

Tennis sweeps through weekend

The men and women have success at home in a bevy of weekend matchups

Tennis

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The No. 49 Oregon women's tennis team swept three matches at home this weekend to improve to 6-1 on the season while the No. 72 men dominated Portland 7-0, their third-straight victory.

The women, working on a three-game winning streak of their own heading into the weekend, beat No. 75 Sacramento St., 7-0 with strong doubles play and a three-set thriller between Duck sophomore No. 28 Daria Panova and No. 51 Margarita Karnaukhova. Panova took the match 6-3, 2-6, 6-3.

Saturday, the Ducks handled the Pacific Tigers 6-1 by winning all three doubles matches and five of the six singles bouts.

The men competed in the nightcap of Saturday's tennis dou-

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bleheader and disposed of Portland, but it was not as easy as the shutout indicates.

"We were tested (by Portland)," head coach Chris Russell said. "It was tough, but I'm really happy

with the way our guys played."

Ducks Oded Teig and Sven Swinnen beat the doubles team of Quinn Borchard and Peter Malacek, 8-4, to add No. 55 to the long list of ranked opponents they have taken down this season.

In singles, No. 64 Manuel Kost improved to 3-0 on the season and freshmen Thomas Bieri and Arron Spencer remained undefeated with victories in three sets.

"Some of the guys lost some first sets," Russell said. "And it forced them to buckle down and focus on what they needed to do."

Teig also won the 62nd match of his career as he closes in on the Oregon singles record of 65.

The women resumed play Sunday morning and beat No. 73 California-Irvine, 6-1.

The Ducks rebounded from

losing the doubles point to take all six singles matches, five in straight sets.

"We were a little bit defensive in the doubles today," head coach Nils Schyllander said. "We just tried to really focus on making no mistakes in the singles."

In doubles, Panova and junior Courtney Nagle lost to No. 60 Jenny Bowman and Tiffany Chang 9-7, but both got their revenge in singles. Panova topped Bowman 6-4, 6-1 and Nagle ousted Chang 7-6, 6-2.

The women finished the weekend with a late match Sunday night against Portland State. They will travel to Arizona next weekend for conference matches against Arizona and Arizona State.

The men will be at home against No. 73 Boise State on Saturday.

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Ducks unseat ranked schools in Florida

The Oregon softball squad wins its second tournament in as many weekends, moving its record to 8-1

Softball

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The Oregon softball squad is off to its best start since at least 1986, the first year the Ducks started keeping records — and the team has been playing for less than two weeks.

The Ducks (8-1) went undefeated in this weekend's Seminole Classic, winning the tournament and beating two ranked teams.

Oregon came into the tournament 4-1 after winning the Southwest

Texas/CenturyTel Tournament, and opened the Seminole Classic with a 3-0 win over Southeastern Louisiana on Friday.

"We had great pitching performances today from Lindsay (Kontra) and Andrea (Vidlund)," head coach Kathy Arendsen said Friday.

Kontra, a sophomore, and Vidlund, a senior, combined for Oregon's second shutout of the season.

The Ducks immediately faced their next challenge — No. 9 Florida State. Freshman Duck pitcher Amy Harris gave up one run in the first inning, but held the Seminoles scoreless with the help of Vidlund, who earned a save.

In the top of the seventh, Oregon loaded the bases with three freshmen for senior Alyssa Laux. Laux drove in two runs and Oregon held on to win 3-1.

Saturday, Oregon began the day

against another ranked team — No. 17 Georgia.

After an early 2-0 lead by Oregon, Georgia tied the game in the sixth. Harris came in to pitch, holding Georgia scoreless for the rest of the game.

Senior Lynsey Haij drove in Laux for the winning run — in the bottom of the 12th inning. The game lasted 4 hours and 15 minutes.

Oregon played Florida A&M to close the tournament, winning 11-4.

Junior Jenn Poore and sophomore Mari Lyn Petrick each had two RBIs against Florida A&M. Petrick, Haij, senior Rachel Tommasini and freshmen Danielle Baird and Breanne Sabol each scored twice.

"We have a very resilient team right now," Arendsen said. "We're getting hits when we need to and right now we're just outplaying teams. I'm very

pleased with our pitching and how we've been playing defensively."

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The Ducks play in their first tournament on the West Coast this weekend as they travel to San Diego for the Campbell/Cartier Tournament.

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