

Teig sets singles record

Oregon senior Oded Teig sets the career singles wins record for the men as both teams spend the weekend at home

Tennis

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The Oregon tennis teams finished another commonplace weekend at home, where Duck fans saw senior Oded Teig win like he has for the past four years. Only this time, he broke the record for career singles victories.

Teig beat California-Santa Barbara's Micro Schwindt, No. 122 in the nation, 6-3, 6-3 en route to win No. 65. Before Teig's record-setting performance, the No. 49 women took on two northwest rivals at the Student Tennis Center.

The women split their home contest with the Washington schools. The Ducks beat No. 44 Washington State 5-2 on Sunday after a 6-1 loss to No. 20 Washington on Saturday.

The lone Duck point from Saturday's match came from No. 28 Daria Panova's victory over No. 80 Claire Carter as the Huskies swept the doubles and won five singles matches, three in three sets.

Sunday, the Ducks rebounded from another doubles-point loss to win five of six singles matches, including junior Courtney Nagle's 6-4, 6-2 win over No. 77 Lorena Arias.

Panova improved to 9-1 on the season by defeating Oroya Sallai 3-6, 6-3, 6-4 in the No. 1 spot. Duck freshman Jamie Marshall clinched the victory by battling back down 4-1 in the first and third sets to win 7-5, 3-6, 6-4.

Saturday, the No. 66 men lengthened their winning streak to five

with a 6-1 victory over Pacific.

No. 64 Manuel Kost remained undefeated in the dual season by taking the Tigers' No. 1 player, Arnar Sigurdsson, 6-0, 7-6. Duck freshman Thomas Bieri also went to 7-0 on the year with a 6-2, 6-1 win from the No. 4 spot.

Sunday, the Ducks celebrated Teig's record with a 6-1 win over California-Santa Barbara.

The men improved to 7-1 on the season as they swept the doubles and took five of six singles matches, including Bieri's eighth victory in as many matches.

The 8-3 women stay home this weekend for matches against No. 5 Stanford on Saturday and No. 4 California on Sunday. The men head to Washington to take on the Huskies on Friday and Purdue on Saturday.

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Payton poised for playoffs

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CHICAGO — NBA sources who may or may not know say the Chicago Bulls are talking about trading Jamal Crawford to ... oh, right, we're done with that.

The trading deadline has passed, which means the next day that matters for the Bulls is May 19, the date of the draft lottery.

Meanwhile, much of the rest of the NBA is in the stretch run for the playoffs. Put the Bucks in that category, Milwaukee having made a bold move in acquiring future Hall of Fame guard Gary Payton less than a year after trading All-Star Glenn Robinson. The move paired him with another point guard in Milwaukee, Sam Cassell.

Thirty years ago, people were saying two ball-oriented star point guards never could work, when Walt Frazier and Earl Monroe were united in New York.

"It reminds me a little of Walt Frazier and Earl Monroe, where you didn't know which one was the point guard, which one was the shooting guard," said Bucks general manager Ernie Grunfeld, who watched the duo win a title for the Knicks in 1973 when he was a high school star in New York.

Maybe Grunfeld is right, though the Bucks didn't address their

biggest needs of post offense and rebounding. Still, they completed a season sweep of Portland in Payton's first game Saturday, the only Eastern team to have swept both Portland and Dallas this season, as Payton and Cassell combined for 38 points and 17 assists.

"Everyone expects controversy," Payton said of the pairing with Cassell, who started at shooting guard. "But this is two best friends playing together, helping each other. Why can't it (going to the Finals, as he did with Karl in 1996) happen again? If you ask me, they — I mean we — got enough pieces in place to make a run. I know this much; I'm happy to be back in the playoffs. To be on a team going to the playoffs and that can make some noise if we come together."

And if they don't, it could — and perhaps, should — mean the end of coach George Karl's tenure in Milwaukee.

Since coming to the Bucks in 1998, Karl has joked about being unable to coach Payton again, saying Milwaukee would be too small for Payton: "I would have to rent a helicopter to fly him in from Chicago every day." Karl also said he'd have to buy stock in an aspirin company. Yes, Payton can give headaches to both teams. He reportedly wasn't talking to any

teammates except Brent Barry by the time of the trade. But he's also a free agent and making a run with the Bucks would help his market value. Will he stay in Milwaukee? It doesn't seem likely.

