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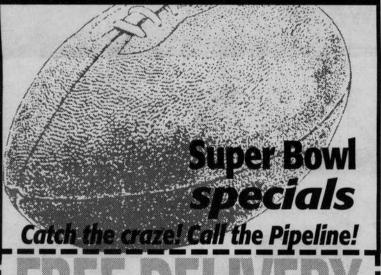
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## Men's tennis faces tough tests

■ The men's tennis team hosts BYU and Washington this weekend, with free pizza

By Peter Martini

The opponents now get tougher for the Oregon men's tennis team.

After easily beating Idaho and Northern Arizona last weekend, the Ducks prepare to face No. 69 Brigham Young today and No. 22 Washington on Sunday.

BYU (1-1) is coming off a 4-3 loss to No. 53 San Diego State, in which it lost four out of six singles matches, but won all three doubles.

No. 10 doubles team Carlos Lozano and Gert Vilms of BYU knocked off the No. 2 doubles team in the country, Oliver Maiberger and Ryan Redondo of San Diego State.

"They are really tough in doubles, not just anybody can beat the second-best doubles team in the country," head coach Chris Russell said. "Whoever I put up against them will have to play their best to win."

Vilms is ranked No. 84 as a singles player for the Cougars.

Washington enters the weekend with a 3-0 record with a combined

21-0 score against Gonzaga, UC Santa Barbara and No. 72 Portland.

"Washington is a really good team and they have some new guys that we

haven't seen before," Russell said. Matt Hanlin is ranked No. 44 and Alex Vlaski is ranked No. 53

in singles for the Huskies.

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"This will be our first match against a Pac-10 team this season," Russell said. "It will be important to see where we are in the conference." Oregon will continue to work on the things it needs to improve on and won't go away from its game plan.

"The teams we are playing this weekend are much better than the two we just beat," Russell said. "But we can't get away from our strengths. We can't play to our opponents, we need to play our way."

The match against BYU begins with the doubles matches today at 4 p.m. in the Student Tennis Center. Free pizza will be served to fans on a first-come, first-serve basis.

The Ducks play the rival Huskies on Sunday at 2 p.m. Washington plays BYU on Saturday beginning at 2 p.m.

"All three matchups should be great," Russell said. "There will be some really good tennis played this weekend."

Peter Martini is a freelance reporter for the Emerald.

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Against UCLA, the Ducks held Jason Kapono, who averages 18.4, to four points and Matt Barnes, who averages 14.8, to just two points.

"That might be the only game all year where they struggle like that," Jones said. "We wanted to slow them down and make everybody else beat us."

Nobody on the Bruins' roster could, especially after the hole Oregon dug for them. From the jump ball, which the Ducks won, Oregon had more energy than its opponent. The Ducks took leads of 10-2, 25-10, 34-16 and 46-22 before finally taking the 47-28 advantage into halftime.

Lavin couldn't find the right motivation for his Bruins during the break as the Ducks, behind the roar of their faithful crowd, kept building their lead in the second half.

In one fast-paced three-minute stretch, Jackson hit a three-pointer, Jones connected a reverse lay-in followed by a trey, Ridnour hit a running jumper, Jackson rolled one in and Anthony Lever banged home a three — with no answer from the Bruins.

The 15-0 run gave the Ducks their largest lead of the game, 69-34, with 13:36 left, that all but sealed the deal.

In the closing minutes, Kent walked down his bench and knocked fists with each of his players. While he did, he flashed his index finger with his free hand and mouthed the words, "One more."

That "one more" is a date with the co-leading USC Trojans at 3 p.m. Saturday at the Pit, which will no doubt again be rocking in hopes that the Ducks can keep on rolling.

"This is for all the marbles," Jones said.

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Thomas Patterson Emeral

Senior guard Freddie Jones hangs on the rim after an alley-oop jam from Luke Ridnour.

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Kylan Loney hit another three to put Arizona State on top by seven with 11 minutes left.

Williams and senior guard Edniesha Curry kept Oregon close, but could not overcome Johnson's presence inside. Johnson was 8-for-12 from the floor, and in four career games against the Ducks, she has shot nearly 80 percent.

Williams led the Ducks with 15 points and Curry had 13. Kraayeveld added 12 points and 13 rebounds, her seventh double-digit rebounding performance of the season. Senior Cian Carvalho scored a career-high 17 points as ASU shot 51 percent from the field.

Heading into the locker room, Arizona State led 34-26 on Johnson's 12 first-half points.

Foul trouble plagued the Ducks as freshman starting center Andrea Bills was limited to just four minutes with two fouls in the first half. She picked up her fourth foul with about 14 minutes to play.

And it didn't help that Oregon couldn't find a rhythm offensively, especially from beyond the three-point arc, where the Ducks were 0-for-6 in the first half.

"One of the things we knew

coming into this game was that they play very well defensively as a unit, they're very aggressive and they make you make plays," Smith said. "But understanding that and applying that are two different things."

Notes: Arizona State swept the Ducks in the season series for just the second time. Oregon State defeated Arizona in overtime Thursday to stay tied with the Sun Devils for second place. Southern California (10-9, 7-4) hosts Washington tonight to try to keep pace with Arizona State.

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