

## Fox should quit playing around

**T**he Fox Network is out of control. Way out of control. First, it was the glowing puck. Now, it's a red baseball. What will it come up with next?

When Fox got the rights to televise the NHL All-Star Game this year, the network bigwigs decided to try to cater to those who claim that hockey is hard to watch because it is impossible to follow the puck. Somebody came up with the not-so-brilliant idea of highlighting the puck for the television viewers, complete with a red streak when the puck went faster than a certain speed.

Maybe it helped some people, but it hurt the game and the real fans. For those who are avid watchers

of the game, the glow around the puck actually made it more difficult to pay attention to. When the puck got near the boards, the glow went into the first row of spectators. It was one of the most annoying things to happen in sports this year. Perhaps the scariest thing about it is the fact that the glowing puck can still be seen on Sunday mornings when Fox televises its NHL game.

Somebody at Fox decided it was a popular idea. Or maybe that person is playing a joke on the hockey fans in this country.

And now it looks as if the joke is also on baseball fans.

Fox will soon present a red baseball for those who can't see the ball when watching the games.

The Fox bigwigs must be getting paid for every stupid idea they come up with.

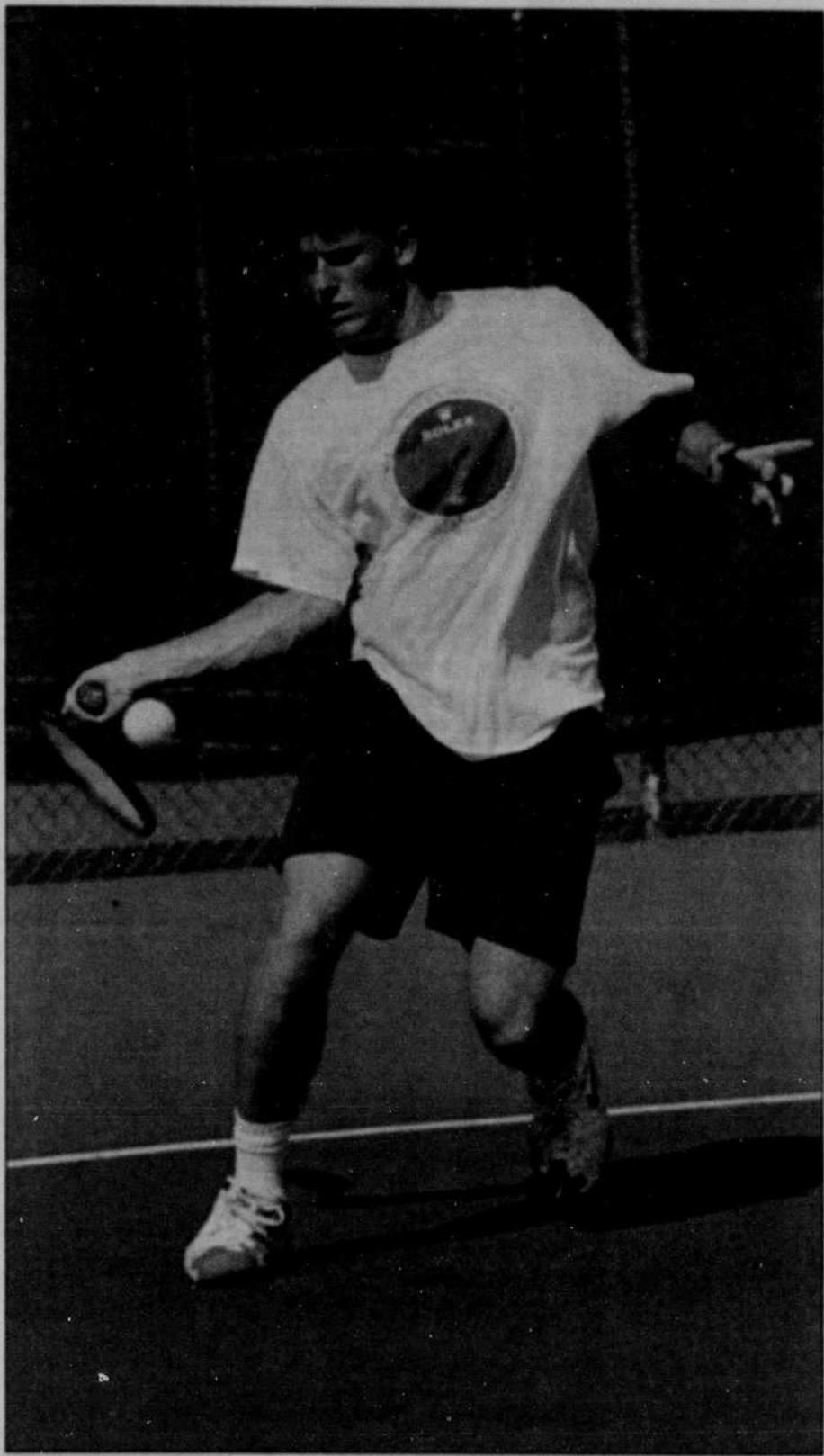
If fans can't see the baseball when watching games, then they need to get their eyes checked. After all, it's not as if a baseball game is so fast paced it is hard to keep up with. It doesn't take a keen eye, much less a red ball, for fans to follow the game.

