

UO aims for first Pac-10 wins

The Oregon men's and women's tennis teams play Washington and Washington State this weekend

By Peter Martini
for the Emerald

The season has come down to one match for the Oregon men's tennis team — the dreaded Washington Huskies.

The Ducks travel to Seattle on Saturday to face No. 34 Washington to wrap up the regular season. It will also be their last chance to win a Pacific-10 Conference match this season.

Oregon lost to Washington, 4-3, at home in a nonconference match in early February. In that match, the Ducks jumped to an early lead by winning the doubles point, but lost four singles matches.

Last week, Oregon lost to No. 13

USC and No. 2 UCLA, but gained some experience and confidence that it'll take into this weekend.

"We already played them this year, so we are familiar with them," Oregon head coach Chris Russell said. "We are a more experienced team now than we were when we lost 4-3 to them."

Women host UW, WSU

The Oregon women's tennis team is hot right now and has two chances left to win its first Pac-10 match in more than two years.

The No. 44 Ducks host No. 19 Washington and No. 30 Washington State this weekend. Oregon lost at both schools in late February, but head coach Jack Griffin feels his team, which has won five matches in a row, is a different team now.

"We are coming off of very fun and emotional wins in Florida and Louisiana," Griffin said. "We are stronger top to bottom now than

we were when we played them earlier this season."

Oregon, since adding newcomer freshman Daria Panova, has won five matches in the South, but has yet to beat a Pac-10 team.

"It would be great to get a Pac-10 win my senior year," senior Janice Nyland said. "We feel we can play in this conference, and now it's time to prove it."

Both the men's and women's teams will head down to Ojai, Calif., on April 25 for the Pac-10 Championships.

Action begins Saturday at noon against Washington and Sunday at 11 a.m. against Washington State.

"We are really excited about this weekend's matches," Griffin said. "We have a chance to pull off an upset this weekend, and I hope we can get a crowd out there to cheer us on."

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Confident Duck golfers to play final tournament

Men's golf looks to keep momentum at the U.S. Intercollegiate, the team's final tune-up before Pac-10s

By Jesse Thomas
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The Oregon men's golf team hopes to keep the ball rolling as they enter the U.S. Intercollegiate this weekend, their last regular season tournament.

Oregon has finished in the top six in the last four tournaments and looks to extend that one more Saturday and Sunday. The tournament is hosted by Stanford on the Cardinal's 6,835-yard, par 71 golf course.

"We are playing with more confidence," Oregon head coach Steve Nosler said. "We are into a roll and better prepared."

The Ducks will be sending the same five golfers who have made Oregon successful in its past four tournaments. Senior Aaron Byers will play at No. 1 with a 72.1 strokes per round average.

Joining him will be juniors John Ellis (72.7) and Chris Carnahan (73.2), senior Brandon Hadden (73.8) and sophomore Mike Sica (75.3).

In the busy schedule they've had in the past six weeks, the Ducks have finished second at the Cleve-

land Southwest Invitational March 4-5 and won the Oregon Duck Invitational March 25-26.

Oregon took sixth after a rough final round at the Western Intercollegiate on April 9, and was fourth at last week's ASU Thunderbird Invitational.

"We've been on a busy schedule, but I think we're mature enough to be ready to play at Stanford," Nosler said. "It's a good course and fits our game well."

The men will compete against a competitive 16-team field, including No. 9 USC and No. 19 San Diego State. The Ducks and Washington State, are just outside of this week's Golfweek/Sagarin top 25.

The U.S. Intercollegiate will be Oregon's last chance to perfect its game as postseason begins April 25 with the Pac-10 Championships.

The Ducks have been gearing up all year for the Pac-10 tournament and are confident as they will be competing close to home — at the Trysting Tree Golf Course in Corvallis. Oregon is almost guaranteed a spot in the NCAA West Regional, which will be held May 16-18 in New Mexico.

"I have all the confidence in the world that we will play well," Nosler said.

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Parker has, perhaps, the best chance to make a California impact. The football player will compete in only his third outdoor meet, and so far he has impressed in his third season on the track squad. He ran a wind-aided 10.47 in March, and ran 10.76 at the Washington Dual on Saturday.

Harris will be looking to land on the NCAA provisional list after

matching the minimum time at the Washington Dual. Harris ran in the NCAA Championships last season in the hurdles. Fellow hurdler Ellis is looking to improve his Pacific-10 Championships qualifying time to an NCAA mark.

But of the runners headed to California, the biggest impact this spring was made by sophomore Holliday at the Washington Dual. Holliday ran a thrilling 400 hurdles race and notched a time that

was less than a second off the NCAA provisional mark of 51.20.

"For me it's all about the time," Holliday said. "I just want to qualify for the NCAAs."

Holliday qualified for the Pac-10 Championships last season, but didn't make the trip to Stanford because of the conference's 24-athlete per team limit.

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Horoscope by Linda C. Black

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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 5 - Need to spend the whole day home in bed? Well, OK, but no running around doing housework or errands. You can take a book or two with you, but that's all.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20) - Today is an 8 - You've adapted to the pressure you've been under. You may be thinking, "what pressure?" You're stronger now, so get ready to launch a new project next week.
GEMINI (May 21-June 21) - Today is a 6 - Your planning will pay off. You can stretch your resources to get all the most important stuff. It's not easy, but you can do it. Ask Taurus or Cancer for advice.
CANCER (June 22-July 22) - Today is an 8 - The situation is still delicate. You can't rely on luck alone. The ball is in your court. No more talking about it. Win the game.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 6 - Are you still pondering? A person who sometimes orders you around can give you some good advice now. Invite comments.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is an 8 - You

may not get quite as much as you'd like for your recent endeavors, but otherwise life looks great. Money isn't everything.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct 22) - Today is a 7 - You're witty and quick. You may be tempted to show how wise you are by making jokes at another's expense. You and your friends might find it funny, but an older, influential person won't.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is an 8 - You're naturally pragmatic, but don't let the past inhibit the future. Love finds a way.
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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is an 8 - Do you have something special planned for this evening? If not, get on the phone. Someone you care about very much would love to spend time with you. Set it up!
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is a 7 - OK, now you really have to get serious! It's Friday! Are all those assignments done? Have you goofed away the entire week? You're so cute, you'll almost get away with it.
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