

Women's tennis team betters 1986 mark by eight wins

By Tom Chaffee
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The Oregon women's tennis team wrapped up a successful 1987 campaign last weekend, but the talk around the Athletic Department is already focusing on next year.

Coach Sue Jacobsen used the outstanding play of three freshmen to guide the Ducks to

a 12-8 record this season, a dramatic improvement over the 4-12 mark they recorded a year ago. And with another impressive crop of freshmen expected next year, it looks like the time has finally come to list the Ducks as a legitimate threat in Northwest Division tennis.

They took a step in that direction last weekend with solid

performances against Washington State University and the University of Washington. The Ducks blew past the Cougars 8-1 on Friday, and then on Saturday put up a strong challenge against perennial power Washington before falling, 7-2.

"I'm really pleased with the way we played," Jacobsen said. "The matches were much closer against Washington this time; they won only two in straight sets."

It was the second time this season that the Ducks lost to the Huskies, but there were some obvious differences this time.

Senior Liz O'Donnell, playing her final singles match in an Oregon uniform on Saturday, came very close to pulling off an upset victory at number-four singles. Leading five games to four in the third set, O'Donnell finally ran out of gas, dropping the set and the match.

Kumi Nagamoto continued to roll at number-three singles, running her season record to 18-3 with a hard-fought 7-5, 7-5 victory. Nagamoto and O'Donnell then teamed to get the



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Oregon's Kelly Stuart struggles with a volley in her singles victory over WSU's Erin Majuvy.

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Rintoul leads golfers to fourth at BYU

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The Brigham Young University men's golf team was not exactly the nicest host last weekend.

In fact, it was downright rude after burying Oregon and 13 other schools in the Cougar Classic at Provo, Utah.

Even in defeat, the Ducks played one of their most solid tournaments of the year, finishing fourth with a two-over-par total that left them just three strokes behind runner-up University of Texas at El Paso.

However, it was seventh-ranked BYU looking down at the others fighting for second, third and fourth while it had the easiest time, coasting to a 26-stroke victory.

The individual title was much closer, though.

Oregon's Steve Rintoul added another sec-

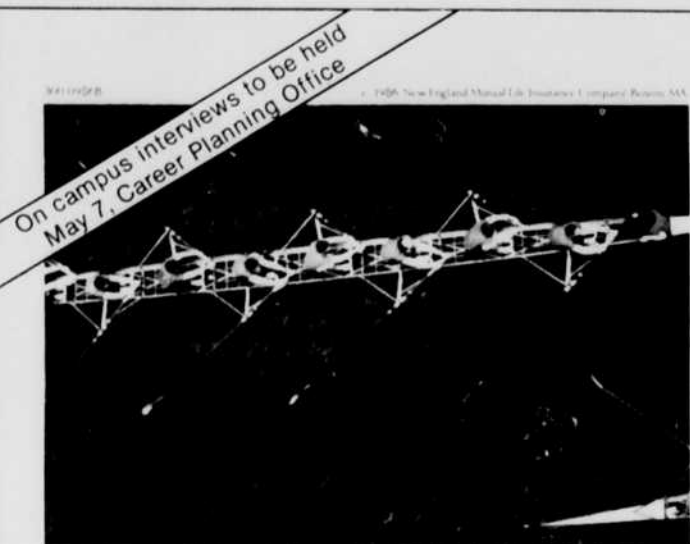
tion to his All-American resume when he scorched the Provo course for an eight-under, 208 total and a third-place finish. His effort left him just four strokes back of individual champion Brent Franklin from BYU.

Rintoul carried more than clubs on his back — he also carried the team. He was the only Duck in the Top 10, with the nearest Oregon player tied for 23rd.

Still, the Ducks played more solidly as a team than in the past few weeks. Rob Huff decided the 80s weren't for him after all and shot a one-over-par, 217.

Tim Hval joined Rintoul as the only Duck to shoot two under-par rounds, but allowed a 79 to squeeze in between.

Oregon will have one more tournament before league teams invade the Eugene Country Club for the Pacific 10 Conference championships May 4.



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