

Oregon women victorious in season finale

■ The women's tennis team triumphs in its finale, while the men lose against Los Angeles schools

By Robbie McCallum for the Emerald

Desperately needing a win after a four-match losing streak, the Oregon women's tennis team bounced back in a big way.

The Ducks dominated Long Beach State in their season finale, 8-1.

Losers of nine of their previous 10 matches, they ended the regular season on a high note with two key wins over California-Irvine and Long Beach State.

On Friday, Oregon played its ninth-straight road game in Irvine, Calif., facing the No. 42 Anteaters.

The Ducks jumped out to an early lead with four convincing straight-set wins.

Senior Alina Wygonowska upset No. 50 freshman Maureen

Diaz 6-2, 6-2 in the No. 1 singles position.

No. 62 freshman Monika Gieczys followed with a 6-0, 6-1 win over Jonni Seymour at the No. 2 position. Sophomore Valerie Young disposed of UC-Irvine's Liz Yim.

Janice Nyland, also a sophomore, continued her recent tear, defeating Darian Chappell, 7-6, 6-2.

Sophomore Adeline Arnaud and freshman Jeanette Mattsson clinched the match for the Ducks. After falling in singles play, the duo returned in doubles with a dominating 8-2 win over Natalie Exon and Nickole Kabe.

Nyland and Young put the finishing touches on the win, defeating Diaz and Yim 8-5.

"This was a huge match for us," head coach Jack Griffin said in a released statement. "For us to win one through three singles matches was great."

There was never any doubt during the match as Oregon clinched victory early. All six sin-

gles players won in straight sets.

Nyland has won six of her last seven matches. Wygonowska pushed her overall record to a team-leading 21-13.

The lone 49er win came in doubles play. Sophie Han and Lara Spica narrowly defeated

Wygonowska and freshman Lisa Cummings, 9-7. The Ducks won the remaining doubles matches.

The men, however, saw their recent win streak snapped this weekend. Riding high from last weekend's upsets over the Arizona schools, the Ducks lost two tough matches to No. 2 UCLA and No. 19 Southern California.

Wins were hard to come by against the Bruins on Friday. Although Oregon won several first sets, only one Duck triumphed in a 6-1 loss.

Senior Guillermo Carter battled

the Bruins' No. 26 Jong-Min Lee over three sets for his fourth upset win of the season.

Senior Joaquin Hamdan, sophomore Thomas Schneider and freshman Jason Menke all picked up wins in their first sets, but the Ducks were unable to capitalize as UCLA won all of the remaining singles matches.

Schneider and freshman Oded Teig battled the Bruins' Jean-Noel Grinda and Jean-Julien Rojer in doubles but fell, 9-7.

"I thought we played some good tennis," head coach Chris Russell said. "[UCLA] was tough and definitely ready to play against us. They will make you earn it and won't roll over."

On Saturday, Oregon had to put the loss behind them to take on USC at the Willow Creek Racquet Club.

Oregon earned another setback though, getting swept by the Trojans, 7-0. The lone Duck victory came in doubles play with Carter and freshman Leslie Eisinga's 8-4 over Ryan Moore and

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Nicholas Rainey.

In singles play, both Carter and Schneider managed to get into the third set, but they were unable to earn wins against the Trojans.

The losses put Oregon's overall record at 11-8, 2-5 in the Pac-10.

The Ducks have one more shot for a third Pac-10 victory. Oregon hosts No. 28 Washington next Saturday to finish their conference schedule. The Ducks will have a chance to avenge an earlier 4-3 loss to the Huskies on April 2.

Ducks survive 'Zona, eyeing the postseason

■ Oregon golfers have a strong showing against Pac-10 foes for the second straight tournament

by Peter Hockaday for the Emerald

In the crazy world of men's college golf, the Ducks are just getting warmed up.

Oregon wrapped up the regular season on a high note Sunday, finishing fifth overall and third among Pacific-10 Conference teams at the Arizona State Thunderbird Invitational in Tempe, Arizona.

Now come the real tests. Oregon will again travel to Tempe for the Pac-10 Championships next week and before turning its attention to the U.S. Intercollegiate, the NCAA West Regionals and the NCAA Championships, all in May.

The Ducks finished their season without a tournament win, but they have been consistently good all year long. The Ducks have steadily improved in this new millennium, finishing 14th, ninth, third, second, fifth and fifth — in that order — at tournaments in 2000.

The ASU Thunderbird Invitational was just the latest in a line of small victories for Oregon. After they beat all Pac-10 challengers last week at the Western Intercollegiate, the Ducks finished behind only No. 4 Arizona State and No. 12 Arizona at the Thunderbird. The Arizona schools

dominated at the Tempe tournament by claiming six of the top nine individual finishers.

"This was a great preview for next week," Oregon head coach Steve Nosler said about his team's performance a week before the conference championships. Nosler hopes this lineup can repeat its performance one more time next week — when it counts.

Senior co-captain Andrew Tredway paced the Ducks, shooting five-under par during his last two rounds to finish in a three-way tie for 17th.

Senior co-captain Ryan Lavoie (even par, 23rd), redshirt freshman Chris Carnahan and junior Matt Genovese, who both wound up three-over and in 31st, factored into the Ducks' score.

In a rare poor performance, Lavoie shot consecutively higher scores at the Thunderbird. After a two-under par 70 in the first round, the Pasco, Wash., native shot a two-over 146 over the final two rounds. Lavoie, who had an impressive postseason last year, will need to lead the Ducks at the NCAAs again this season.

Arizona State's Paul Casey took first at the Thunderbird with a birdie on the last hole to edge Arizona's Derek Gillespie by one stroke. Casey, ranked fifth in the nation and first in the west, and Gillespie, No. 26, are among a handful of top-ranked players in the Pac-10.

The Pac-10 Championships will be played April 24 through 26 at the Karsten Golf Course.

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