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# Ducks tennis teams get mixed results

■ The Oregon women roll through opponents while the men lost two matches

By Robbie McCallum  
Oregon Daily Emerald

At last, home is starting to feel like home.

The Oregon tennis teams settled into the five-month-old Student Tennis Center with four matches in three days.

The Duck women swept their competition, giving up only one match in two dominating wins. The men weren't as fortunate, losing both of their matches.

"I was pleased with our play today and I couldn't imagine rolling through singles like we did," women's head coach Jack Griffin said. "I was happy for them and the results show."

On Saturday, Oregon disposed of UC-Santa Barbara 7-0, followed by a 6-0 sweep of Boise State on Sunday.

Freshman Davina Mendiburu won her third straight singles match with wins over Boise State's Jemima Hayward and UC-Santa Barbara's Shiho Fukushima. Mendiburu is 3-1 since joining the Ducks earlier this month.

Sophomore ace Monika Geiczys won her team-leading seventh singles victory of the season with wins over Boise State's Helen Lawson and UC-Santa Barbara's Cindy Amman. Geiczys is now 7-7 on the year.

Freshman Courtney Nagle made her dual match singles debut a successful one by defeating UC-Santa Barbara's Annie Lippman, 6-0, 6-0.

"We work on fitness and confidence out there," Griffin said. "We see that we're the ones getting the free points now, if we're willing to hang in with the competition and execute more wins."

Oregon is now 2-2 on the year. Portland visits the Student Tennis Center on Sunday at 5 p.m.

Although the men's team was dealt two losses by ranked opponents, there were several bright spots.

In a 6-1 loss to top-ranked Stan-

ford on Friday, sophomore Jason Menke recorded a straight-set upset over No. 46 Scott Lipsky. The win was Menke's first over a ranked opponent in an Oregon uniform.

The doubles team of senior David Becker and freshman Martin Pawlowski nearly pulled off an upset over the Cardinal's Alex Kim and KJ. Hippensteel but fell two points short, 8-6.

Pawlowski came back to scare Hippensteel in singles, but again came up short in the final set, 6-4, 3-6, 6-3.

"It was a good effort," men's coach Chris Russell said. "Playing at home makes a big difference. If our guys continue to play this hard, we are sure to get better results."

On Saturday, No. 24 California dealt Oregon a 5-2 setback.

Again, Menke picked up the Ducks' lone singles win. The Oregon native swept the Golden Bears' Ben Miles 7-6, 6-2.

"I thought Jason Menke played very focussed from start to finish and the rest of the guys need to learn to focus like that," Russell said.

Yet doubles play was clearly Ore-

gon's best showing all weekend. The Ducks captured the doubles point against Cal for the first time since the current doubles rules were instituted.

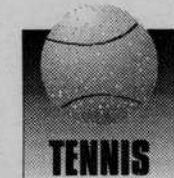
Becker and Pawlowski continued strong play by upsetting Erik Dmytruk and Scott Kintz, 9-8. Sophomore Oded Teig and freshman Greg Dubourdieu earned a narrow 9-8 win over Miles and Hiro Nakamura to complete the point.

Freshman Buck Mink and Menke kept their doubles match close, but ultimately lost to Cal's Adrian Barnes and John Paul Frutero, 9-7.

Mink battled Dmytruk to three sets, but lost 2-6, 7-5, 6-1.

"We played hard," Russell said. "Across the board, we didn't play as tough as we did against Stanford. All in all, I think we played competitively. We're a type of team that will have to earn everything we get."

Oregon falls to 1-3 overall, 0-2 in the Pac-10. The Ducks host Boise State on Saturday and Northwestern on Sunday at the Student Tennis Center.



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# Volleyball, rugby teams get weekend wins

■ Women's volleyball finishes third this weekend, with the Men's rugby team surprising Stanford with a 32-10 win

By Jesse Thomas  
for the Emerald

The Oregon Women's Club Volleyball team finished tied for third in the United States Volleyball Association Tournament through the weekend in Lake Oswego, missing finals play by just a few points.

