Men's tennis downs Azusa Pacific squad

The Oregon men's tennis team took four of six singles matches and two of three in doubles to take a 6-3 win over Azusa Pacific Thursday on Oregon's courts.

The Ducks' top singles man. Kevin Cory, nursing a stiff neck, lost to Greg Johnson 7-6. 2-6. 6-3. Cory said injury slowed him some, but his opponent played well and deserved to win.

"He played well and earned the win," Cory said. "The injury has affected my serve some, but my serve isn't the strongest part of my game anyway."

In no. 2 singles play, Australian James Hazard took an easy win over Jason Colter by a 6-4, 6-1 straight sets score.

Oregon's Ted Rubin, the team's third singles man, fell to Azusa's Andy Taylor. Taylor took a competitive 7-6, 6-5 win to make it 2-1, Azusa Pacific.

Junior Jon Weinberg took and easy 6-1 win in the first set of his match against Aarron Heaton but had to struggle to a tough 7-6 win in the second set for the match win.

Oregon freshman Robert Atkin had it easy in the fifth singles match, winning 6-0, 6-0 over Steve Ivey. Christian Oelke, another Duck freshman, also took and easy win, this one over Mark Vohren by a 6-1.

Oregon spotted Azusa Pacific a win in doubles play as the team of Hazard and Cory had to forfeit because of Cory's injury. Hazard and Cory trailed 6-5 in the first set when Cory was forced to stop.

Ted Thoren and Oelke se-

cured the win in the third doubles match, handling Ivev and Vohren easily by a 6-0, 6-2 count. That made it 5-3 Oregon with just the no. 2 singles match to be decided.

In the second singles match, freshman Kevin Settlemyre teamed with Atkin to take a 7-5, 7-6 win over Taylor and Heaton

With just two regular-season matches and the Pacific-10 Northern Division meet left on the season, Settlemyre and At-kin have a 14-4 record as a team and a chance to catch Bob Coron and Wade Judy for the most wins by a doubles team at Oregon.

Coron and Judy won 18 matches in 1982 for the school record.

With two of the top singles players for Oregon going down to defeat Thursday. Oregon needed — and got — solid performances from its freshmen.

"Our freshmen are doing a fine job." Summers said. "Robert Atkin has been doing a super job. He's been really consistent this year and it's starting to pay off.

Summers said Cory played well despite his loss to Johnson.

"Kevin Cory did a great job even though he lost." Summers said. "The player he lost to is a good player and he played well for the win."

Cory, who played with a strained neck muscle, said he sat out his doubles match to rest for Saturday's match with Washington State.

The Ducks host the Cougars at 10 a.m. Oregon hosts Portland Tuesday to close out the regular season.

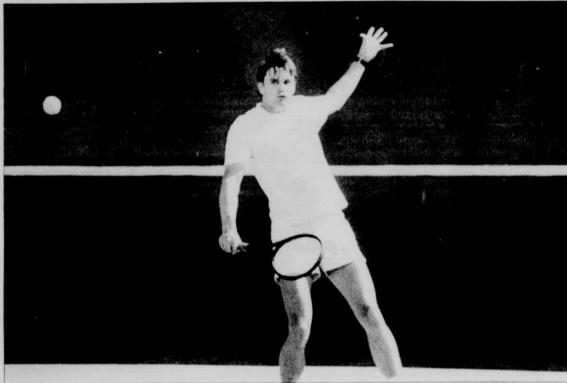


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Oregon Number 2 singles player James Hazard cruised to an easy 6-4, 6-1 victory in Thursday's home match with Azusa Pacific

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