

SPORTS BRIEF

Attorney attempts to get Danton moved

ST. LOUIS — An attorney for Mike Danton did not succeed the first time, so he's trying again to get the St. Louis Blues hockey player moved from jail to a secure medical facility to be evaluated for possible psychological, medical or addiction problems.

Lawyer Robert Haer filed papers Tuesday seeking to have Danton's detention order revoked or amended. The written motion mirrors Haer's spoken arguments at a bond hearing Friday, where U.S. Magistrate Judge Clifford J. Proud ordered Danton

jailed until trial. Haer now wants a second opinion from another federal judge.

Danton, 23, a Canadian who had an apartment in the Brentwood section of St. Louis, is charged with two counts arising from an alleged murder-for-hire scheme.

At last week's hearing in court at East St. Louis, Haer made much of the "gut-wrenching, emotional" conversation between Danton and his alleged target, Danton's sports agent David Frost. In the motion, Haer said the conversation shows why Danton needs evaluation and treatment.

One difference is that the written motion provides Haer with the opportunity to cite legal precedents that

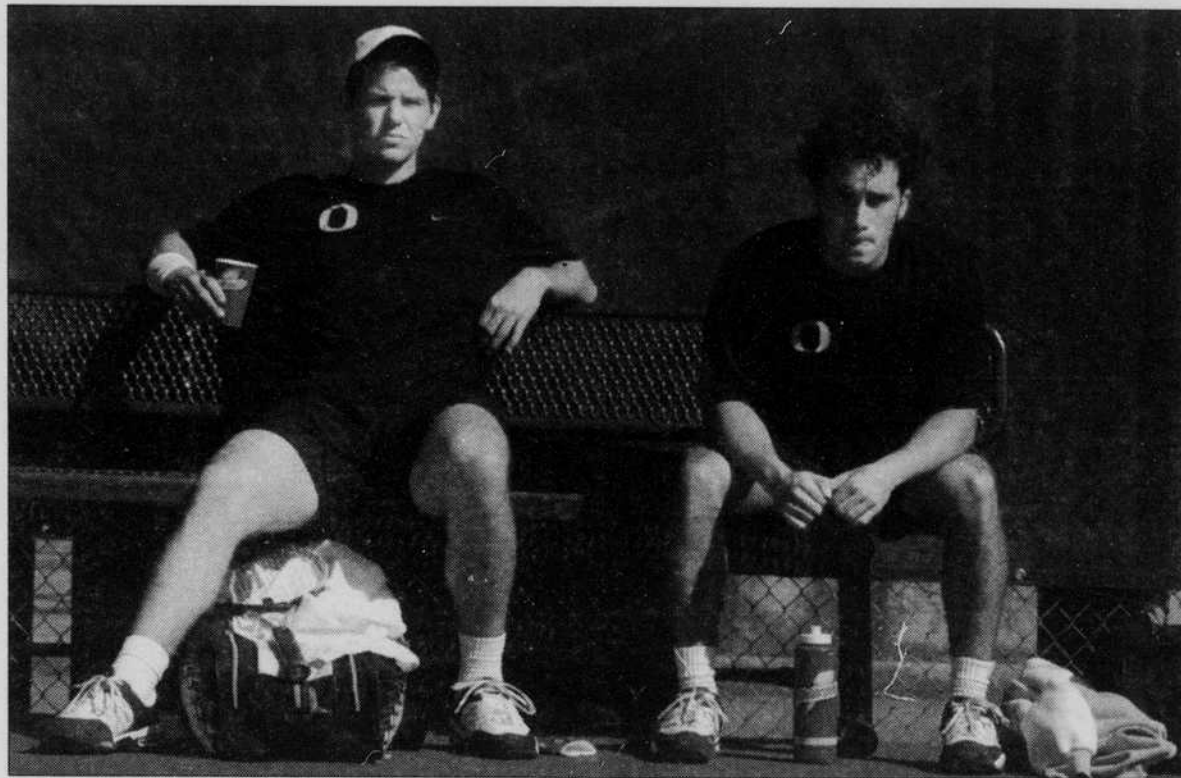
he believes show that Danton has been unfairly detained.

He also noted that Danton's alleged accomplice, Katie Wolfmeyer, 19, of Florissant, is out on bond.

But Danton's largest hurdles were noted by Proud when he decided to keep Danton jailed: The hockey player has no family in the area, is a Canadian citizen, and said during a conversation with Frost that he considered fleeing from authorities.

All that prosecutors needed to keep Danton detained was to show that he was more likely to flee than not; that's what Proud decided last week.

— Michael Shaw
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Markus Schiller (left) and Chris King have kept the Ducks steady this season.

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While his win totals have decreased since his sophomore season, his 49 career singles victories puts him in 11th place all-time at Oregon.

King's role on the team isn't just about wins and losses. His upbeat attitude and his positive reinforcement toward his teammates is what makes this senior stick out.

"He's always having fun, even at practice," fellow Duck Arron Spencer said. "You will be down and he will always have a wise comment or joke to bring you up."

Spencer remembers a time last year when King's fun-loving spirit and laid-back attitude helped him out.

"It was my freshman year, and it was kind of intimidating to go down

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Arron Spencer
Oregon sophomore

and play UCLA and he just helped me in his own way to just take it as another match," Spencer said.

King's uplifting spirit and never-say-die attitude may best represent what this year's version of the Oregon men's tennis team is about. His teammates recognize his fire to win and the fight he has in every single match.

"He shows heart and determination every time he is on the court," Spencer said.

King's spirit is personified in his thoughts against their first-round opponents Friday, last year's NCAA runner-up Vanderbilt.

"My theory is, what do we have to lose?" King said. "They're the ones under all the pressure so hopefully we can just play loose, boost our game, have some fun and pull off the victory."

While the rest of his teammates will probably see greater success in the future of this up-and-coming tennis program at Oregon, King's "lets just have fun" attitude should not be forgotten.

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Andrus' efforts helped her significantly for a return trip to the NCAA Championships in Austin, Texas, in four weeks. Her point total boosted her up to 12th nationally; other conference championships will take place soon. It is expected that the top 24 heptathletes will be invited to the national stage.

Nevertheless, Andrus is confident her score is good enough.

"I will probably most likely make nationals," she said.

Getting back

Junior Sarah Malone, Oregon's javelin record holder, is looking to recover from an injury suffered two weeks ago.

Malone said she hurt her rib area

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Sarah Malone
Oregon javelin thrower

while practicing javelin throws, which prevented her from competing in the season's last meet, the Oregon Twilight, at Hayward Field.

However, Malone does not anticipate the injury having a big effect on her come the Pac-10 Championships starting this Saturday.

"I just got to rest a little bit," Malone said. "It's not bothering me enough to really hurt me that bad. I

don't think it's going to hamper me at all."

Malone has breezed through her competition, winning the javelin event in the past three meets she's participated in. One of those meets includes the Texas Relays five weeks ago, where she broke her own school record with a throw of 179-7, and also defeated her strongest rival, USC's Inga Stasiulionyte, who will also compete this weekend.

Stasiulionyte, the 2001 NCAA Javelin Champion and two-time NCAA runner up, will pose the biggest challenge, Malone said.

"She's going to be my competitor," Malone said. "My biggest competition at nationals too, so it'll be a good competition and I'm looking forward to it."

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