

## Tennis

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Schneider for a 9-7 doubles win, Teig broke a 3-3 tie by winning his match against Michel Stopa.

"It says a lot about Oded's character," Russell said. "He's a building block for our future. Oded's won some big matches against some big schools this year."

Teig lost his first set 6-4 but stormed back, taking the next two.

Schneider and senior Joaquin Hamdan also played key roles in the upset victory. Both were victorious in doubles and both earned solid wins in singles play as well.

Hamdan defeated Tom Lloyd, 6-4, 6-1, and Schneider disposed of Jean-Noel LaCoste, 6-4, 6-3.

The win was Russell's first in the Pac-10 as a coach, and Oregon's first since 1995.

The Ducks were even more of an underdog against No. 63 Arizona State Sunday. Oregon had won Pac-10 matches before, but not consecutively, and certainly not on the same weekend.

The match played out much like the Arizona contest.

Oregon began by taking the ever-important doubles portion. Senior Guillermo Carter and Leslie Eisinga got back on track with a convincing 8-3 win over Matt Klinger and Mitchell Bowen. Teig and Schneider played in their second overtime doubles match of the weekend, beating Alex Osterrieth and Andrew Golub, 9-8(7).

Eisinga and Schneider won their singles matches quickly to put the Ducks up 3-1. This time, Hamdan was the hero of the day, clinching the match with a three-set win.

Although he lost his first set to the Sun Devils' Pim Van Melé 6-2,

Hamdan stormed back, winning the next two matches 7-6, 6-3.

Carter put the finishing touches on the win with a come-from-behind victory over No. 82 Osterrieth. Final score: 5-2 Oregon.

"We showed some intensity, battling from being down one set in the last three singles matches," Russell said. "To come back and win two of those was huge."

Oregon improves to 11-6 overall, 2-3 Pac-10, with four matches remaining. Next weekend, top-ranked UCLA and No. 18 South-

ern California come to Eugene.

"I feel really confident about UCLA and USC next week," Russell said. "Our guys are defining the level that we expect them to play; with that sort of intensity and focus and the desire to win every point."

The women's team is another story.

After achieving a respectable 5-5 record at the midway mark, the Ducks have gone into a tailspin, losing nine of their last ten matches.

Oregon headed to Texas for two non-conference matches against

Rice and Baylor hoping to halt the recent slide and pick up momentum for a possible post-season run.

Unfortunately, Rice and Baylor had other plans.

The Ducks lost 7-2 against Rice on Friday. Two freshman led the Ducks. No. 58 Monika Geiczys and Jeanette Mattson both won.

"It was a difficult day for us; we're just being overwhelmed at this point," Griffin said in a released statement. "We had a lot of close matches but didn't get it done. I'm disappointed that some

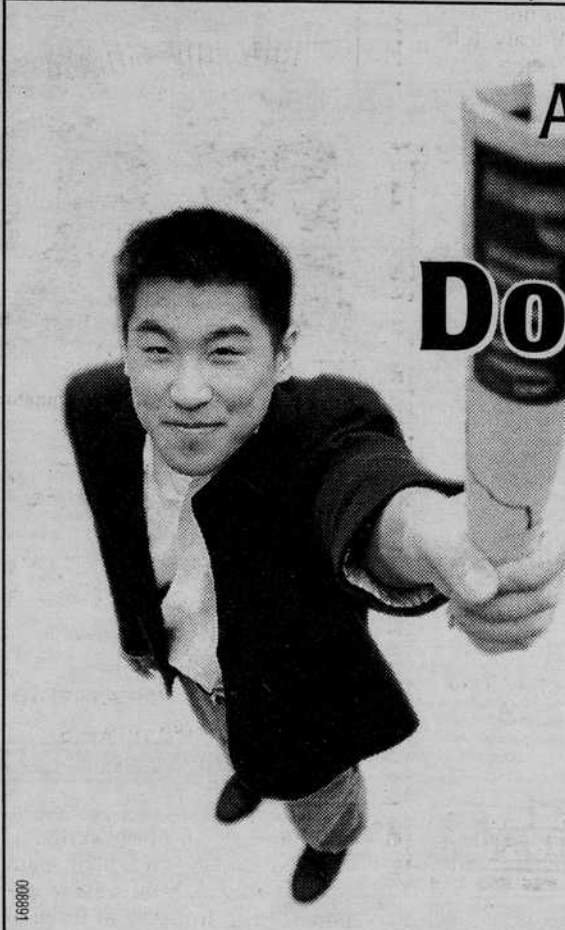
of us didn't show up."

On Sunday, Oregon was outgunned by No. 18 Baylor.

Sophomore Janice Nyland's upset of the Bears' No. 100 Vida Mulec was the Ducks' lone win of the match. Nyland has won four of her last five matches, including two over top-100 opponents.

"We're disappointed," Griffin said. "We had some good individual efforts, but it wasn't enough."

Oregon has two matches left before the Pac-10 championships on April 27.



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