Why does Fox think this will be a popular idea? The network is totally out of touch with fans who tune in to watch the games.

People who watch hockey and baseball were usually fans long before Fox got the rights to televise the games. Although the network is continually trying to attract

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## DeVorss quietly helps improve Oregon



Junior John DeVorss, who is hunting for his second Oregon tennis record, has emerged as a strong force for the Ducks in his first three years.

**■ MEN'S TENNIS:** The Oregon junior pursues another Duck tennis record with little fanfare

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Ever since junior John DeVorss can remember, he has never been the center of attention.

But after what he has accomplished at Oregon during the last three years, he can't help but draw some looks.

In 1993, DeVorss played on a state high school championship tennis team — but the focus of that team was Jason Thompson, one of the top players in the state and now a UCLA Bruin. And as a high school junior, DeVorss played on a basketball team that went winless all season.

But as a member of the Oregon men's tennis team as a mere freshman in 1994, DeVorss won 17 singles matches, only three short of the single-season record, and 11 doubles matches.

One year later DeVorss broke the single-season record with 21 singles wins — only to be outdone by fellow sophomore Dougal Williams' 24 wins. And along with his partner and roommate Mike Goldstein, he set a new record for doubles wins in a season.

Now, near the end of his third season at Oregon, DeVorss, along with Goldstein, is sitting in third place on the all-time doubles win list and is tied for fifth on the all-time singles win list with 47.

"It means a lot to me," DeVorss said of his position on the all-time singles win list. "Those guys who are ahead of me are good tennis players. It is always nice to accomplish a goal like that. I am looking to move even further by the end of my senior year."

With 39 career doubles wins, DeVorss and Goldstein are just seven wins short of becoming the winningest doubles team in the history of Oregon tennis.

"That is a definite goal for Mike and me," DeVorss said. "We want to help out the team as best we can. If that means we're going to break that record, that's great."

DeVorss and Goldstein's 19-win season last year put them ahead of Oregon assistant tennis director Wade Judy and his partner Bob Coron on the single-season win list.

"I don't think that Mike and I even realized at the time that we had beaten Wade," DeVorss said. "We kind of joke around with him about it a little bit, but it means a lot. Those are the things that no one can take away from us."

Despite losing his record, Judy was happy for DeVorss and Goldstein.

"Records are made to be broken," Judy said. "It is tough to relinquish it, but it couldn't have happened to a couple of better guys."

Compared with previous seasons, DeVorss has struggled this season — and he will be the first to admit it — but he is satisfied with his accomplishments this year.

"This season I may not have the wins, but it has

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## Ducks seek end to four-match losing streak

**■ WOMEN'S TENNIS:** Oregon takes on Portland this afternoon for its third-straight home match

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Oregon's women's tennis team hopes to break its four-match losing streak today when it faces Portland at 3 p.m. on the 15th Avenue courts.

After winning 12 of its first 14 matches, Oregon dropped four straight Pacific-10 Conference matches, including contests to Washington and Washington State last weekend. Oregon now stands at 12-6 and will be looking for its seventh win of the sea-

son today. "Portland has improved a lot over the last couple of years," head coach Wade Judy said. "They are well coached, but on paper we should beat them. There should be some good matches at the top two or three, but it will drop off from there."

Today's match will be Oregon's first against Portland since last season when the Ducks swept the Pilots 6-0. However, some Oregon players have already seen action against the Pilots this season.

"We have played a few of their players at individual meets, but not in a dual meet," Judy said.

Today's home match will be Oregon's third-straight home con-

test and its sixth of the season.

"I think we are just getting used to our courts," Judy said. "With the great weather we have been having, it has been great for tennis."

Regardless of the weather, freshmen Ali Napier and Shanelle Kaneshiro will go for their second straight win after scoring all three Oregon points in their Sunday match with Washington State. Napier and Kaneshiro both won their singles matches, then teamed up at No. 1 doubles for the win in three sets. Napier will also be looking to add to her team-leading 15 singles wins.

Sophomore Caryn Coyle, Oregon's No. 1 singles player, will

try to rebound from a tough weekend. Against Washington on Saturday, Coyle went to a three-set tie break before losing to Katherine Costain 7-6 in the final set. Then, against Washington State, Coyle took the first set from Marcia Senn before dropping the final two sets 6-1, 6-1. The two losses dropped Coyle to 10-13 on the season.

Oregon will round out its scheduled home matches on Friday when it plays host to Eastern Washington at 3:00 p.m. on the 15th Avenue courts. On April 19, the Ducks will end their dual meet season with a trip to Pullman to face Washington State for the second time this season.