

# Panova tops Duck effort in wins over weekend

The Oregon women win three matches during the weekend and the men improve to 5-0 this season

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The Oregon tennis teams continue to roll.

The women breezed through their three opponents over the weekend to stay undefeated through the first six matches of the dual match season.

The 41st-ranked Ducks (6-0 overall) routed No. 40 Minnesota, 6-1, at home despite losing their first doubles match of the dual season on

Sunday. The women are continuing their strong play in both doubles and singles and are happy with the way things are going before conference play begins this week.

"The girls are expecting to win," Oregon head coach Nils Schyllander said. "The team believes they should win every time out."

At the No. 1 singles position, junior Daria Panova prevailed against senior Angela Buegis in straight sets, 6-3, 7-5. Behind a raucous crowd, Panova, ranked No. 8 in the country, finally took care of her opponent on her fifth match point when Buegis hit the ball long along the baseline.

"I just tried to fight for every point," Panova said. "I think I was playing good. I tried to play as fast as I can."

The only blemishes of the day

were Panova and senior Courtney Nagle's doubles loss to Buegis and

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sophomore Nischela Reddy, 8-5, and freshman Dominika Dieskova's singles loss to Reddy, 7-5, 6-4. However, Oregon's doubles record improved to 17-1 for the season.

On Friday, the Ducks took care of Portland in a 7-0 sweep, which saw

the women lose only one set the entire dual match. Oregon also triumphed over No. 61 Boise State with a 6-1 victory.

"We knew Boise would be tough," Schyllander said. "I was very proud of our effort. The girls came ready to play and did not make any mistakes."

The Oregon women will continue action as they open up the Pacific-10 Conference season at home against Arizona State on Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in the Student Tennis Center.

## Men continue streak

The Oregon men (5-0 overall) handed Idaho its first loss of the season with a 7-0 victory Saturday.

Junior Manuel Kost beat senior Fabian Dummett in a little over half an hour to win, 6-0, 6-0. Kost continued to play on Dummett's backhand, which he struggled to hit all

match long.

"I didn't miss (and) I served well," Kost said.

Sophomore Markus Schiller racked up another singles win against junior Hector Mucharraz, 6-2, 6-3, to take his overall record to 10-2 in his first year at Oregon.

"I executed pretty well," Schiller said. "I went to the net a lot and kept my legs moving. It worked out well this week."

In the most thrilling match of the day, sophomore Arron Spencer came back in a third set tiebreaker after being down one match point to win, 7-5, 6-7 (3), (12-10).

The men will next play at Boise State on Friday at 6:30 p.m.

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# Duke takes 17th-straight game over lowly Clemson

Freshman Luol Deng tied his career high of 22 points to help the Blue Devils win

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DURHAM, N.C. — Clemson stayed close for 19 minutes against the nation's top-ranked team on its home court Sunday night. Once it unraveled, however, the Tigers could never re-cover.

The Blue Devils used a 14-0 run spanning the first and second halves to defeat Clemson 81-55 before 9,314 at Cameron Indoor Stadium.

Clemson coach Oliver Purnell was left lamenting the "what-ifs" of 63 seconds to close the first half and 2:21 to start the second half.

"We're going to watch the tape and just cringe and throw up," Purnell said. "We had two or three kinds of non-fundamental things in that last two minutes of the first half that kept us from possibly even leading going in."

Despite 19 points from Sharrod Ford and 18 by Shawan Robinson, Clemson lost for the 17th time in a row to Duke and for the 13th consecutive time by double digits.

The Tigers shot 46.5 percent, the highest mark by an ACC opponent against Duke. But they committed 22 turnovers, shot 13-of-26 at the foul line and failed to grab some important rebounds.

Luol Deng tied his career high with 22 points for the Blue Devils (20-1, 9-0 ACC), who remained in first place in the ACC standings by two games.

Duke shot 61.9 percent in the second

half after being held to 40 percent in the first half. J.J. Redick scored 18 of his 23 points after halftime.

"It doesn't really feel like we blew them out," Redick said.

Clemson (9-11, 2-7 ACC) fell back into a last-place tie with Virginia, two games behind the nearest teams.

