

Against WSU, Huskies

Women netters ready to serve up their best

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The women's tennis team will face "the toughest teams in the league" according to coach Marty Schey, when it plays Washington State Friday and the University of Washington Saturday at the covered courts.

The Huskies, last year's regional champions, are expected to be the Ducks' toughest opponent this season in the Northwest Collegiate Women's Sports Association.

"They, the Huskies, will be tough, but I expect them and the team expects them," says Schey. "We definitely think we can beat them."

Oregon's number one singles player, Patti McKenna, echoes a similar sentiment. "Both teams will be tough, but the way to beat them is to be really competitive. I expect problems, they are strong all the way through the line-up, one through six. It just comes down to how we play. If we play well we should be in both and win both."

Schey says her team is prepared. "If we are mentally and physically prepared, which I think we are, anything can happen."

The tennis team, 2-3 for the season, is generally pleased with its overall performance. "Although we lost all of our matches in California in the Berkeley Invitational, we gained a lot of experience," says Schey. "I would say it did us more good than harm."

The tennis team lost three matches on its California tour, but got two wins this month against Willamette and Portland State.

"The game against Portland on Tuesday was a good one for us," says Schey. "We started some new people and they all did well. We won the match in the doubles, they pulled us through." The Ducks defeated PSU 6-3.

The four regular starters for the Ducks who were out due to injuries will be back on the court Friday. "Everyone is doing better," says Schey. "I won't know for sure until

Thursday evening who will play, but I am certain that everyone who was injured will be back in action."

McKenna, usually the number one singles player, was out Tuesday due to a shoulder injury. "My shoulder is better," she says, "but I think I could play even if it still hurt. I've played with it before, I guess you would call it a recurring problem."

Christine Tennant is also looking forward to being back in competition. "I had a sore arm after the California trip, but I think I was just tired out. One thing is for certain, I am looking forward to playing the number four singles and number one doubles against such tough competition."

Tough competition is what Schey is stressing. "We can be contenders for the title if we do well. Doing well has a lot to do with the caliber of competition we meet, and we are meeting some of the best," she says.

"We really need to do well against Washington and Washington State this weekend," McKenna says. "If we do well we will get seeded well. If we get good positions at regionals then we will be able to take the title."

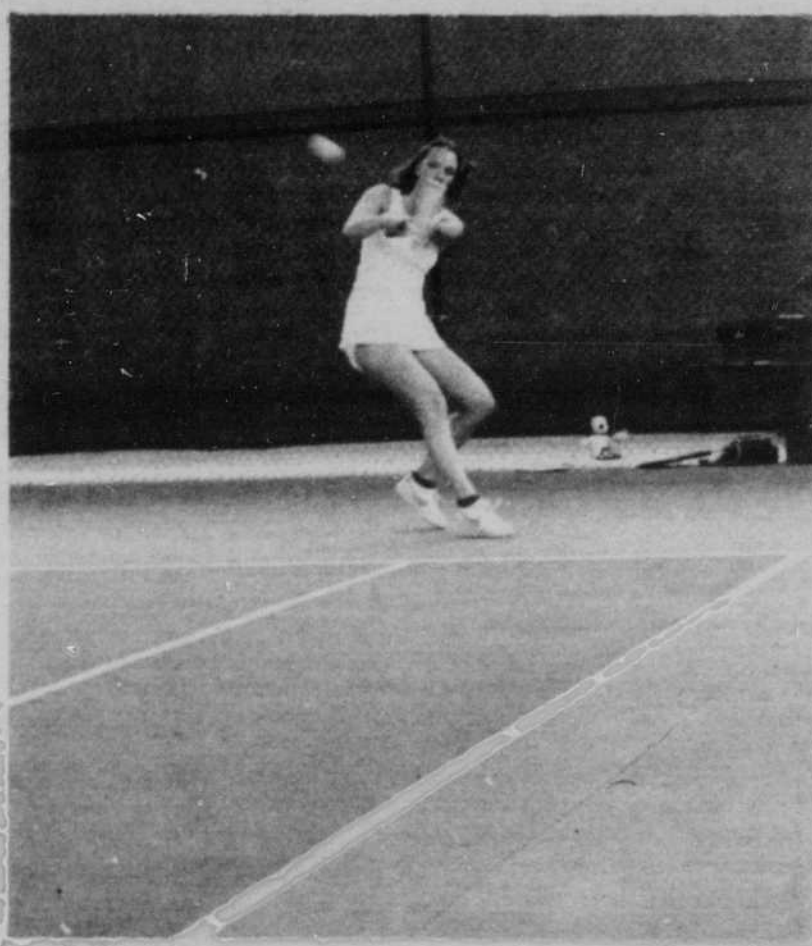


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Freshman Kammy Stark's 3-6, 6-2, 6-1 victory against Jane Colson of Portland State helped the Ducks to a 6-3 win over the Vikings Wednesday on the covered courts. The women are now preparing for home matches this weekend with Washington State and Washington.

Coach teed off as Duck golfers bogey

University golf coach Jim Ferguson had many things to say — few of them good — after the Ducks slipped to a 14th place tie with Weber State after Wednesday's second round of the Western Intercollegiate Tournament in Santa Cruz, Calif.

"We've never really played in this kind of wind before," said Ferguson of the 35-mile-an-hour gusts that helped the Ducks fall 32 strokes behind tourney leader San Jose State. "It's really had an effect on us. You can tell the kids what to do, but that doesn't mean they can do it."

"And that's not an excuse," he continued. "We not only played terribly, we competed poorly."

The 54-hole tournament will finish today as second-place Fresno St. (749) and Arizona St. (751) try to overhaul the Spartans in the team race. The individual leader is ASU's Scott Watkins, who has a 140 total.

The Ducks, meanwhile, led by Jon Heselwood (71-82 — 153) and Lawrence Zech (79-75 — 154), will try to move up a few notches in the 26-team field — and maybe pick up some lost pride.

Ducks play Dutch korfbal team

The Dutch national korfbal team will be pitted against members of the University men's and women's basketball teams tonight at 7:30 p.m. in McArthur Court.

A demonstration and clinic on rules and regulations governing the co-ed sport will be presented by the Dutch at 3:30 p.m. today in Gerlinger Annex gym.

The game is played with a

team of four men and four women. As in basketball, baskets are used to score points, but they are 11 and one-half feet off the ground. Players cannot dribble or run with the ball.

Anyone interested in learning more about korfbal is invited to attend the demonstration and the game.

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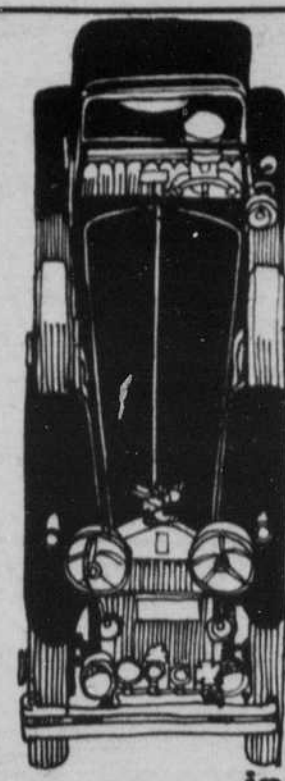
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