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Oregon begins season in Hawaii

*The men finish their
four-match Hawaii
stretch with No. 51
BYU-Provo Saturday*

By Tim Pyle
Freelance Sports Reporter

The Oregon men's tennis team began play Wednesday in Hawaii after a fall season in which there were unprecedented individual accomplishments.

Wednesday night the Ducks battled Hawaii, today they face BYU-Hawaii (Brigham Young's Hawaii campus), Friday they square off with Hawaii-Hilo and on Saturday they finish up against BYU-Provo.

"I think we're in a real good situation going into this thing," head coach Chris Russell said. "We're coming off our best fall."

Oregon's fall play included surprising showings in numerous individual tournaments, including the Bulldog Classic in Fresno, Calif. and the Rolex Intercollegiate Regionals in Palo Alto, Calif.

Guillermo Carter, Erwan Kergroach and Miguel Arriaga were among the top performers for the Ducks.

Kergroach, a junior in his first year at Oregon after moving from his hometown of Paris, had the most success for the Ducks in the fall. He advanced to the quarterfinals in both singles and doubles play in the Rolex tournament, teaming with Carter in the latter.

Kergroach is currently the No. 22-ranked singles player in the Northwest region, a ranking Russell said is the highest a Duck has had since he became head coach in 1995.

"Erwan's been a great addition," Russell said. "Obviously, he's had the best results we've ever had since I've been here, beating some of the guys he has."

Russell said he expects BYU-Provo to be the toughest competition. The Cougars are No. 51 in the

country in the latest NCAA poll. However, Russell warned that the three Hawaii schools should not be taken lightly.

"They're not going to be easy matches," Russell said of the Hawaiian schools. "They've got some foreign kids who can play. You sometimes don't know what you're matched up against until you get out on the court."

The four matches begin Oregon's drive to qualify for the newly expanded, basketball-style NCAA Tournament. Similarly to college hoops, 64 teams qualify.

"Our goal is to become a winner this year," Russell said. "We want schools to look at us as someone who is consistently going to get wins."

Four matches in as many days will obviously test Oregon. Russell said he is eager to see how his team fares.

"It's a consistent intensity level that we're looking for all four matches," Russell said. "If we have that, we'll do fine, and we should get the results we want."

Eugene native in national spotlight

*Casey Martin's future
in professional golf will
be decided in a Eugene
courtroom next month*

By Steven Wine
The Associated Press

POMPANO BEACH, Fla. — The ailment behind Casey Martin's golf-cart controversy is a rare, painful birth defect that reduces blood flow in his right leg and could result in amputation.

Klippel Trenaunay Weber is the name of the syndrome.

"Like an accounting firm," Martin said.

Or a law firm. After all, Martin's future will be determined in the courts, not on the course.

The congenial 25-year-old golfer, who says he needs a cart to compete, rode to a remarkable tournament victory at Lakeland last week on the Nike Tour, a minor-league circuit affiliated with the PGA Tour.

But unless Martin wins a federal trial next month that will challenge PGA rules prohibiting carts, this week's tournament in Pompano Beach could be his last.

"Without a cart," he said, "I can't imagine playing much longer."

The dispute has seized the na-

tional spotlight, with his business manager receiving up to 60 interview requests a day. Half a dozen cameras recorded Martin's drive off the first tee in a pro-am Wednesday.

"We've found somebody who gets more media attention than Tiger Woods," one observer said.

Before limping to his controversial cart, Martin met briefly with a caddy to discuss the unfamiliar Palm-Aire Country Club course.

"Tell me where to go," Martin said, "and I'll do my best."

In truth, Martin has no idea where his career is headed.

He won an injunction that allowed him to ride last month at qualifying school, and the PGA Tour agreed to let him use a cart in the first two Nike tournaments this year. The trial is scheduled to begin Feb. 2 in his hometown of Eugene and even if Martin wins, he may be able to play only a short time because his leg is deteriorating.

Lamontagne required two painkiller injections for an ingrown toenail Friday and then had the nail removed Saturday. He hobbled for 72 holes and lost to a player who rode a cart.

"Where do you draw the line?" Lamontagne asked. "Do you get a cart on Saturday if you have

surgery that morning?"

But he quickly added that there's a big difference between an ingrown toenail and Martin's ailment.

"Nobody out here wants to trade their position with his," Lamontagne said.

Martin's condition was diagnosed in early childhood. He was active in sports as a youngster but can no longer run, swim or ride a bicycle. He last walked 18 holes in July.

Martin wears a stocking on his leg to reduce swelling, but degeneration of the shinbone makes it susceptible to fracture. Should that happen, amputation might be necessary.

But Martin can still hit a golf ball. His drives carry close to 300 yards, and he putted well enough last week to shoot 19 under par. The performance convinced many players that he belongs on the PGA Tour.

"I'd be surprised if he didn't get his card next year," Lamontagne said.

"I can be good at times, and I can be frustratingly bad at times," Martin said. "I go up and down. I do ride the wave of inconsistency."

Martin isn't complaining. He just wants to keep riding.

Hockey team to travel to San Francisco

*The Ducks will be
looking for revenge
against the Cardinal
Friday and Saturday*

By Tim Pyle and Brian Deka
Freelance Sports Reporters

Revenge is on the minds of veteran members of the Oregon Club Sports hockey team as it travels to San Francisco to face Stanford twice this weekend.

The Ducks play Palmer, a San Francisco university, today before battling the Cardinal on both Friday and Saturday.

The Ducks lost to the Cardinal in the championship game of the

Pacific-8 Hockey Conference tournament last season and have not faced it since.

"I think there is always extra incentive versus Stanford," head coach Geoff Norman said.

Although the Cardinal has struggled to regain championship form — its record has hovered around .500 all season — it recently got its top two goalies back from season-long injuries. Norman said he expects very competitive, tough games.



Norman said the keys for the Ducks are staying out of the penalty box and concentrating on special teams. The four power-play goals and one short-handed goal his team allowed against UCLA last weekend were unacceptable, he said.

Volleyball to play in tournament

The Club Sports women's volleyball team plays in its first tournament of the season Sunday at Pacific University.

Coordinator Donna Goode said the players aren't sure what to expect from the other teams in the 16-team tournament because they don't know which schools will be attending.

CORRECTIONS

The quote in the men's basketball story Tuesday should have been attributed to Southern California head coach Henry Bibby.

The women's basketball story should have stated that Oregon is 213 for 344 from the free-throw line this season. The same story also should have said the women have played eight of their last 12 games on the road. The Emerald regrets these errors.