

Tennis: Ducks to play Washington and Colorado during the weekend

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No. 6 Owens was the only Duck to drop her match in singles action as Sandy Needham defeated her in straight sets 6-1, 6-3. No. 4 Kaneshiro was pushed to three sets as she took care of Jen Myers 3-6, 6-0, 6-0.

In doubles action the Ducks took two out of three matches from Santa Clara. The teams of Sosnow and King and Kaneshiro and Martin both won, 9-7 and 8-

5 respectively. Coyle and Owens lost their match 8-3.

This weekend the Ducks will head to Seattle to play Washington and Colorado. The match with Washington will be the Ducks' first Pacific-10 match of the season, other than the Pac-10 Indoor Championships. Oregon will host its first home match the following weekend when it plays Idaho, Seattle and Willamette beginning on Feb. 23.

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Chicago: Some Bulls are more equal than others

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record, it is hard to imagine them losing another four games.

But shouldn't this have been expected way back in November? Sure, there were other, more popular choices for who was the best team in basketball. The Magic was the choice amongst the hip-hopsters and the chic. After all, who can resist the allure of Shaq-Fu and Little Penny?

The Houston Rockets were the pick of those emotional fans who still weep at the thought of nice guy Clyde Drexler finally getting his (sniff!) championship ring. I suppose you could also throw in the Supersonics (underachievers), Pacers (yawn), New York Knicks (thugs), San Antonio Spurs (softies), and even the Utah Jazz (will Malone and Stockton ever get a, (sniff!) championship ring?).

But please, with the best 1-2-3 punch in the league, in the form of Michael Jordan, Scottie Pippen and Dennis Rodman, this is a team that is one of the greatest ever.

Greatness is built from pillars of strength, industriousness and feeding on the ignorance of others.

The Bulls have done all that.

Jordan and Pippen are the pillars of strength in Chicago's lineup. Between them, they score half the teams points and are the obvious leaders on and off the court. They are arguably the best two players in the game, and one will probably knock the other off the MVP pedestal.

Each knows when to pick up his game when the other is faltering. Both draw the double team, which leaves far too many open shots for the three men on the court.

To be industrious, you have to make the most of what you have. And essentially what the Bulls have is a team led by three players and 11 interchangeable parts.

They are far from being balanced, but then again, they don't need to be. The team revolves around Jordan and Pippen. If center Luc Longley

goes down, he can be easily replaced by journeyman Bill Wennington or 40-year-old James Edwards.

If point guard Ron Harper has a bad night, Steve Kerr or Jud Buechler can fill the spot. Forward Toni Kukoc is the only one of the Bulls' bench players that could start on any other team. But on the Bulls, where the position is filled by Pippen and Rodman, he is only a sixth man.

Every man knows his spot on the team. No one complains for more playing time, no one wants to be the new go-to guy. Basically, Jordan and Pippen score, Rodman gets the rebounds, everyone else stays out of the way until asked to participate.

When San Antonio failed to make it to the finals last year, it blamed Dennis Rodman. How can a team be expected to win a championship with a player that is continuously late for practices and team meetings, dyes his hair, tattoos and pierces his body, and takes his shoes off during time-outs?

So before the season started they traded their defensive and rebound leader to the Bulls for center Will Perdue, the Bulls career leader for tripping over his own feet on the fast break. Now Rodman is leading the league in rebounds for the Bulls.

So what is the difference now that Rodman is with the Bulls?

Nothing. He is still late for team meetings, still takes his shoes off during time-outs, and is sporting a new tattoo on his left biceps. But as long as Rodman shows up to the game and gets his rebounds and plays defense, the Bulls are happy. They want a championship, not a team of boy scouts. San Antonio wanted a team of boy scouts to get them a championship. Good luck.

And a championship is what the Bulls must have in order to be considered one of the greatest teams ever. No matter how Orwellian, in size they tear apart the league; they need to win the championship and history will take care of itself.

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'Iceman' not so solid after election to HOF

NEW YORK (AP) — After all these years, George "Iceman" Gervin had a little trouble living up to his nickname.

"I tried to hold onto my 'Ice' image, but it was hard when I heard the news," Gervin said one day after he was elected to the Naismith Memorial Basket-

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ball Hall of Fame.

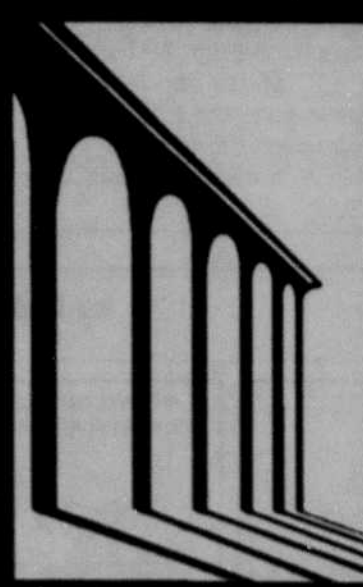
On Monday, Gervin, a nine-time NBA all-star, was picked along with other former NBA all-stars George Yardley, David Thompson and Gail Goodrich;

Nancy Lieberman-Cline, two-time women's collegiate player of the year, and four-time Yugoslavian Olympic team member, the late Kresimir Cosic.

"I'm truly proud to be inducted into the hall," Gervin said Tuesday as the inductees were introduced to the media in New York. "To me, the Hall of Fame is everything."

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