"It was going well, and we just let down," forward Chris Hobbs said. "We didn't have the same intensity that we had the whole 19 minutes of the first half. If you do that against Duke, it's over. You can't give them a breath."

Duke went on a 9-0 run in the last 1:03 of the first half to lead 36-27 at intermission. It was a downer for the Tigers, who had held their ground for most of the half. They even led by one point with less than four minutes to go.

Clemson seemed in good shape when Robinson knotted the score at 27

with a 3-pointer. The Tigers had a chance to go ahead one possession later, but Deng tipped away a fast-break pass and chased it down for the steal.

Redick sank a 3-pointer to put Duke up 30-27, and the run was on.

Clemson turned the ball over on a lane violation. After Daniel Ewing missed the front end of a one-and-one, Duke's Sheldon Williams rebounded the miss, scored on a putback and made the subsequent foul shot.

"That's a killer," Purnell said. Clemson's Vernon Hamilton missed two free throws with 10.6 seconds left.

Sean Dockery pushed the ball downcourt for Duke and dishd to Lee Melchionni, who sank a 3-pointer right before the buzzer sounded.

The Tigers shot 45.5 percent from the field in the first half and got 14 of their 27 points from Robinson, who entered

the game averaging 20 points in the past three games. But Clemson also committed 13 turnovers that led to 14 Duke points and was 5-of-10 at the line.

The Blue Devils went a stretch of 6:58 with one field goal. Scoring threats Ewing and Redick combined to shoot 3-of-12. That changed in the second half.

But what particularly frustrated Purnell was that Clemson got outrebounded 32-25, including 15 offensive rebounds by the Blue Devils.

"We really didn't rebound and box out and defend like we usually do," Ford said. "I think that's one thing we have to go back and work on this week."

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mobility from playing with a left-knee injury limited her involvement in the offense.

Davis finished with a team-high

13 points but connected on only 5 of 15 shots.

Beaver guards stuck with their player-to-player defensive assignments at all times to limit open three-point looks for the Ducks.

"We talked about (Wagner and Davis) all week," Spoelstra said. "We

just knew we had to stay tight. We knew that if (Oregon point guard) Corrie (Mizusawa) wanted to drive, the help wasn't going to come from the guards anymore. The help had to come from the posts."

A general lack of aggressiveness also contributed to the Ducks' downfall.

While Oregon State was rewarded for pounding the ball inside with 28 trips to the foul line, Oregon settled for perimeter shots and went to the charity stripe only 19 times.

The Beavers took advantage of their opportunities, calmly sinking 25 of their attempts while the Ducks cashed

in on only 13.

Eleanor Haring extended her double-digit scoring streak to six games with a 12-point performance. Bills added 10 points and grabbed four rebounds.

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we didn't get those open looks is that we just did not move the ball."

It was apparent that the Beavers studied the Ducks' behind-the-arc attack. In part one of the Civil War on Jan. 10 in Eugene, Oregon was 8 for 18 from three-point range. Five of the eight made up a career-high

for Wagner, which she has since tied three times.

Saturday, Wagner went 1 for 1 in three-point attempts during her 12 minutes on the court. The sophomore partially tore the lateral meniscus in her left knee Jan. 15 in a loss to Washington.

"I'm not moving too well," Wagner said. "It affects how I play and I don't want to be out there unless I can help

the team. We had to get some people in there that could move."

In Oregon's past two games, Wagner has been held to three points or less. Hampered by the injury, she averaged 14.5 minutes in the two games.

"I think that knee is always going to be a factor," Smith said. "It's certainly hindered her from practicing as well as she can and I think it takes a little away from game-time

readiness. However, we did get her open for one three and that was really important for us."

Combined, Wagner and guard Brandi Davis account for 64 percent of Oregon's three-point offense this season.

Davis, who led the Ducks in the first Civil War with 15 points and again Saturday with 13, made Oregon's three other shots from three-point range. The junior was 3 for 6

from behind the line.

"It's not all about our guards, it's all of us as a whole," Davis said. "I don't think just because two people didn't get as open (off) looks as they did the last game (that it) affects the team. It's all about stepping up and putting it all together."

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