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Men's tennis drops to 0-4 in Pac-10

■ Oregon miss-serves an opportunity to take its first Pac-10 win in two years

By Peter Martini
for the Emerald

Despite many opportunities to win its first Pacific-10 Conference match in two years, the Oregon men's tennis team dropped two heartbreakers at home last weekend.

The Ducks lost 5-2 to Arizona State on Friday and 4-3 to Arizona on Saturday. Against the Wildcats, Oregon lost all three doubles matches by 8-6 margins, which proved to be the difference.

Trailing 1-0, junior Oded Teig, freshman Sven Swinnen and sophomore Greg Dubourdieu won their matches in two sets to take a 3-1 lead. But sophomore Chris King and junior Jason Menke lost their matches 6-4, 6-4, and 6-1, 6-2, respectively, to even the score at three.

The match came down to the No. 1 singles match between freshman Manuel Kost and Arizona's Steven Capriati, a senior. Kost won the first set, 7-5, but lost the second, 6-4, and the third, 6-2.

"I was nervous at the beginning of the third set," said Kost, who was playing in only his third Pac-10 match. "I looked up and noticed that (King) lost his match and I knew it came down to me. I played tight, and I wasn't getting my first serves in and the other guy was."

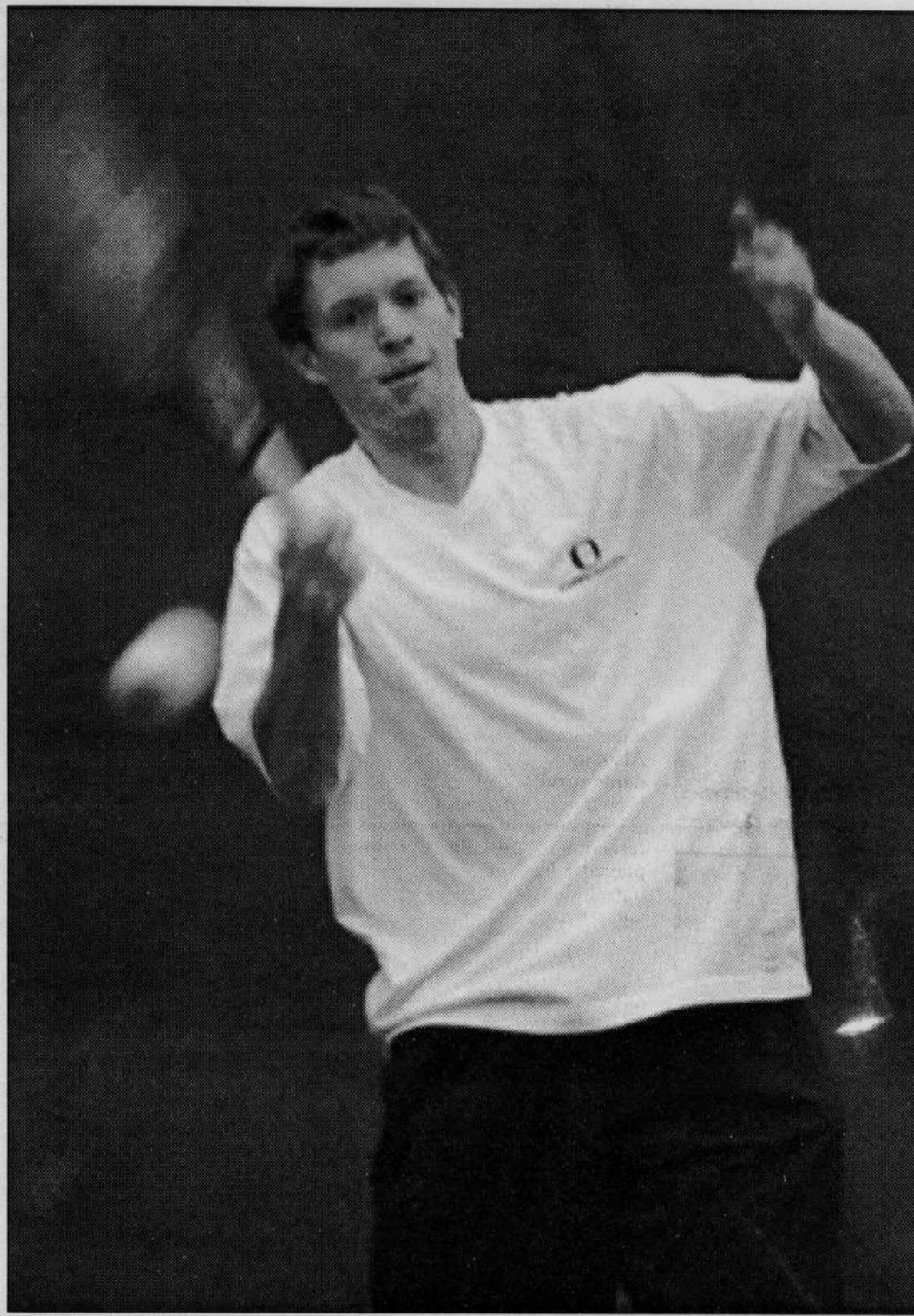
Head coach Chris Russell said that he has confidence in Kost to perform under pressure even though he's a freshman.

