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Men's tennis backhands Willamette

By Doug Carter Emerald Contributor

The Oregon men's tennis team didn't let the rainy weather or a touch of misfortune ruin its day Thursday - it simply took its game to the covered University courts and aced Willamette 8-1

Every match the Ducks won was in straight sets, with the lone defeat coming as a simple case of short-sightedness.

No. 1 singles player Lee Kirner began the Oregon onslaught with a 6-3, 6-2 victory and set the tone for a distinct home court advantage.



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"The ball makes a louder sound on these courts, and it's hard to judge the pace of the ball coming at you," Kirner said. "At least we didn't have the glare of the sun (through the tiered roof) today.

Captain Kevin Settlemyre, a winner along with partner Dara Partovi in a shortened doubles match, 8-6, agrees that the courts "take a lot of getting used to" and provide "the ultimate home court advantage."

'It's our way of getting back at teams for having to play at their rundown facilities," Settlemyre said.

Senior Chris Gladwell made the right adjustments for the covered courts and pulled off a straight set victory in No. 2 singles, 6-4, 6-2.

"These courts are made for serve-and-volley (play),' Gladwell said. "The ball picks up a little more speed on the skid in here. A player who likes to play the baseline is better off outside.

Partovi, playing No. 6 singles, came up victorious 6-2, 7-5, after falling behind five games in the second set.

"I started a little shaky, but I came back and beat him handily," Partovi said.

"Dara was down 5-0 and broke serve - it was a great comeback for him," head coach Buzz Summers said. Things weren't as great for

No. 3 singles player Rob Atkin, who lost a three-set dual to



Buzz Summers

Willamette freshman Alan Vestergaard, 7-6 (7-5), 6-7 (13-11), 6-0.

The fact that Atkin was playing without his corrective eyewear made the loss a little easier to swallow

"The doctor says I have conjunctivitis (inflammation of the inner eyelid), and I can't wear my contacts for three weeks." Atkin said. "I can read 'E' on the eye chart - that's about it."

If Atkin doesn't get his glasses from California through the mail by Friday, he will miss the weekend trip to Washington.

Atkin filled in Thursday for another Duck that will not be with the team in Seattle this weekend, junior Ted Thoren,

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Duck golfer Lyons first at tournament

By Steve Mims Emerald Contributor

Oregon golfer Jeff Lyons won the Southwestern Intercollegiate on Tuesday for his second victory of the year, leading the Ducks to a second-place finish in the tournament.

Oregon had a two stroke lead entering the final hole, but three players triple-bogeyed the narrow 18th fairway, leaving the Ducks four strokes behind sixth-ranked Arkansas in the team race.

"We played fantastic," Oregon head coach Shawn Aicher said. "It was one of the best tournaments we've put together all year."

Lyons shot a one-over-par 73 in the first round but came back to fire a 68 followed by a 70 in the final two rounds to defeat Cal Northridge's Jeff Sanday by two strokes.

'It was a course I've played before; I really like it down there," Lyons said of North Ranch Golf Course in Westlake Village, Calif. "I played well; the key was that I hit the ball straight."

James Chrisman and Mark Aldrich also played steady golf to help the Ducks chal-lenge Arkansas. Chrisman fired a final round 71 to finish tied for eighth place at 218, followed in 11th place by Aldrich's 220.

Oregon, currently ranked 26th in the country, finished ahead of four teams ranked in front of them, including Pacific-10 Conference rivals USC and Stanford. As a result, the Ducks are hoping to move back into the top 25, a spot they were in following the fall season.

Lyons, a junior from Anti-och, Calif., has given himself a legitimate chance at making the All-Pac-10 team if not the All-American squad. He finished third in one fall tournament and fourth in two others before winning two this spring.

"leff wins because he is consistent in his scoring," Aicher said. "He's making a strong play for All-American.

The Ducks next competition will come in the Western Intercollegiate April 13-15 in Santa Cruz, Calif. Oregon's Doug Duchateau won this event last year, leading the Ducks to a thirdplace finish.

New Oregon coach hires first assistant, maybe two

By Dave Charbonneau **Emerald Sports Reporter**

Long Beach State assistant coach Bobby Braswell has accepted an assistant coaching position under newly hired men's basketball coach Jerry Green.

'I was offered the position last week," Braswell said by phone Wednesday afternoon, "and I accepted the position Monday night.

Braswell has been an assistant coach at Long Beach State for the past three years,

where he organized recruiting and defense. As first assistant at Oregon, Braswell said

his duties will center heavily on recruiting. 'My main responsibility is recruiting,'

Braswell said. "I'm from the Los Angeles area, which I think is very beneficial in recruiting players from the area."

Green had not yet returned from the NCAA Final Four in Minneapolis and was upavailable for comment

Braswell visited the Oregon campus on Monday and said he was impressed with the University and the Eugene area.

"I thought it was a beautiful campus, and the people were very nice." Braswell said. "The Eugene area was a little more diversified than I thought it would be, a good place to raise my kids.

As for the basketball program, Braswell said he hoped to bring back the enthusiasm of the fans.

"I think we're going to try and give the fans something they'll really enjoy," he said.

Braswell graduated from Cal State Northridge in 1984. He then spent four years at Los Angeles' Cleveland High School, where

he compiled an impressive 94-14 record.

It was at Cleveland that he first met Green. Green, who was an assistant at Kansas, was actively recruiting two players from Cleveland, one of which was Jayhawk point guard Adonis Jordan.

Braswell said he has kept in close contact with Green since then

Portland radio station KFXX said Tuesday that Mark Turgeon, an assistant at Kansas, will also be added to Green's staff. Turgeon was unavailable for comment.

According to The Associated Press, Turgeon, a former player at Kansas, is currently a restricted earnings coach and is limited to a salary of \$16,000 at Kansas. The Kansas City Star reported that Turgeon had

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