

# In a game of inches, Teig falls just short of win

■ Oregon's Oded Teig reaches the fifth round of singles play, but barely loses to a rival Husky

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It's a cliché to say, but in this case it really holds true.

Tennis is a game of inches.

Oregon men's tennis player Oded Teig experienced first hand Monday how closely separated victory and defeat are.

The sophomore had advanced to the Round of 16 at the ITA Regional in Berkeley, Calif., but was eliminated in a hard-fought match to Wash-

ington's Matt Hanlin 4-6, 7-5, 7-6 (4). Teig, who was the No. 10 seed in the tournament, had a match point against third-seeded Hanlin, but couldn't convert. Hanlin stayed in the game due to a favorable bounce of the ball off a drop shot.

Hanlin's ball hit against the top of the net, and instead of coming back onto his side, rolled over to Teig's side for the point. With new life, Hanlin went on to beat the last surviving Duck in the tournament.

"Oded had his chances and was literally an eighth-of-an-inch from

winning," head coach Chris Russell said. "The guy came up with a real big shot."

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head coach, men's tennis

Russell wasn't surprised at all to see two Pacific-10 Conference rivals go down to the wire.

"It was a classic Oregon-Washington battle," Russell said. "We'll probably see those two play a few more times this year."

Teig reached the Round of 16 after cruising by two opponents Sunday. He began the day with an 8-4 victory over Sacramento State's Kevin Vieira, and finished up with a 7-5, 6-1 win against Boris Vallejo of St. Mary's.

"He's playing at a much different level this year," Russell said. "He's been extremely competitive in every match he's played."

Jason Menke and Buck Mink also performed admirably throughout the tournament. Menke, a sophomore from Portland's Westview High, outlasted Santa Clara's

Matt Cox, 9-7, in the second round. He was knocked off in the next round, however, by Washington's Jason Berman 6-1, 6-1.

Mink squeaked by Adam Arturian of Santa Clara, 9-8, but had no answer for California's Balazs Veress in the second round, falling in straight sets, 6-2, 6-1.

Mink and Teig also teamed up to play in the doubles competition, and advanced to the second round before losing 8-0 to the Gonzaga pair of Timo Barry and Shawn Whitney.

Oregon has the rest of the week off before hosting the Duck Classic Nov. 10-12 in its new indoor facility behind McArthur Court.

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on a run and only Williams stood in the way of a Cardinal touchdown. Williams went in for the tackle and the two made the always dangerous helmet-to-helmet contact with each other.

Williams immediately fell to the ground, and Carter was shaken up and taken down by Washington's assisted tacklers. When everybody stood up from the pile, Williams was left lying motionless.

Play was stopped for 15 minutes while the medical staff from both teams rushed to Williams' side. Both teams' then huddled around each other for a prayer while Williams was being treated.

"I saw him stay down," Husky linebacker Darrell Daniels told the Seattle Post-Intelligencer. "I knew something was wrong. A lot of guys were saying, 'Can you hear us? Wiggle your toes; move your hands if you can hear us.' He didn't do anything. It's scary."

Williams was eventually taken away on a stretcher and put into an ambulance, where he was taken to the hospital.

It was the type of scene that no player wants to think about it, but when it happens before their eyes, it is tough to ignore. Many Husky players found it tough to keep playing after seeing one of their teammates carried off the field in such a way.

"For your brother to go down, how would you feel?" said Washington noseguard Larry Tripplett, while fighting back tears after the game. "You want to yell at him, and tell him to get up. But we had to keep on playing."

Washington did just that, but had to fight through the emotional pain to hold off a pesky Cardinal team. The Huskies led by as many as 18 points with less than six minutes to play in the game, and seemed on their way to victory.

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But Stanford scored 22 unanswered points to grab the 28-24 lead with a mere 53 seconds left. It appeared to be the end to Washington's Rose Bowl dreams, but somehow, the Dawgs fought back.

Quarterback Marques Tuia-sosopo led the offense 80 yards down the field, and threw a 22-yard touchdown pass to Justin Robbins for the game-winning

score.

Yet, even despite the amazing comeback, the mood was solemn in the Husky locker room.

"You'd think after a game like that, we'd be happy and upbeat," Tuia-sosopo said. "We're happy. But our thoughts are with our teammate and warrior, Curtis Williams."

Teammate Wilbur Hooks added, "That's probably one of the first times in Husky history when there's a quiet locker room after a win."

The entire Washington team held an emotional meeting Sunday night and Neuheisal told his team about his conversation with Williams.

"We, as a football team, are going to do the best that we can in order to press on and play with the same passion that Curtis Williams played with," Neuheisal said. "When I mentioned [to Curtis] that our team was going to press on for him, it was evident that that was what he wanted."

The coach admitted that this week's preparation for the team's big home game with Arizona will be a taxing process.

"I don't think there is any question that is going to be difficult," Neuheisal said.

### Honor Roll

The second set of Bowl Championship Series rankings were re-

I would have to say that my favorite of the lot is the "Fan Poll." This wonder of technology comes to you through the Internet and lets the average fan determine what's right and wrong. Last week, the average fan decided that Sun Devil Stadium was the toughest place to play in the Pacific-10 Conference, on the Pac-10's Web site. I think a 19-game winning streak at a certain nearby stadium might prove the average fan wrong.

The fans think the Rams will win the Super Bowl. The fans think the Ducks will go to the Rose Bowl. The fans think tonight's Sportscenter Showcase should be a hockey game, Detroit at Washington (well, I do, anyway.)

On educk.com, where hot-headed Duck fans go when they want to vent, the fans thought Oregon was a "team of destiny" as opposed to "more lucky than good" or "a disaster awaiting." Someone had fun coming up with that poll.

The Internet gave online trading to Wall Street, online shopping to business and the fan poll to sports. God bless technology.

So, when all is said and done, the polls really don't mean that much unless you're a sportscaster or a sportswriter.

Fughettaboutit. I'm staying right here in Eugene.

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actly, voted for that? Now the Blazers will have all the pressure on their shoulders. Couldn't SI have picked the Lakers? Oh, I forgot, there's nobody else in professional basketball.

Since the fantastic Subway Series just wrapped up, do you remember SI's baseball preview? They had the Red Sox winning the World Series over Atlanta.

Hmmm. Actually, SI only got three playoff teams right — the Yankees, Atlanta and the Mariners. That's a .375 slugging percentage.

All right, all right, I'm going to pack my bags for the North Pole.

## Golf

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player this week. White was the only junior to start on a team of seniors last season, but this season has failed to turn in a complete tournament. Her 78.3 scoring average is second on the team, and she

hasn't finished higher than 26th at a tournament.

Seniors Claire Hunter, Dawn Berry and Julia Smith, along with junior Kathy Cho, will round out the Ducks' squad. Senior Kimi Cunningham will also compete, but as an individual, so her scores will not count towards the team's overall tally.

Cho has the most emotional stake in this week's tournament. The Honolulu, Hawaii-native competed with the University of Hawaii team for two years before coming to Oregon this season. Hawaii will host this week's event.

Oregon will tee off with two rounds of 18 holes today and one 18-hole round Wednesday.

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