"I know he was nervous out there, but he'll get more comfortable as he plays in more tough situations," Russell said. "It's part of the evolution of a player. He should want to be in that situation. That's what college tennis is about."

Russell said he was pleased by his team's performance in singles, but said it would need to improve in doubles if they are to win in the Pac-10.

"There wasn't enough discipline on the doubles court," Russell said. "To

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After winning the first set, freshman Manuel Kost, Oregon's No. 1 singles player, lost to Arizona senior Steven Capriati in the final match of the Ducks' 4-3 loss Saturday. Oregon has not won a Pac-10 match in two years.

One week provides insight on entire baseball season

It is nearly impossible to predict a six-month-long baseball season before it starts. With so many intricacies, ups, downs and intangibles, how can a mere mortal like a sports reporter dare to attempt this amazing feat before even a single pitch has been thrown?

You need, like, a week.

One week is all it takes to scratch that baseball jock itch. Things have settled down. Barry Bonds is, obviously, still a hitting god. The Tigers still stink. Randy Johnson and Curt Schilling can still carry the Diamondbacks.

Yet things are vastly different. The Devil Rays are 3-3? Jason Giambi can't hit a baseball? Pedro's back?

These things were inconceivable a week ago. So without further pomp and circumstance, here are this humble reporter's predictions for the 2002 baseball season, with a week's worth of wisdom packed in.



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1. Mariners. Somebody asked me the other day who my favorite M's player was. I proceeded to name most of the team, and why not? These guys are like little teddy bears, you just want to squeeze 'em. Sure they won't win 116 games again, but maybe winning few games, combined with losing in the postseason last year, will propel them to more wins in this year's playoffs. Call it baseball karma.

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Harnden fires career-best 65; Oregon second after first day

■ The Oregon men's golf team recovers from a sluggish start to finish second at the Western Intercollegiate

By Jesse Thomas
for the Emerald

After a bit of a mediocre morning, the Oregon men's golf team pulled it together Monday to take over second place from Fresno State at the 56th annual Western Intercollegiate.

The Ducks, the defending champs at the Western Intercollegiate, are competing among a tough 15-team field. Oregon shot an opening round 291 and was in seventh place after 18 holes. Washington leads

the field with 546, giving them a 23 shot lead over Oregon at 569.

Oregon head coach Steve Nosler said the Huskies are practically untouchable at this point.

"A second place finish for us would be great," Nosler said. "We came out in real great shape."

Several Oregon individuals came through in the second round and fired off some great second rounds. Senior Brandon Harnden shot his heart out for a five-under par 65, the lowest score of his career (his previous career-high was 69), to put him in a tie for sixth at 138.

Senior Aaron Byers and junior John Ellis led the way for the Ducks, shooting 140 and 147 on the par-70 course

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Beavers to hire former UO coach

■ Reports say that Oregon State will hire Ernie Kent's former assistant to coach the Beavers

By Peter Hockaday
Oregon Daily Emerald

It looks like a former Duck will now coach the Beavers.

Jay John, a former assistant to Oregon head coach Ernie Kent and a current assistant to Lute Olson at Arizona, will be announced as Oregon State's next men's basketball head coach today, according to ESPN.com.

John coached for Kent in 1998-99 and has been with Olson since the end of that season. Prior to coaching at Oregon, John was an assistant at Butler for eight seasons.

The list of candidates for the Oregon State job was reported to include South Florida head coach Seth Greenberg, Metro State coach Mike Dunlap, Seattle SuperSonics assistant Dean Demopolous and others.

A press conference is scheduled for 2 p.m. today to announce the hiring of Oregon State's new head coach.

Oregon State Athletic Director Mitch Barnhart was forced to find a new coach when former head coach Ritchie McKay left the program for the head job at New Mexico two weeks ago. McKay has already made an impact on the Lobos' program, where he kicked one starter off the team and refused to welcome back another former starter who left the team in January.

Ducks' awards announced

Apparently, nobody on the Oregon basketball team improved more this season than the team itself.

At the Ducks' annual basketball banquet Saturday night, the entire team received the Jesse Nash Award for the

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