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**Tennis teams set to make a racket**

*The Ducks have their work cut out for them in the difficult Pac-10*

By Mirjam Swanson  
Freelance Reporter

Despite only losing one player, the Oregon men's tennis roster will look dramatically different in the 1998-99 season.

That's because the name missing is Erwan Kergroach's, the Ducks top-ranked player who led the team to its first ever NCAA regional championship berth last season. He was also the first Oregon player in 20 years to qualify for the NCAA individual championships.

But head coach Chris Russell insists losing Kergroach does not mean that the team won't have another successful season.

"Our No. 1 player went home to France," Russell said, "so that's a

loss there, for sure. But I feel that we have some really good talent that's going to help us."

The three players who Russell believes will be key to Oregon's success are Guillermo Carter, who finished last season with a mark of 14-15 in singles play, Carlos Navarro, who was 11-17, and Joaquin Hamdan, who finished 14-16.

"We're hoping that those three can step it up a level," Russell said. "As far as playing at the level that [Kergroach] did, we'll see."

The Ducks' one new recruit is Bertrand Devillers, a 6-foot-5 Belgian who was ranked in the top five juniors in Belgium, and in the top 40 overall.

"He's young," Russell said. "He's got a pretty good game al-

ready. With the exposure here at this level, he should be able to help us out."

Russell hopes to get as much help as possible for the always challenging Pacific 10 Conference.

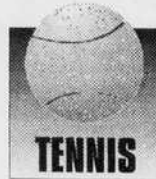
"The Pac-10 is just very good," Russell said. "There's just perennial powers that are at the top of tennis. It's going to be a tough year in the Pac-10. Hopefully we can bring some guys in to help us."

Russell's first opportunity to see which of his athletes might take steps towards reaching Kergroach's level of production will be during the Ducks' first tournaments in the middle of October.

"We have that expectation level that we developed last year," Russell said. "And we want to try and get back to that level this season."

On the women's side, last season the Ducks were winless against Pac-10 opponents. This

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