Tennis team to begin road trip after layoff

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The women's tennis team, which last saw action on Jan. 27, will return to the courts this weekend as the Ducks make an extended trip through California.

After beating Idaho 6-3 on Jan. 27. Oregon had matches canceled against the University of Portland, Puget Sound and Pacific Lutheran in mid-February due to snow. The Ducks will try and make up for that lengthy absence with five matches in California.

Oregon opens the road trip with a match against Nevada-Reno on Thursday morning at San Jose, Calif. and then meets San Jose State on Thursday afternoon.

Second-year coach Tom Greider is anxious for the Ducks to get into the swing of things again after the long layoff.

"It's hard to say if it (the layoff) will hurt us or not." Greider said. "It's exciting to go play again. I don't think the layoff will hurt us that match because we've been sparring with each other and other players in the community.

"We're a better match team than a sparring team though and I'll take a better match team anytime." he said.

Seniors Kumi Nagamoto and Amber Goheen, who were both playing well before the break. are Oregon's top two players. Nagamoto has a 1-2 record in

Nagamoto has a 1-2 record in No. 1 singles and will be looking to make the all-Pacific-10 Northern Division squad for the fourth straight year. Meanwhile, Goheen is 2-1 at No. 3 singles and the No. 1 doubles team of Nagamoto and Goheen is 2-1.

The Ducks, 2-1 overall, beat Portland State along with Idaho in January. Oregon's only loss was to Washington, last season's Pacific-10 Northern Division champs and the only team to beat the Ducks last season.

"In our match against Washington I was impressed with our fight and that we kept after them." Greider said. "We don't have the skill right now to play with Washington, but I say right now because it's almost March and that match was in January."

"A lot of the purpose for scheduling them early in the season was to see where they were at and see the gap between us," he said.

Greider said he was looking forward to playing the Huskies again, in the season finale on April 21, and also felt that the 6-3 win over Idaho last month was a big early-season victory.

"Beating Idaho helps us because they're a team in our region and a team we recruit against." he said. "The win also helps our confidence knowing we can beat a team with a similar skill level that's a good Division I team."



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Amber Goheen, at No. 3 singles and No.1 doubles, and the rest of the women's tennis team will travel to California for five matches starting Thursday. The Ducks, 2-1, will see their first action since Jan. 27.

After Thursday's matches, Oregon will play at Santa Clara on Friday and then travel to Davis. Calif. to meet UC-Davis Saturday. The road trip will wind down at Stockton, Calif as the Ducks battle Pacific.

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Oregon beat San Jose State 5-4 last year, but was rained out against the other schools. All five schools are Division I opponents and play in Oregon's region, Greider said.

"We beat San Jose State last year and they're an excellent team," he said. "We got rained out in the other matches or we probably would have lost two of those matches."

"I would be pleased with one

win, but you never want to settle for just one win," Greider said. "Realistically when you haven't played in a while you just want to get a little momentum going."

After the California trip, the Ducks return home to face the University of Portland on March 8 and Portland State on March 9.



Senior defends title

University senior Owen Mikasa successfully defended his championship in the foil event and grabbed the crown in the Epee division of last Saturday's Pacific Northwest Collegiate Fencing Championships in 220 Gerlinger Hall

Other Oregon participants in the sabre event were Karl Herber who took sixth. Jeff Girod at 15th. Jim Smirch at 16th and David Hurley at 17th. Smirch also took fourth in the Epee event.

In the Sabre division, Joel White took third followed by

Cedar Ingber at fifth and Finn John at seventh. In other Club Sports action.

In other Club Sports action, the Oregon Lacrosse team hosts Washington State Saturday at 12:30 p.m. and Whitman Sunday at 11:30 a.m. at Southbank Field.

The men's and women's Ultimate Frisbee teams will hold their annual tournaments Saturday and Sunday at Thurston High School. The times are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days.

Club baseball travels to Forest Grove, Ore. to play Pacific Sunday at 1:30 p.m.

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