

New players making impact on tennis teams

■ Rookie members of both the men's and women's teams are improving as the season progresses

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Replacing a franchise player, such as Alina Wygonowska, for the Oregon women's tennis team can be a difficult thing. The Gdynia, Poland, native was the Ducks' ace during her four years at Oregon before graduating last spring.

Fortunately for the Ducks, two blue-chip recruits have landed in Eugene and are making an imme-

diate impact.

Courtney Nagle and Davina Mendiburu have given the Ducks a big boost this season, which was evident in Sunday's 6-1 win over visiting Portland. Both freshmen picked up wins to highlight the Oregon efforts.

Nagle swept the Pilots' Lisa Bessman, 6-0 and 6-0, for her seventh win of the season in addition to an 8-2 doubles win along with sophomore Monika Geiczys.

"Courtney had a great day," head coach Jack Griffin said. "She showed today she has the potential to play high level tennis and dominate the court."

Mendiburu picked up her fourth straight win with a 7-5, 6-2 win over Samantha Kluger. The Menton, France, native also teamed with junior Janice Nyland for an 8-3 doubles win over Courtney

Perkins and Erin Smith.

Nagle and Mendiburu are a combined 11-2 in singles play.

Junior Valerie Young made a successful debut this season in defeating Portland's Jana Jusupovic, 6-2, 7-6.

Arnaud and Nyland also picked up two-set singles wins.

"We covered the basics well and did the right things," Griffin said. "We didn't make a lot of mistakes and played to win."

Arnaud and junior Vickie Gunnarson capped doubles play with an 8-6 win over Kluger and Smith.

The men's team also has a strong corps of freshmen. Oregon has five first-year players (62 percent of the Duck roster) who play significant roles in doubles and singles play.

The freshmen "are doing OK,"

men's coach Chris Russell said. "They're progressing, but they're also experiencing some growing pains."

Unfortunately, Oregon's freshmen went 0-6 this weekend in two losses against Boise State and Northwestern.

"They've got to be responding quickly for us to be successful," Russell said. "Which is a big challenge being so new to the team."

Two of the few veteran Ducks who will be helping the freshmen this season are sophomore Oded Teig and senior David Becker, who were Oregon's only victors this weekend.

Teig knocked off Boise State ace Guillaume Bouvier, 7-6, 6-4, while Becker disposed of Jonny Bjorkman, 6-1, 7-5.

In doubles, sophomore Jason Menke and freshman Buck Mink

picked up a double win against Bouvier and Rio Kuharski, 8-3.

Those proved to be Oregon's only wins against the No. 33 Bronco's as the Ducks fell by a score of 5-2.

On Sunday, the Ducks were shut out by No. 37 Northwestern, 7-0.

"We're having some close matches but it's hard to see that with a 7-0 on the scoreboard," Russell said. "But we're going to have a lot of situations like that if we don't get disciplined."

Twice, Menke came within a point of defeating Northwestern's Ryan Edlefsen. The Beaverton native fell in three sets, 1-6, 6-5, 6-5.

Both Oregon teams hit the road this weekend after a long homestand. The women face the Arizona schools while the men travel to Idaho.

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es of Mile High Stadium and Wrigley Field. While these loyal fans can fight corporations with letter writing, businesses fight back with money. Things don't look so good for the underdogs.

The '90s also saw the birth of stupid team names like the Wizards, the Titans and the Devil

Rays. Major League Soccer and the WNBA are even worse. The Tampa Bay Mutiny, the Miami Fusion and the Detroit Shock are some of the worst of the bunch. Aren't these all adjectives? If the XFL is any indication, it's just going to get worse too (Memphis Maniacs, N.Y.-N.J. Hitmen). More power to women's basketball and soccer, but c'mon, these names stink!

Global warming may be a prob-

lem for the rest of us, but not in Phoenix, Dallas and Fort Lauderdale, home of three new professional hockey franchises. It may be 110 degrees outside, but it's nice and cool inside Phoenix's America West Arena. I'm sure there could be even more kids playing hockey in the streets in Texas than in Minnesota, former home of the Dallas Stars.

Maybe one of the three teams will have to move once the weath-

er gets too hot. Just like how the Houston Oilers and both Los Angeles football teams moved north when things got too hot.

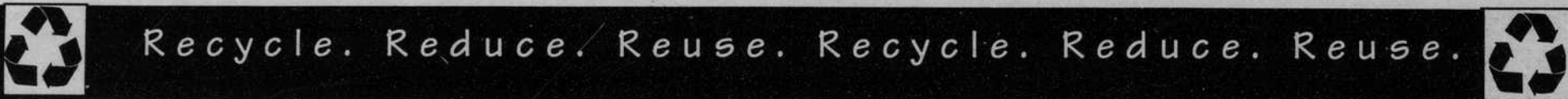
I don't think fans in L.A. and Houston were too upset when they saw their former teams in the Super Bowl last year. Nah, of course not. At least fans in Cleveland have a team to root for after Art Modell and his franchise left for Baltimore. I mean, are the Ravens really that much better than the Cleveland

Browns: Part II?

So, as we enter the 21st century, be weary when you jump on a bandwagon, buy a jersey with a player's name on it and/or buy season tickets.

Because in professional sports, nothing is certain and money gets the last laugh.

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Horoscope by Linda C. Black

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 6). Ask for the perfect job this year and get it. Your frustrations in February lead you to be bold in March. Discuss the past with a person you've known for a while to create a better future. In April your enthusiasm is contagious and brings new friends. In May you feel more like hiding out. By June you'll want company again, but three's a crowd. Your intuition's excellent in July, so follow it. Shop wisely in August and pocket huge savings. Your luck in love is excellent in September. Invest in your beliefs in November. Clean out your closets in December.

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Today is a 6 — You will solve a puzzle you've been struggling with. Unfortunately, one problem clears up, and another takes its place. Be the wise adviser; that's a lot more fun.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 6 — Not only are you smart, your intuition's on target, too. Watch out for a worrier. Don't let that person's concerns taint your judgement. Avoid becoming emotionally involved, and you'll make better decisions.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21) — Today is a 7 — Changes in your workload favor you. You make this happen. Offer to do something someone else thinks is too difficult. You can figure it out, even if you have to go back to school.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) — Today is a 7 — You ought to be well-reimbursed, but that may not happen. Don't give up if the money hasn't met your expectations. Correct that. When people know exactly what you want, they're happy to provide it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 6 — Listen. Your conscience might be trying to tell you something. When you get busy, it's hard to hear. If you've felt someone nagging you, but no one else is around, maybe the voice is within you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 6 — A meeting with friends should go well this morning, especially if you're discussing lofty goals. The whole group needs to reach a consensus. You can help. Do the math so you know how much it's costing.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is a 6 — If you're applying for a better job. It's easiest to get a job when you don't really need one. And, it's easier to get a raise if you're already entertaining a better offer.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is a 6 — A friend from far away would like to tell you how to run your life. You'd be wise to listen. A friend from close by is saying the same. Use your own good judgment.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 6 — You're mastering the game you're playing now. Soon, you'll get to play at a whole new level. Don't get cocky. You may discover you don't know nothin', yet. Consider it a reward for getting this far.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 6 — You can make more money without doing more work. That's good because you don't want to do any more work. You've filled up every waking moment with it, and you dream about it at night. Go back to a simpler way.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 6 — You may be bothered by a strange feeling. Pay attention in case it helps bring more money into your pocket. Maybe you can provide a new service to a powerful person. Oops, I've given it away.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 6 — If you're objective, you'll see your worries are normal. Or, you'll see what to do next. Just take it one step at a time, and everything will work out fine.

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