

Tennis flies south for San Diego tourney

Seven Oregon men's tennis players begin play in San Diego today

Tennis

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Apparently it was too sunny in Eugene this week for the Oregon men's tennis team, because they're heading south for partly cloudy skies and difficult competition.

The Ducks will be in San Diego for the All-Colleges Tournament on a

weekend that is expected to be uncharacteristically cloudy in America's Finest City.

Oded Teig, Sven Swinnen and Manuel Kost will receive a well-deserved rest this week after competing in the Icy Hot/ITA Men's All-American Championships in Chattanooga, Tenn., last week. The Ducks will showcase Jason Menke, Chris King, Kyle Halberg, Thomas Bieri, Arron Spencer, Junaid Hossain, and Andrew Walker in their first competition of the early 2002-03 season.

"I am very excited about the seven team members (going to San Diego)," head coach Chris Russell

said. "They have been working their tails off here for the past three weeks and are very keen on playing against some outside competition."

Players from the Arizona, California, Fresno State, Loyola Marymount, Pepperdine, San Diego State, California-Irvine, California-Riverside, California-San Diego, California-Santa Barbara, and the host school, San Diego, will compete with the Ducks in the three-day event.

The favorite in the tournament is No. 1 seed Wayne Wong from Cal. He is followed by No. 2 seed Tigran Martirosyan of Loyola Marymount and hometown favorites Nicolas

Beuque of USD and Daniel Jung of San Diego State.

Bieri and Hossain earned themselves a No. 3 seed in doubles action.

Halberg, King, and Menke are making their second straight appearance in the San Diego Tourney while freshmen Bieri, Spencer, Hossain, and Walker are competing in their first collegiate matches. Last year, King won all five of his singles matches.

The singles side of the tournament consists of a 64-player draw split up into two groups called Flights 1 and 2. There is also a 30-team doubles event with the No. 1 and No. 2 seed-

ed doubles teams earning a first-round bye.

Russell is enthusiastic about his team's progress and hopes that this tournament will become another building block to a good season.

"The trip (to Tennessee) exposed our strengths and weaknesses," he said. "But that is what we try to do at this time of the year, so we become aware of what we need to do for the team season."

The Ducks begin play today at 8 a.m.

Ryan Heath is a freelance writer for the Emerald.

Today's crossword solution

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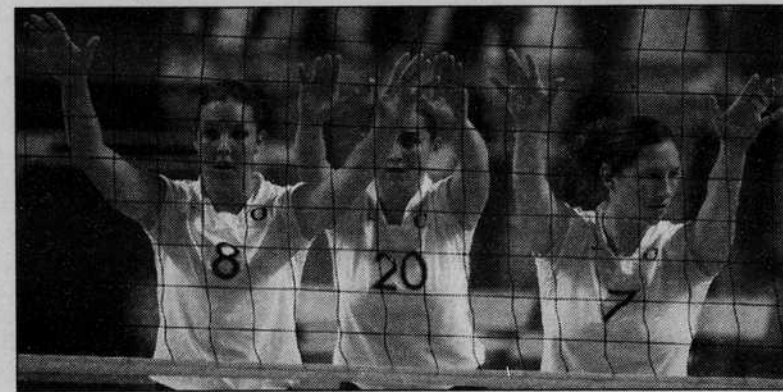
Oregon missed its top two runners in redshirt senior Carrie Zografos and junior Magdalena Sandoval after injuries kept them from running at the Willamette. Both are healthy enough to run in the Pre-National meet.

Freshman Nicole Feest, senior Erinn Gulbrandsen, junior Laura Harmon, redshirt junior Eri Macdonald, Sandoval, redshirt junior Alicia Snyder-Carlson and Zografos are expected to be Oregon's seven entries in the race.

The men's team was scheduled to race in the Pre-National meet also, but changed its travel plans and will not race in the meet.

Both the men and women will race together again Oct. 25 in Corvallis.

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Lindsay Closs (8), Lauren Westendorf (20) and Heather Gilmore (7) suffered a three-set loss to the Arizona Wildcats at McArthur Court on Thursday night.

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in this conference," Oregon head coach Carl Ferreira said when asked about Oregon's late run. "It's the young kids that are making the adjustments."

The entire Oregon roster made those adjustments in game 3. However, as Ferreira alluded to, the four Duck freshmen have been outstanding, especially late in the match.

That was the case against the Wildcats.

Acevedo came through with five kills in the final set while freshman Jodi Bell came on strong in the end after a sluggish start to the match.

Sports brief

Roderkus Wright, a backup defensive end for the Oregon football team, was suspended indefinitely Thursday for a violation of team rules, according to Oregon head coach Mike Bellotti.

Wright was suspended for the second time this season. Wright missed the first two games of the

She ended the night with 21 assists — not a superior figure — but much improved after 11 in the first two sets combined.

"In the first two games, our serving and passing could have been better," freshman Kelly Russell said, referring to Oregon's improved offense in game 3.

"Games 1 and 2, I didn't think we passed to get our offense in a rhythm," Ferreira said. "In game 3, you're passing the ball, and your offense is in much more of a rhythm."

The Ducks are not finished this weekend as Arizona State visits McArthur Court tonight at 7 p.m.

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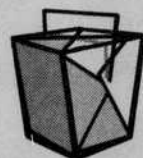
season for a similar violation of team rules, Bellotti said.

Wright, a sophomore, had notched three sacks, one forced fumble and six tackles in four games of action at backup right end. He had a sack, a forced fumble and a tackle for a loss of six yards in Oregon's 31-30 win at UCLA last week in the Rose Bowl.

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