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"She had to make fun of me somehow."

Same Dion, different injury

As Monday's practice wound down inside McArthur Court, Dion sat beneath a side basket with her left ankle wrapped in an ice bag. Several minutes passed before she removed the ice and limped to join her teammates on the sideline.

Soon after, Dion said that she'd be ready to play against Southern California come Thursday.

"I got to do a little bit of stuff [Monday]," Dion said. "They just didn't want me to do five-on-five, in case anything strange happened, like landing on someone's foot again."

Dion, who should partake in full

practice today, sprained her ankle against Washington just minutes after Wolverter's injury. Dion's career has been filled with injuries, which is unfortunate for Oregon because with her in the starting lineup, the Ducks are 29-4.

“When [Shaquala Williams] got hurt, people were like, ‘Oh God, the whole team will fall apart.’ Well, it didn’t, and it won’t...”

Angelina Wolverter
Oregon forward

But through all her prior setbacks, Dion had never sprained her ankle.

"I had no idea it would be so painful," she said.



Laura Smit Emerald

Forward Lindsey Dion is expected to come back from a sprained left ankle Thursday against Southern California.

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Pawlowski earned his first collegiate win on Saturday against North Carolina State's Reinaldo Valor.

"I thought he played very well and can play at a very high level," Russell said. "He brings in a big-time game to our program."

Druzenko hails from Odessa, Ukraine, where he was a top-20 national player. Druzenko has five wins against ATP ranked players this season.

Dubourdieu is from Perreux, France, where he graduated from Academie de Creteil. Dubourdieu teamed with sophomore ace Oded Teig for a doubles win over NC State's John Davis and Valor.

"They're still adapting," Russell said. "They've been brought up on a softer surface than over here. But we feel like they're going to get better."

The three join an already talented recruiting class that consists of Buck Mink and Chris King.

"If these guys respond to the level of competition that they are going to see, we will be a very good team," Russell said.

The three freshmen help ease the blow of Eisinga and Schneider's departure.

Eisinga transferred to Nevada-

Las Vegas this fall but has since left the team. The Helleveetsluis, Netherlands, native was ranked as high as 27th in the preseason polls along with Running Rebel Nenad Zivkovic.

Last season, Eisinga became the first freshman in school history to qualify for the NCAA Tournament. Eisinga teamed with All-American Guillermo Carter for a doubles berth at nationals.

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Chris Russell
Oregon tennis coach

Schneider withdrew from school and returned to his home in Worb, Switzerland. Schneider would have been Oregon's top returning singles player, while Eisinga was the projected No. 3 starter.

The young Ducks will have to mature quickly if they want to make a repeat trip to the NCAA Tournament.



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