

Sports reporting has tragic side

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Ninety-nine percent of sports reporting consists of writing up-tempo accounts of sporting events. The only negative aspect of sports reporting is that one person or one team loses. Last night in Los Angeles, tragedy stepped



to the forefront of sports reporting, filling that one percent reporters and fans never hope they.

Hank Gathers, a senior at Loyola Marya West Coast Conference basketball game

sten Pavilion, who had just roared after a monstrous dunk by Gathers, was reduced to silence as he collapsed near mid-court.

Gathers tried to rise again, but collapsed into the arms of team physicians. The cries of Gathers' mother and sister who had ran on to the court were the only sounds to be heard.

The ordeal was enough to choke me up. and a scan of the crowd by a television camera proved that fans are more than name-calling idiots

Mike Gilleran, WCC commissioner, announced that the tournament would be canceled. Marymount, who was first in the conference after regular season play, will represent the conference in the NCAA tournament.

Gathers, one of only two players to lead the nation in scoring and rebounding, had a similar fainting spell in December of 1989. Medication was prescribed to cure what doctors called a heart arrhythmia (an irregular

Two missed games later. Gathers was back on the court. A finalist for the John Wooden award as the nation's top player. Gathers was

the usually up-beat sports scene. It is what

Women end road trip with loss

By Ashley Conklin **Emerald Sports Reporter**

The Oregon women's tennis team wrapped up a three-match road trip in California on Sunday, getting swept 8-0 by the University of Pacific

With the loss, the Ducks concluded the trip with a 1-2 record to even their season record at 3-3. Oregon beat San Jose Other matches with Santa Clara and Nevada-Reno were rained

The Ducks were in action for the first time since Jan. 27 after three matches in February were canceled because of bad weather, but coach Tom Greider didn't think the layoff hurt his squad

"There was no extended rustiness," he said. "There was not much more than a 5 percent difference between us and the teams we were playing.

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Against Pacific, Oregon lost all but one match in straight sets as Margaret Fraleigh's 3-6. 6-4, 6-4 loss to Kim Lee at No 5 singles was the only match not decided in straight sets, a match Greider was pleased

"I felt so good about Margaret Fraleigh's match because I think she found out that when she started doing the things I told her that she could actually

After winning the first set, Fraleigh was up 3-0 in the sec next five games and pulled out the second set. In the third set Fraleigh pulled within 5-4, before Lee won the 10th game and the match.

'At 4-5 she fought hard and it was just a case where the other girl was just a little bit better." Greider said.

The other Ducks weren't as fortunate. No.1 singles player Kumi Nagamoto lost to Lisa Matsushima 6-1, 6-2; Hilary

Roberts lost to Julie DeArmond at No. 2 singles, 6-3, 6-2; and Amber Goheen, at No. 3 singles, lost to Leslie Powell, 6-2. 6-1

Also losing in singles play were Shelley Brandt at No. 4 singles and Jackie DeFord at No. 6 singles.

In doubles action. Oregon's No. 1 team of Nagamoto-Goheen lost to Powell-Matsushima 6-1, 6-1 and the Ducks No. 2 doubles team of Brandt-Roberts fell by a 6-3, 7-5 count to Lee-DeArmond

Despite being swept by Pacific, Greider said the Ducks gained some valuable experience in the match with the Tigers, noting Pacific's win over Washington earlier in the season, a team that beat Oregon in January. The Huskies are also the defending Pacific-10 Northern Division champs

"Pacific already beat Washington and we learned some good lessons." Greider said.





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