

# Washington blows out tennis opponents 40-0

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On paper it appears that last weekend's Pacific-10 Northern Division women's championships was another example of Washington continuing to embarrass overmatched opponents — but those who were there attested to something different.

Washington did finish the three-day tournament with another 40-0 match record, but Oregon coach Tom Greider would tell you it wasn't as easy as it sounded.

"They were obviously the best team, but they don't dominate us like they used to," Greider said. "We keep knocking on the door and feel like we're about ready to knock it down."

Oregon placed second in the round-robin event by scoring a 14-6 match advantage over Washington State that left the Ducks with a 14-26 overall record and the Cougars third at 6-34.

Greider said the weekend was a good test for the Ducks, who showed themselves — as well as the Huskies — that they aren't going to be content with their second place position much longer.

"We played Washington very tough on Friday and Saturday and let them know that they had a match on their hands," Greider said. "On Sunday we had a little bit of a letdown and they just took over."

Oregon received solid performances from each of their top three singles players. Kumi Nagamoto, playing No. 1 singles, finished the weekend 2-2, and with her victory Sunday over Muffy Radcliffe of Washington State moved into a tie with Lindsay Bartlett for most career singles wins at Oregon

with 59.

Hilary Roberts and Amber Goheen also posted 2-2 records playing No. 2 and No. 3 singles respectively.

Besides the top three players, the Ducks also received two wins from Jackie Deford and Margaret Fraleigh and one win apiece from Shelly Brandt and Tracy Miller.

The matches seemed to follow a pattern throughout the weekend. Whenever an Oregon player would match up with a Husky opponent, the match would be close but the Husky player would prevail in the end.

"When we played them earlier in the season we got trounced in almost every match," Greider said. "This time around we went three sets in a number of matches and were never really blown away in a single match."

"What it all boils down to is the third set or crunch time of

the match," Greider said. "because that's when their skill pulls them through."

Other highlights for the Ducks included the efforts of their top two doubles teams against Washington State.

Nagamoto and Goheen defeated the No. 1 team from Washington State 6-0, 6-1 while Roberts and Brandt disposed of their No. 2 opponents 6-0, 6-3.

The Ducks head south this week for what should be their stiffest competition of the year. They will play Arizona, Grand Canyon and San Diego in a matter of four days, beginning with Arizona Wednesday.

"This will definitely be a learning experience for us," Greider said. "All three of these schools are perennial powerhouses that would overpower Washington in the same manner we would overpower somebody like Portland State."

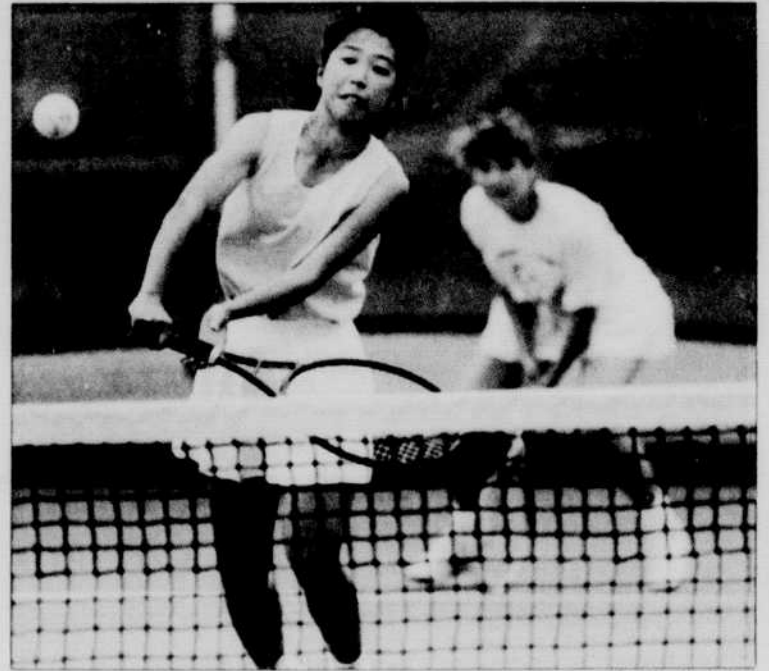
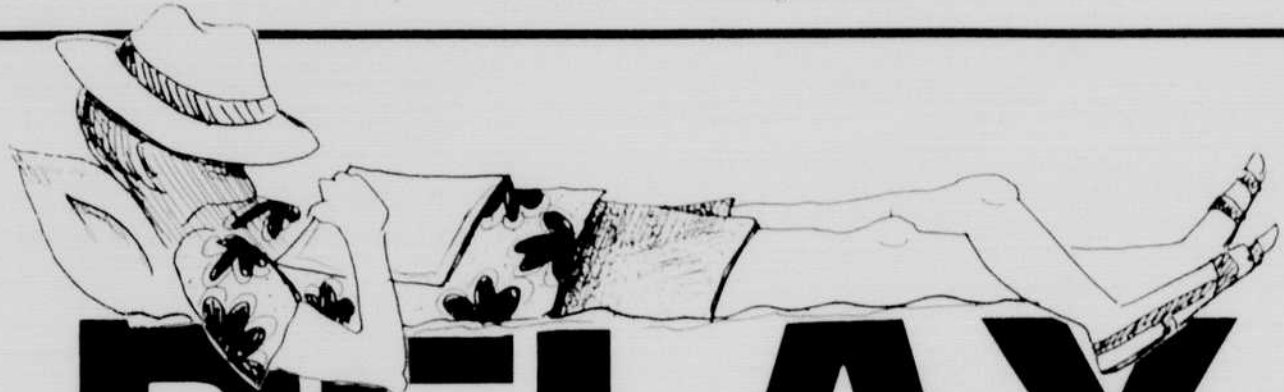


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Oregon's No. 1 doubles team of Kumi Nagamoto and Amber Goheen did redeem themselves with impressive play over Washington State.



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