

# Oregon tennis takes break from hectic Pac-10 schedule

■ The men's and women's tennis teams look to keep momentum up against West Coast schools

By Robbie McCallum for the Emerald

As the month-long homestand winds down for the Oregon women's tennis team, the men make their first home appearance of the season Sunday.

Both Oregon squads are heavily favored in this weekend's matches. The No. 33 women take a breather this weekend, playing only one match against St. Mary's on Sunday. The No. 52 men also play St. Mary's, catching the Gaels on a road trip to the Northwest. On Saturday, Loyola Marymount, another West Coast Conference team, comes to town.

Today, the men take on St. Mary's (2-6) at the Mountain Park Recreation Center in Portland.

The home opener for the Ducks is tomorrow at the Eugene Swim and Tennis Club against Loyola Marymount (0-6).

### Oregon connection

The St. Mary's men's team has a strong tie to Oregon tennis. The Gaels' coach Michael Wayman signed three Oregonians last year: Josh Farley of Wilsonville and Deryk Inn and Pat Fletchall of Medford. This will provide Oregon's Jason Menke, a Beaverton native, some familiar competition.

### Snubbed

Despite major upsets of nationally ranked opponents, senior captains Guillermo Carter and Alina Wygonowska were left off Wednesday's Intercollegiate Tennis Association rankings. Carter upended Stanford's 6th ranked

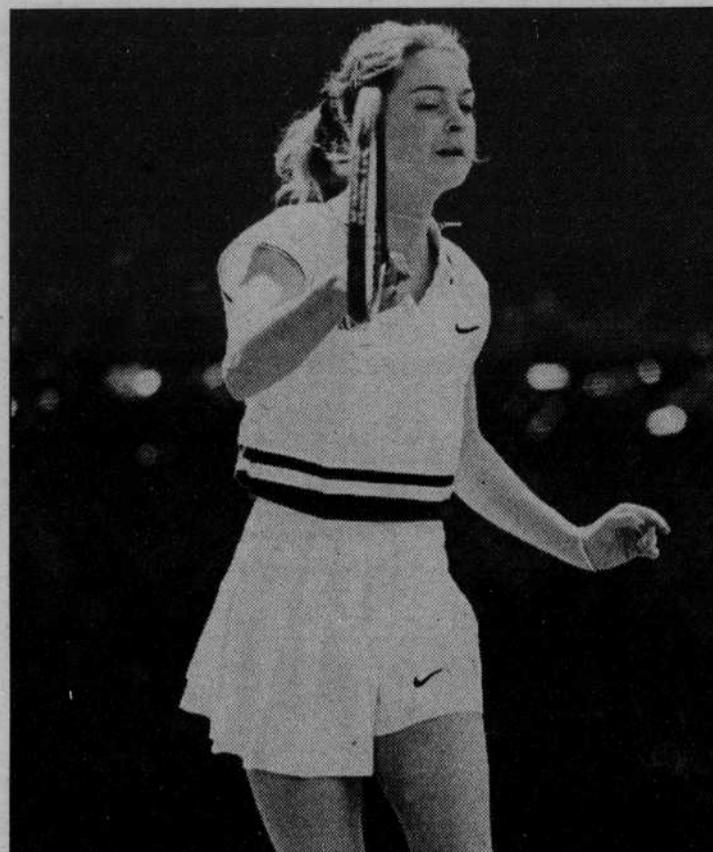
Geoff Abrams and then No. 30 Robert Kendrick of Pepperdine on consecutive weekends.

Carter and freshman Leslie Eisinga also knocked off the top-ranked doubles team of Abrams and Alex Kim, 8-6.

Wygonowska sports a 13-8 record after an upset of No. 14 Alison Bradshaw of Arizona State. A week earlier, Bradshaw pulled off quite an upset of her own, defeating San Diego's top-ranked singles player.

### Add rankings

Following impressive showings against top-ranked teams, both the men's and women's teams moved up in the ITA teams polls this week. The women went 2-1 last weekend, highlighted by a hard-fought win against then No. 21 Arizona. The women earned their highest ranking of the season at No. 33. The men moved up in the rankings eight places to claim the 53rd spot.



Sophomore Sarah Colistro and the Ducks are favored to win their weekend match.

# The road-show continues for softball in the Southwest

■ The softball team hopes to take down some tough competition

By Matt O'Neill Oregon Daily Emerald

The Oregon softball team continues its quest to reach the College World Series with a stop in Las Cruces, NM, over the weekend.

The team will take part in the New Mexico State Tournament which runs today through Sunday.

The Ducks (7-3) face some serious talent at the tournament, including a very good Florida team, followed by Wichita State and host New Mexico State. Oregon will also see a familiar opponent in Pacific-10 Conference foe No. 12 California. Head coach Rick

Gamez is well aware of the quality of the other teams and he feels that his team is ready.

"The competition is going to be very good," Gamez said. "We'll open up with Florida, who is 11-1 and is off to a great start, then we'll face Cal, who is 12-0 and off to great start. So we'll have to come out and play aggressively on both defense and offense."

Gamez hopes his team continues its recent power surge. The Ducks have produced 74 runs in 10 games and are batting a gaudy .348.

Junior Triawn Custer and senior Jill Robinson have been two of the bigger sparks for the Ducks' offensive fire power. Custer sports a .500 batting average with two home runs and eight RBIs, while Robinson began the season by go-

ing 7 for 13 with two home runs.

Pitching will also be key to the Ducks' success. Gamez, however, is looking for a third quality starter. He would like to see senior Danielle Haag regain her form from last season.

"We've got to get Danielle back on track," Gamez said. "We're going to need three pitchers to be successful in this league."

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