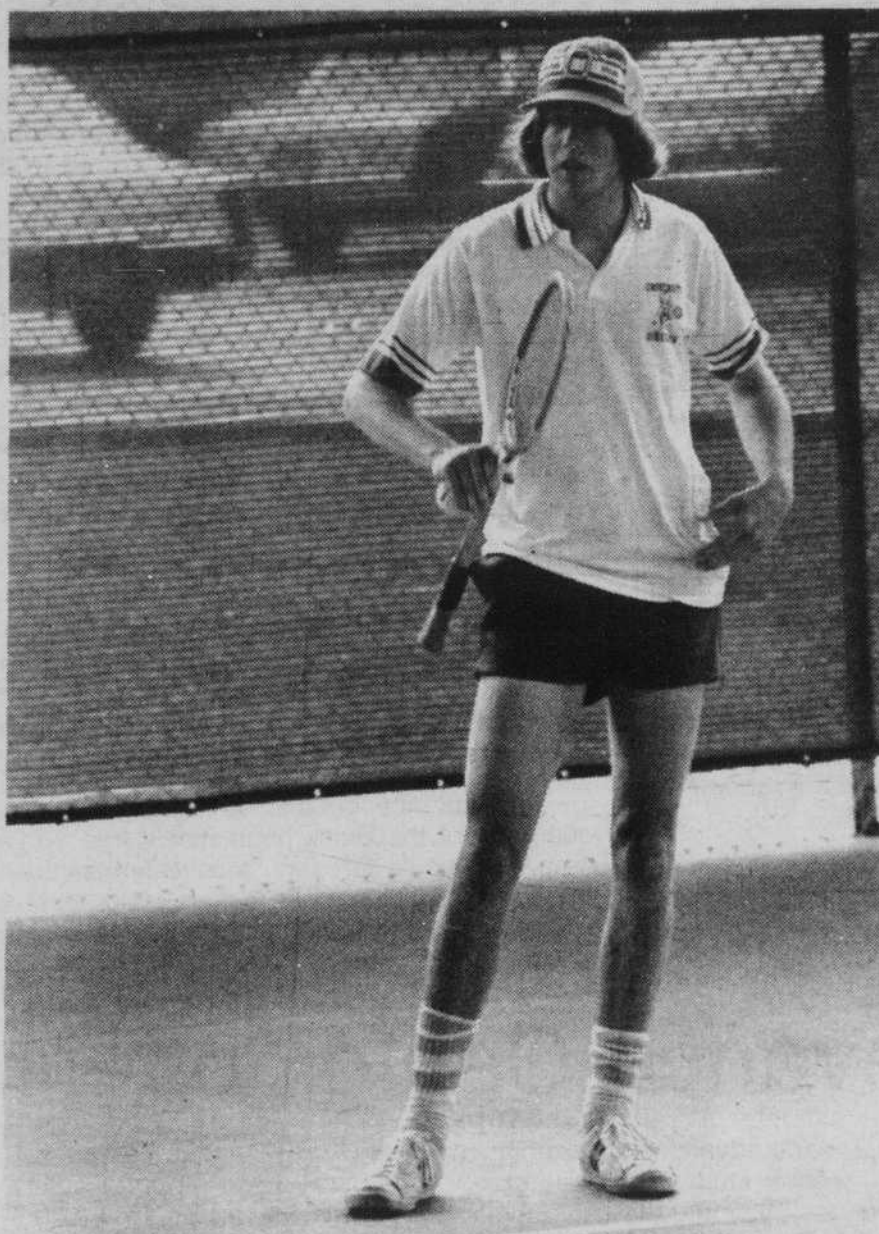


Duck tennis teams head north for regionals



Men look to dethrone tough Washington

By STEVE JETT
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As Oregon heads for Washington and the Northern Division championships, Duck tennis coach Buzz Summers can be guaranteed at least one concrete asset.

"We have not been overplayed," explained Summers as his team ran through their final practice Wednesday afternoon before the three-day championships start at Pullman, Wash. "We are really eager to play. Many teams overplay so much during the season that some of the players are not really up for the championships. We have not become flat from our playing."

But, realistically speaking, Summers points toward a second place finish as a goal for the championships. As usual, Washington has been handed the favorite tag.

"Washington is going to be the favorite and I say we will be a possibility for second, along with Washington State," explained Summers.

Even though the Ducks may be playing second fiddle to the Huskies, Washington may be absent their number one man, Tom Wall, due to injuries.

"He (Wall) was injured about two weeks ago and he may still be out," said Summers. The Huskies, 8-1 winners over Oregon this year, will still counter with Californian Rick Grant and Chris Romney.

It will be the Cougars though who will stand in the way of Oregon in the duel for second. Washington State will have ready Australian Roger Tyzer, Canadian Jim Lees, and Trevor Schneider from South Africa.

"We have never lost to them (Cougars) since I have started coaching here eleven years ago, but this season they have a good chance," said Summers. Oregon, a 5-4 winner over the Cougars earlier in the season, now stands 8-9 for the year.

"We have had three winning seasons in a row and we still have a chance at another with those three duel matches left at the championships," said Summers.

Oregon will face the Huskies on Friday morning, Washington State on Saturday, and finally Seattle University Sunday morning.

"Washington State will have twelve courts for the championships. They were resurfaced about two years ago and are a little bit slow because of that," continued Summers.

Patti Marihart (L) and Tom Greider will lead Oregon's tennis teams into regional championships this weekend. The men will travel to Pullman, Wash., while the women journey to Seattle.

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Women expect second, hope for first

By TIM LEONARD
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This Friday and Saturday marks the end of the season for the Oregon women's tennis team as it participates in the NCWSA Regional Championships in Seattle.

Undefeated Washington, playing on its home courts and having won the regionals four years straight, has to be considered the favorite. Marti Schey, the Oregon coach, believes her team can take

second.

"We should at least get second and present a strong challenge for first," she said, adding, "I think we have a good team and hopefully keep it going by pulling some big wins at the regionals."

Oregon will play without the services of two varsity women, Mo Hermann and Tina Mickelson. Hermann has been bothered by a case of bursitis and Mickelson quit the team. In effect, their vacancy means a gap in two singles spots

and also for doubles teams, which makes the formation of two new teams necessary.

Hermann, usually number three during the regular season will be replaced by Debbie Borchers. Patti Marihart, will move from fifth singles to number four and join Borchers in number two doubles. The fifth and sixth singles and number three doubles positions will be filled by either Ann Thompson, Sue Olsen or Sheryl Anderson.

Helen Vozenilek, playing number one singles and teaming with Patti Layton in doubles, will attempt to repeat as the regional singles champion for the second straight year. Besides Vozenilek, Oregon's strongest chances lie in doubles, both one and two. Layton, having a strong serve and forceful groundstrokes, could surprise many opponents in number two singles and she definitely works well with Vozenilek.

The Borchers-Marihart doubles team is also a well-drilled team

and it also stands the chance of making the regionals less of a runaway for Washington. The weak areas and ones that may prove to be hazardous for the final team standings are the bottom singles and third doubles. With the injuries and roster juggling, Schey may find herself playing her women against those with more court sense and playing ability, which, in the long run, will be good for their tennis maturity.

Gerulaitis wins in WCT match

DALLAS (AP) — Vitas Gerulaitis survived a plague of double faults Wednesday night to trim Mexico's Raul Ramirez 6-1, 2-6, 6-2, 6-1 and set up a semifinal showdown with topseeded Bjorn Borg in the World Championship of Tennis Finals.

Gerulaitis, who led the eight finalists in WCT points this year, endured 12 double

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