"It's not a life sentence. It's two-plus months. That's it," Payton said after the deal.


If he doesn't stay, the Bucks have Michael Redd to replace Allen and have promising youngster Desmond Mason from the deal. Most important, the franchise saves perhaps \$10 million in luxury tax and escrow, which in a sale could mean the difference between the Bucks staying or leaving Wisconsin.

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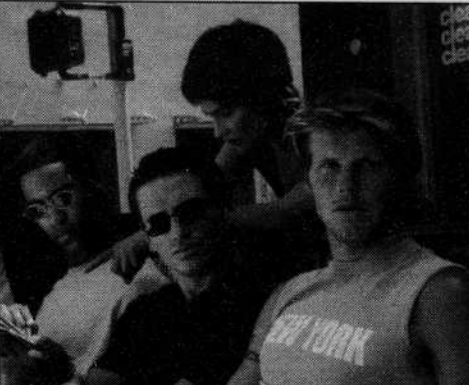
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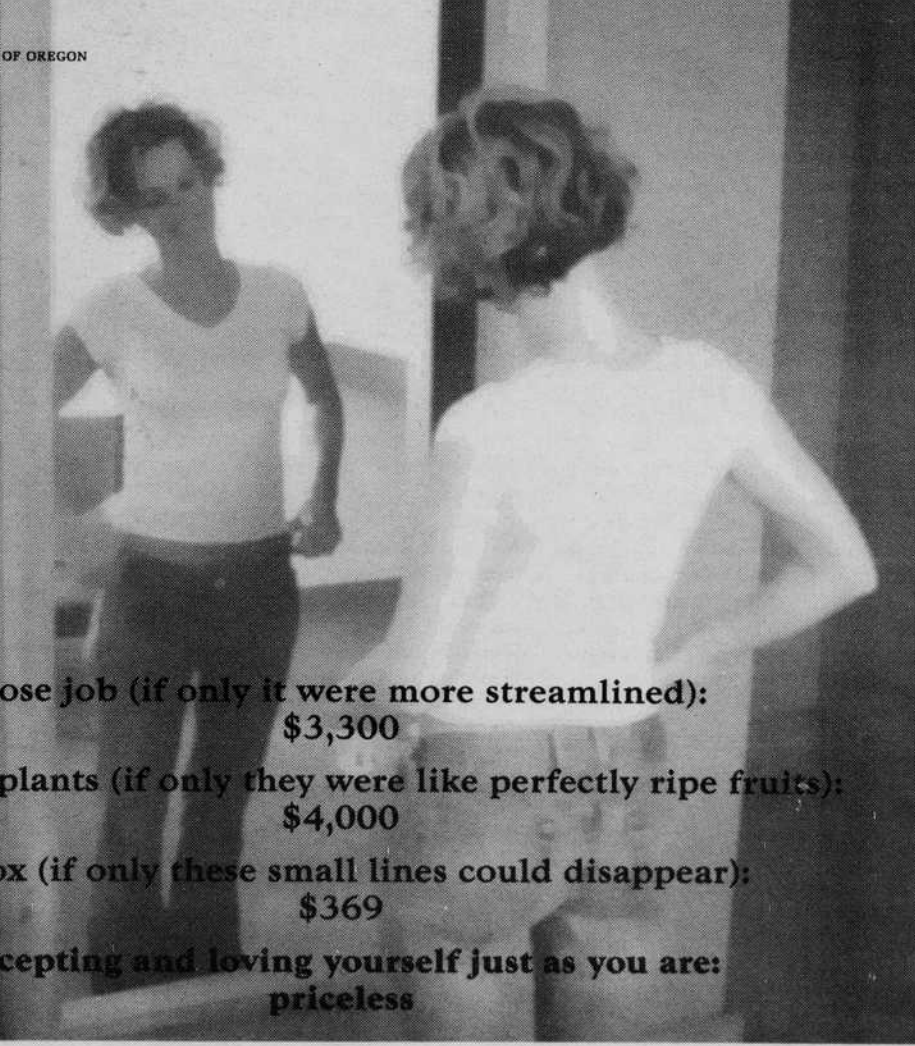
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