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# Women's tennis team picks up first win since February

■ Oregon tennis teams hit the road and go 1-7 over break

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When you go for almost two months without a win, frustration can mount.

After 11 straight losses on the road, the Oregon women's tennis team got downright angry. The Ducks took their built-up frustration out against 3-12 Pacific on Sunday, routing the Tigers 6-1.

"I'm very pleased with the effort today," Oregon women's coach Jack Griffin said. "They are still fighting, digging and believing that tomorrow is going to be a better day. It's nice to get a team victory. This will help us going into a long road trip."

Junior Jeannette Mattsson led five Ducks to singles victories, giving up no points to Pacific's Melinda Koscis in a 6-0, 6-0 win. Freshman Courtney Nagle was nearly

perfect, defeating the Tigers' Sandja Zarina 6-0, 6-1.

The Ducks got the match off to a good start with an impressive showing in doubles. In three matches, Oregon gave up only four points.

The women take a two-week break before traveling to Tulsa on Friday, March 13.

## Road trip no vacation for men

There was no fun in the sun for the Oregon men's tennis team this spring break. The Ducks' road trip began like most vacations, with trips to sunnier parts of the country, but ended with three devastating losses.

"It was kind of disappointing," Oregon men's coach Chris Russell said. "We took a step back, we just didn't compete as well as we need to nor did we play as well as we need to."

The Ducks concluded their non-conference schedule with three

losses, falling to 8-9 on the season.

Oregon's loss Tuesday, March 27, to No. 13-ranked South Alabama kicked off the road trip in Mobile, Alabama. The 19-2 Jaguars gave no sets in the dominating 7-0 win.

Two days later, the Ducks dropped a 5-2 decision to No. 19 Fresno State on the same courts. Freshmen Martin Pawlowski and Greg Dubordieu picked up Oregon's lone wins.

The road swing ended with the closest match of the week, a 4-3 loss at Louisiana in Lafayette, La. on Saturday. The Rajin' Cajuns capitalized with wins in the doubles and top three singles matches.

Dubordieu ended the weekend 2-1 in singles, while the doubles team of Oded Teig and Chris King won twice.

The Ducks continue their road swing with Pac-10 matches in Arizona this weekend.

## Runge

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Runge met with Moos March 20, in a conversation Moos called "open and candid."

"I expect it will be the first of many as we work toward deciding on the best course of action," Moos said afterwards.

Runge was unavailable for comment Sunday, but told a Portland television station last week that she is "not worried" about the investigation.

"I think this is very injurious to our program, to have this cloud hanging over it," Runge told KOIN.

Runge is attending the Women's Basketball Coaches Association convention in St. Louis this weekend.

The Oregon women's basketball program has been thrown into turmoil since March 4 when eight players met with Moos to voice their displeasure with Runge's coaching tactics. Now, it seems, the winningest coach in Oregon women's basketball history may be placed on probation or even lose her job.

Since that meeting, the Ducks won their final regular season game against Oregon State, but lost to favored Iowa in the first round of the NCAA Tournament. It was the eighth straight Big Dance appearance for Runge and the Ducks.

Runge has led the Ducks to a 160-73 record in her seven seasons at Oregon. She has won two Pacific 10 Conference championships and has twice been named the Pac-10 Coach of the Year.

Yet Runge has clashed with Oregon's administration, as well as her team and the media, at times during her seven-year tenure. Just this season she had a contract dispute with KEZI over a weekly television show, suspended Wolvert for not shaking hands after a game and wouldn't let the Ducks wear their uniforms at a practice. Earlier in her career she clashed with administration over her contract and her coaching staff when she let an assistant coach go.

Still, it is unknown which players met with Moos three weeks ago. Wolvert, for one, isn't taking sides.

"I am very neutral," Wolvert told The Oregonian last week. "I don't have an opinion on what is happening, and I don't want to fuel either side's fire."

Moos will most likely announce a decision on the future of the women's basketball program sometime this week.

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