The Ducks began the tournament by winning their pool, 3-1, which placed them third entering bracket

play. In the quarter finals they played the Kung Pao Chicks and were quick to move on, winning 2-1, by scores of 25-21, 20-25 and 15-11.

Next were the semi-finals against EFG where the women started strong, conquering the first game 25-18. But Oregon came to the end

of the road by falling in the next two, 22-25 and 15-9, keeping them from advancing to the finals.

"We played some very good volleyball and some very bad volleyball, but overall it went well," coach Cody Banner said.

This was the first tournament for the team this year, and they were left to play without two of their

starters. It was a smaller tournament, consisting of 11 teams from all over, including Southern Oregon and Pacific.

In the next tournament on Feb. 18 the women will play again in Lake Oswego against many open teams.

"We're definitely looking forward to the rest of the season," Banner said. "This team has a lot of potential along with some really good players."

## Men's Rugby

The Oregon men's club rugby team finished off the second of their back-to-back road games in the Bay Area, easily defeating Stanford 32-10.

The Ducks finished the trip at 1-1 after losing to Sacramento State last weekend, leaving them at .500 for the winter season.

The men made their point clear

from the beginning by tackling, running the ball hard and scoring within the first five minutes. Stanford was only able to score once in the first half, due to the strong defense and team effort.

"We totally dominated the game with some quality team effort," coach Bob Snyder said. "I thought Stanford would have been more of a challenge."

The team was able to compete with every player being healthy, and, according to Snyder, had possession of the ball 80% of the time. The Oregon men's second team also played Stanford last weekend, winning 20-17.

"Our guys gained a lot of confidence from this game, which was badly needed," Snyder said.

The men hope to improve to 2-1 when they play Brigham Young in Eugene Feb. 10.



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# Davis departs Miami for post in Cleveland

■ Butch Davis leaves Miami after nearly leading the 'Canes to a national title

By Tom Withers  
The Associated Press

BEREA, Ohio — Butch Davis, who returned the University of Miami to national title contention, resigned Monday to coach the Cleveland Browns.

Davis, who led the Hurricanes to a No. 2 ranking last season, will be introduced at news conference Tuesday at the Browns' training facility, team president Carmen Policy said.

"The Browns organization is extremely pleased to have Butch Davis as our next coach," Policy said in a statement.

His agent, Marvin Demoff, said after arriving in Cleveland that Davis had not yet signed a contract with the Browns but the sides were "in serious discussions. It's pretty close."

For weeks, Davis has been denying he would leave Miami, where he had been working on a contract extension with the university. The Browns also denied that they had a

secret meeting with Davis in Florida.

Davis told the Hurricanes' players of his decision Monday morning and was headed to Cleveland. His departure came one week before the end of the college signing period.

"I'm disappointed," Miami athletic director Paul Dee said. "I think coach Davis had a lot to give UM and I'm pleased at the success we had."

Dee said offensive coordinator Larry Coker has been named Miami's interim head coach.

Davis, 49, was in the fourth year of a seven-year contract at Miami and had nearly agreed to a five-year extension at the university. Davis met with Dee last weekend and said the sides only had to work out a few details on the contract.

Davis has coached the Hurricanes since 1995. He turned around Miami's troubled program after it was hit with numerous NCAA violations.

This season, he led the Hurricanes to an 11-1 record and 37-20 rout of Florida in the Sugar Bowl on Jan. 2.

Davis will have his work cut out for him with the Browns, who are

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 2) Budweiser "What are YOU doing?"  
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 5) Doritos "tennis" or  
 6) Pepsi "Bob Dole"

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coming off a 3-13 season and have gone 5-27 in their first two years back in the league.

The Browns ranked near the bottom of the league in most statistical categories in 1999 and 2000. They were shut out four times last season in losing 12 of their last 13 games.

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