

Ducks split Bruin doubleheader

Sophomore pitcher Katie Wiese threw an eight-inning, four-hit shutout Tuesday to give the Oregon softball team a 3-0 win over No. 2 ranked UCLA and a doubleheader split with the Bruins in Los Angeles.

Infielder Kim Manning hit a three-run homer in the top of the eighth to provide the scoring for the Ducks, who are 19-15 on the season.

Bruin Pitcher Lisa Fernandez struck out eight Ducks on the way to a two-hit shutout in the first game for a 1-0 UCLA win. UCLA scored the game's only run in the second inning. Wiese took the loss for Oregon.

In last week's Pony Invita-

tional in Fullerton, Calif., the Ducks won three of their first four games before being eliminated Saturday by Fullerton State on a 1-0 score.

Fullerton State got the game's only run in the fourth when it got three hits off Wiese in the top of the inning. Oregon was held to two hits for the game.

The Ducks began tournament play last Thursday with a 6-3 win over Bowling Green. Oregon scored three runs in both the first and second innings to take the win for pitcher Anna Poore.

Later that day, Oregon took a tough 1-0 decision over Fresno

State as Wiese threw a four-hit shutout. Manning led off Oregon's half of the third inning with a triple and later scored on a fielder's choice groundout by Joely Eilers.

The Ducks then lost 3-0 to Utah Friday followed by a 2-1 win over U.S. International. Janet Womack earned the win for Utah. Manning scored on an Eilers RBI in the sixth for the go-ahead run against U.S. International.

The team's next action is Friday at Cal State-Northridge for a doubleheader at 1:30 p.m. followed by a doubleheader at Cal State-Santa Barbara Sunday.

Men's tennis squad rides winning streak

By Tracy Sumner
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After a tough 2-11 start, the Oregon men's tennis team has now won four straight, and with seven of the team's last eight meets at home, coach Buzz Summers is looking for more good times ahead.

Summers said the men, 6-12 this season, have an excellent shot at winning all of their remaining matches and finishing with a winning record.

"I think we can win the rest of our matches," Summers said. "There are two or three that will be tough, but I think we can do it. The toughest part of the season is behind us."

Summers said the team has gained valuable experience during the first part of the season which will help it in its drive for a winning record this season.

"They're maturing and getting a lot of experience they can use now," Summers said. "We have three freshmen in our top six players. We played some tough matches and got acclimated to the competition."

After a 6-0 shutout to Louisville March 18 in Hilton Head, S.C., the men went on a roll, winning the remaining four meets in Hilton Head.

Butler (Ind.) was the men's first victim, falling to the Ducks by a 7-2 count on March 20. Oregon then rolled past Bradley (Ill.) 7-2 on March 21, followed by a 5-1 all-singles win over

Bowling Green (Ohio) the next day.

The men finished the trip with a hard-fought 5-4 win over Cornell (N.Y.) last Friday. The men fell behind 4-0 in the meet, but rallied to win the remaining four matches to take the win over the Big Red.

While the team as a whole played well on the road trip, Summers singled out two players for their play.

"James Hazard played exceptionally well," Summers said. "Four of his five singles matches went three sets and he came through really nicely."

Hazard, a senior from Melbourne, Australia, won three of five matches on the trip as the Ducks' No. 2 singles man and teamed with senior Kevin Cory to win two of three doubles matches.

Summers also spoke highly of freshman Rob Atkin. Atkin, a 6-foot-1 right hander out of Corona del Mar, Calif., was 4-1 on the trip as Oregon's fourth singles player and teamed with freshman Kevin Settlemyre to go 3-0 in doubles play.

"Rob Atkin played good tennis all week," Summers said.

Cory, Oregon's top singles man, also went 3-2 on the trip as did No. 5 man Christian Oelke.

The men host Willamette Thursday at 2:30 p.m. in the first of four straight home meets. Lewis and Clark of Idaho are next for the men Sunday afternoon at 2:30.

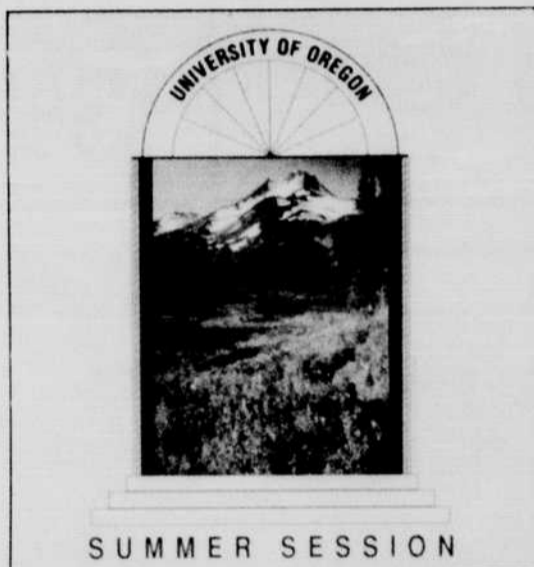
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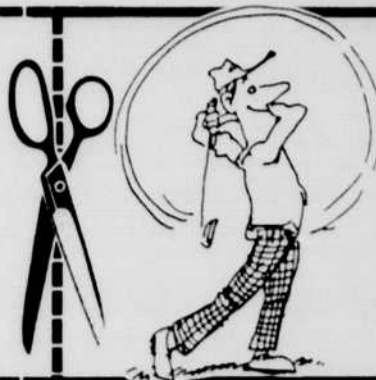
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