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Women will play final home match

■ The men and women face different prospects for the second half of their 2000 seasons

By Robbie McCallum

The Oregon women's tennis team's month-long homestand comes to an end this weekend, in their last home matches of the season against the Washington

On Saturday, the Ducks take on No. 23 Washington at the Willow Creek Racquet Club. On Sunday, Oregon faces No. 34 Washington State at the Eugene Swim and Tennis Club. This will be the last chance to see the No. 33 Ducks in

Midterm report

The midway point in the season has arrived, and both men's and women's squads face different fates.

The women have survived the toughest portion of the season, and look forward to easier competition. The men, however, have vet to take on the bulk of their Pacific-10 conference schedule.

After a grueling stretch of Pac-10 matches in which the women faced six ranked opponents, the Ducks are 5-5 overall, with a 1-5 conference record.

Only four more Pac-10 contests remain for the women, who play Washington and Washington State twice. The No. 23 Huskies and No. 34 Cougars play Oregon this weekend. The Ducks play at the Washington schools on March 31.

The No. 52 men have a threeweek break until their next match a nonconference contest at Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo. The Ducks don't continue their Pac-10 schedule until April.

Oregon will be well tested coming into the Pac-10 Championships on April 27-30. The four weeks prior will be filled with ranked higher than the Ducks.

A rivalry is born

In ten matches this season, two players have switched playing in the No. 1 singles position for the Oregon women. Two Polish players, senior captain Alina Wygonowska and freshman phenom Monika Gieczys have competed for the top spot.

Both players have dipped into the Intercollegiate Tennis Association polls. Wygonowska was

briefly ranked No. 90, while Gieczys is currently No. 65.

Both players have had to face highly ranked opponents. Top-

ping Wygonowska's upset list is Arizona State's 15th-ranked Alison Bradshaw. Gieczys toppled then-No. 9 Amy Jensen of California on Jan. 22.

Unlikely leader

Ask who has the best singles record on the women's tennis teams and you'll be pleasantly surprised. Sophomore Adeline Arnaud sports the best record on the team with an 11-5 mark. The Iringy, France native has won six of her last eight singles matches.

Back in action

Following a month of rehabilitation, freshman Amy Juppenlatz is finally back to full health. Juppenlatz was bothered by a foot injury sustained during the Ducks' match with Cal.

The freshman from Portland was only allowed to play doubles two weeks ago against the Arizona schools. She and sophomore Janice Nyland have gone 2-1 in doubles play since Juppenlatz' return.

Juppenlatz' made a successful singles debut against St. Mary's last weekend, dominating Cataline Fillol, 6-1, 6-1.

Sparky deliberates, chooses Cincinnati

By Ben Walker

The Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. - Sparky Anderson had a choice.

Would his Hall of Fame plaque show him wearing a Cincinnati Reds cap or a Detroit Tigers hat?

"It was so hard," he said Tuesday after being elected by the Veterans Committee. "I spent nine years in Cincinnati and 17 in Detroit, and they treated me like a king in both places.

In the end, the only manager to win World Series championships in both leagues chose Cincinnati. He did it to thank former Reds general manager Bob Howsam.

"He hired a 35-year-old nobody knew and he had the courage and fortitude to do that," Anderson said. "Had he not done that, I doubt very much in all honesty that I would have managed in the major leagues. And I owe that to

Anderson's election ensures a Red-letter reunion on induction day. Big Red Machine first baseman Tony Perez and longtime Cincinnati broadcaster Marty Brennaman were previously selected.

Along with Anderson, the Vets elected Negro leagues outfielder Turkey Stearnes and 19th century infielder Bid McPhee, who played his entire career in Cincinnati.

But Ted Williams, Stan Musial and the rest of the 14-member panel had a lot more trouble deciding which former big leaguer to elect — be it Bill Mazeroski, Gil Hodges, Dom DiMaggio, Mel Harder or Tony Oliva.

So for the first time since 1993, it did not choose anyone in that

"We hoped someone would be there, we really did," first-time member Hank Aaron said. "It just got too hard. Maybe next year.

Afterward, the chewed-up pens and half-eaten cake in the meeting room told the story. Despite five hours of discussion and two tough ballots, it was a shutout - it took 11 votes for election, and Mazeroski just missed with 10.

"It built my hopes up, but not to the point where this is a big letdown," said Mazeroski, working as an spring training instructor for the Pirates in Bradenton, about an hour south of Tampa.

"There was a lot of push in Pittsburgh and by the Pirates, and Lappreciate all that. It just didn't

happen," he said.

Anderson, who turned 66 last week, was elected in his first of eligibility. Third on baseball's career victory list, he is the only manager to post 100-win seasons in both