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and King won their singles matches to defeat Portland 4-3.

As the No. 2 singles player, junior Oded Tieg lost to No. 75 Peter Malacek 7-6, 6-0. Prior to the St. Mary's match, Tieg had been the No. 1 singles player in every match

"Both Tieg and Kost need to be prepared to play both No. 1 and No. 2 for us," Russell said. "This allows us the most flexibility and keeps us less predictable."

Women's tennis

The Oregon women's tennis team put up a strong showing in Southern California during the weekend, beating No. 66 Loyola Marymount and No. 60 San Diego before falling to No. 44 San Diego State.

The No. 65 Ducks (6-1 overall) beat Loyola Marymount 4-3 on Friday. Oregon lost the doubles point but won four out of six singles matches to beat the Lions, who defeated the Ducks last season.

"We lost 4-3 to them last year, so this was sweet revenge," head coach Jack Griffin said.

After losing her first set 7-6, senior Vickie Gunnarsson rallied to win the next two sets 6-2, 6-1.

Senior Janice Nyland and junior Monika Gieczys picked up the lone doubles victory for Oregon, beating Edit Pakay and Penka Fileva, 8-6.

On Saturday, the Ducks easily defeated San Diego, 6-1, winning all three doubles matches and five of six singles.

Sophomore Davina Mendiburu, Nyland, senior Adeline Arnaud, freshman Ester Bak and Gunnarsson all won singles matches for Oregon. Gieczys suffered the only

singles loss in the match.

The victories over Loyola Marymount and San Diego put improved the Ducks record to 6-0. But they still had a match against San Diego State.

On Sunday, Oregon lost to the Aztecs 5-2 to wrap up a tough weekend of tennis.

The Ducks lost the doubles point and four of six singles matches. The lone victors for Oregon were Gunnarsson, 6-2, 6-1 over Julie Chidley, and Gieczys, 6-1, 6-3 over Katey Becker.

Over the weekend, Gunnarsson stayed unbeaten in singles during dual-match play.

The Ducks will start their Pacific-10 Conference season by hosting Arizona on Feb. 16 and Arizona State on Feb. 17.

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could beat them.'

'We don't doubt ourselves; we know we can win," point guard Luke Ridnour 'These were two great chances for us, but unfortunately we didn't get some breaks.

Down the hall from the two Lukes while they spoke, slumped against a wall in the basement of Haas Pavilion, was Freddie Jones. The Oregon senior wanted to make sure that none of the blame for this road trip went toward his

Jones may have scored a combined 59 points over the weekend, but the only number he cared about was zero — the number of wins his team captured in the Bay Area.

"I take full responsibility," said Jones, who scored 23 points against Cal. "I had a chance to help my team win two games. I'm sorry for my teammates that they had to go through this."

Jones was upset with himself that he didn't end this game in regulation with one swooping shot. With less than 10 seconds to play in the second half, on a two-on-one fast break, Jones kept it himself and just missed a tough, one-handed

floater in the lane.

"I should have hit that shot," Jones said. "I thought I was close enough; I thought it was in."

Cal head coach Ben Braun was on the other side of the court watching Jones' drive and thinking thoughts that were:

'Unprintable," he said.

Jones' shot missed. In the first overtime, he was charged with an offensive foul on a drive, and he missed a free throw with 22.8 seconds left that would have put his team on top. He also missed a jumper at the buzzer that kept the score knotted at 89. The missed opportunities weighed heavily.

"I put that on my shoulders,"

Jones said.

But these two losses were hardly Jones' fault as the senior followed up his career-high 36 points on Thursday with an impressive 23 on Saturday, unlike last season's Arizona trip where he dropped 36 one night and just four the next.

Jones left both the Cardinal and the Bears gushing over his ability. "Freddie Jones is a terrific player,"

Braun said. "He's so dangerous. He's explosive. He's a tough match-up.

"He's become an all-around player." What it comes down to for the Ducks are the bare facts: In

close games on the road, they have lost. Oregon knows those aren't the results that deliver teams Pac-10 titles.

There are still two more road games on the schedule for the Ducks, but those come on Feb. 28 and March 2 at the Los Angeles schools to close out the regular season. Until then, Oregon returns home to face the teams occupying the last three spots in the Pac-10 standings (Oregon State, Washington and Washington State).

"The schedule turns in our favor," Kent said.

Kent has given his players three days off to regroup from the trip before resuming practice Wednesday to prepare for Saturday's Civil War.

Jones, for one, doesn't plan on wasting an opportunity to capture three wins in his final three games at the Pit and keep his team in the Pac-10 race.

'We're still in the hunt," Jones said. "We aren't out of it one bit. We're going back to a great crowd that will help get us motivated."

And they've left a road that has included too many bumps.

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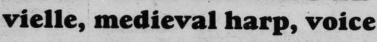


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