

SPORTS

Oregon hosts two tournaments

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The Oregon men's tennis team will host two tournaments as its annual fund-raising event this weekend and next at both the outdoor and indoor courts.

The 15-year-old tournament is expected to raise between \$2,000 and \$3,000 for the team, which must raise 75 percent of its money as only 25 percent of its budget comes from the University Athletic Fund, said Coach Buzz Summers.

"Our biggest expense is travel," said Summers, now in his 24th year at Oregon. "We don't know how much of a travel budget and we're going all over the U.S."

Among the stops the Ducks make this year include trips to Colorado, Hawaii and South Carolina.

This weekend's tournament is for those 18 years and under. More than 100 entrants from

Washington and Oregon are expected including George Williams and Peter Walker, last year's state high doubles champions from South Eugene High School.

Also expected to compete are incoming Duck freshmen Ryan Marasigan of Stockton, Calif., and Lee Kirner of Laguna Beach, Calif.

"Those two (pairs) should meet each other in the finals," Summers said.

The adult tournament is scheduled for Oct. 5-7 with another 100 participants expected. Entry classifications are split up into "A," "B," and "C" players. "A" players are those that have had high school varsity and tournament experience while there are also categories for 35 years and over, 45 years and over and 55 years and over.

The tournament is a sanctioned United States Tennis Association event.

While Summers and the tennis team are preparing to host the two tournaments, they are also preparing for the fall portion of their schedule.

"We've got 25 kids trying out, with seven returnees," said Summers, who will keep 10 on his roster. "It's going to be a tough decision."

Ted Rubin is the lone senior on the team, along with sophomores Robert Atkin, Kevin Govro, Doug Root, Kevin Settlemyre, Ted Thoren and Christian Oelke, who has decided to redshirt this year.

Last year's team started the season 2-12, but won 11 of their last 12 matches to finish.

"We were good at the top (of the roster) last year," Summers said. "But we'll be stronger depth-wise this year and have a lot more quality players up and down the line."

The team's first match will be Oct. 16 when they host the University of Portland.

Team takes old approach to new problem

WATERVILLE, Maine (AP) — With more than a dozen players suspended, Colby College is borrowing a tactic common in the past — one-platoon football.

"Being something of an old codger," coach Tom Austin said Wednesday, "it was not a novel approach. The kids have received it very well. They have performed very well in their dual capacities."

The Mules lost 14 of their players — mostly juniors and seniors — as a result of student suspensions after an underground fraternity was discovered on campus last spring.

Fraternities have been banned on the central Maine college's campus since 1984, when school officials condemned them as discriminatory and sexist.

Half of the team's 45 players are being cross-trained, and a handful of players are performing with distinction in their dual capacities.

Most notable is Len Baker, a linebacker who hadn't played fullback since he was in grade

school. The sophomore played both positions last Saturday against one of the White Mules' toughest rivals, Trinity College.

On offense, Baker rushed for 140 yards in 11 carries, including a 68-yard touchdown in Colby's 48-13 loss.

Baker, the New England Small College Athletic Conference defensive rookie of the year last year, also had 13 tackles and two sacks against Trinity.

Senior Tom Griffin, another tri-captain, returned to Colby after taking last year off and is playing center and defensive lineman. Carmine Colarusso is playing both ways on the line.

The suspensions left Colby, which was 4-4 last year as it won the Colby-Bates-Bowdoin colleges' crown, with only four returning starters and a largely inexperienced roster.

"The biggest area that's affected is maturity," Austin said. "The detail of the assignment gets lost in the game."



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