

Oregon volleys down Pilots 5-4

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The Oregon men's tennis team revenged an earlier home loss to Portland by serving up a 5-4 victory over the Pilots on Tuesday in the Rose City.

The victory builds some momentum for the Ducks, 10-11, as they prepare to host Washington and Washington State for the Pacific-10 Conference Northern Division Men's Championships, Friday through Sunday at the University courts.

Nick Smith and Ryan Marasigan sparked the Ducks' victory over Portland with come-from-behind wins in singles. Both Smith and Marasigan lost the opening set of their matches only to rally and win

the last two sets all by the score of 6-4.

Freshman Josh Prager picked up another straight set win at the No. 6 singles slot for the Ducks, 6-1, 6-4, as the two teams split the six singles matches.

The overall match was decided in the doubles circuit. Oregon won two of the three matches, with the team of Lee Kirner and Chris Gladwell winning in the No. 1 position, 6-7, 6-3, 7-6, and Kevin Settlemyre and Ted Thoren coming up victorious at No. 3, 6-3, 6-3.

Although a win gives the Ducks something to build on, coach Buzz Summers says they'll need to be even better against Washington.

"If we're going to compete (with the Huskies), we need to pick up our game another 5 to 10 percent," Summers said.

Washington has won the Northern Division Championship every year since the Pac-10 split the conference in 1976.

The Oregon women will conclude their season this weekend in Portland against Portland and Portland State.

Golfers take 6th at tourney

The Oregon men's golf team finished in sixth place Wednesday at the Western Intercollegiate golf tournament in Santa Cruz, Calif.

Host team San Jose State won the tournament with an 864, six shots ahead of second-round leader Fresno State. Oregon finished 18 shots behind the Spartans after firing a final-round 293 to finish at 882.

The Ducks were once again led by junior Jeff Lyons, who shot a 3-over-par 210 to finish in second place, one shot behind San Francisco's Todd Fischer.

Fischer, who was in third place after two rounds and one shot behind Lyons, fired a 4-under-par 67 on the last day to win the tournament.

Doug DuChateau fired back-to-back 72s in the final two rounds to finish in 19th place, but the rest of the team struggled.

"We're not satisfied at all with this," DuChateau said. "This team should be better. We should be contending for some big things."

The Ducks have only one more tournament left before the postseason begins in May. They will compete in the U.S. Intercollegiate at Palo Alto, Calif., April 25 and 26.

The Pacific-10 Conference Championships will follow on May 1-3 in Corvallis, and the Ducks need to play well to qualify for the NCAA regional championships later in the month.



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