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with a 2-under effort.

"To work hard all year only to be shattered by one playoff hole," Rouillard said. "It shouldn't be easy to swallow."

Painful, yes. But with no seniors on the team, the Ducks should be one of the best teams in the country not only next year, but for years to come.

The Ducks should be comforted by the fact that their team had one of the best seasons ever, despite their youth.

The Ducks won multiple events and finished with eight top 10s for

the first time since the 1999-2000 season. The Ducks also got their first individual medalist honors since Jerilyn White won the 2001 Peg Barnard California Collegiate. Sophomore Erin Andrews captured the year's first tournament — winning the Lady Vandal Fall Invitational by seven strokes — while Timpani captured the Colby Invitational in the spring.

The team dropped its scoring average by ten shots from last year.

The Ducks will be helped by the fact that the five starting players — junior Johnna Nealy, sophomores Wenslow, Andrews, and Timpani, and freshman Kimberly McCready, who all played together in all 10

events will return next year.

Nealy, who is known for playing well in big tournaments, will anchor the Ducks as the lone senior.

Wenslow, part deux

For the second time in recent years, two sisters will compete for the Ducks next year.

During the break between seasons, Oregon signed Victoria Wenslow to a National Letter of Intent. Wenslow will follow in the footsteps of her sister, Therese.

"It will be fun. We can be closer, and I hope she'll enjoy it," Wenslow said. "Part of her decision to come here was mine and I hope she'll like it."

Wenslow describes her sister, a

senior at Malmo Borgarskola School, as an aggressive player who looks for birdies at every opportunity. She shot a 78-77 in the Swedish women's team championships as an individual and teamed up with Therese to shoot a 68 in the best-ball format.

"I see her coming in and making an impact right away with the team that we already have," Rouillard said. "Victoria is going to complement our team very well. She's a very skilled golfer who will do well in college golf."

And if this year was any indication, the rest of the team should be just fine as well.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Knight Foundation suggests big NCAA move

HARTFORD, Conn. — In a move that surprised top college athletic officials, the Knight Foundation Commission on Intercollegiate Athletics recommended Monday that the NCAA seize control of the Division I-A football postseason system from the Bowl Championship Series.

The Knight Commission, formed in 1989 to recommend, reform and curb commercialism in college sports, made the announcement after meetings in Washington and after hearing reports on postseason play, including recent efforts by the BCS Presidential Oversight Committee and the Presidential Coalition for Athletics Reform.

Members of the Knight Commission said the "current governance structure needs to be substantially altered." But it did not recommend a playoff system.

"For the overall health of college athletics it is imperative that the NCAA be able to govern postseason football," said William C. Friday, Knight Commission chairman and president emeritus of the University of North Carolina. "This objective should command the immediate attention of the NCAA Board of Directors."

The NCAA governs most championship events. But the 28 Division I-A bowls are owned and run by private organizations. The BCS, formed in 1998, oversees the Orange, Fiesta, Sugar and Rose bowls, which take turns hosting the national title game.

"(The commission's) position is different from the one that we hear most often from other Division I-A institutions and I-A presidents," Wally Renfro, senior adviser for NCAA president Myles Brand, said in a telephone interview.

The Knight Commission includes 11 former or current university presidents. Kent State's Carol Cartwright, Michigan's Mary Sue Coleman and Arizona's Peter Likins are also members of the Division I Board of Directors. Commissioners of the six major conferences essentially run the BCS, but with greater input from school presidents in recent years.

John Paquette, Big East associate commissioner for communications, said commissioner Mike Tranghese did not want to comment on the Knight Commission's recommendation. Tranghese, the outgoing BCS chairman, was attending Big East meetings in Ponte Vedra, Fla.

— Ken Davis

The Hartford Courant (KRT)

Santoro takes record-long match

PARIS — Two days, six hours and 33 minutes of tennis and, at the end, tears of relief from the winner, Fabrice Santoro.

The little French veteran, one of the few players on tour who hits double-handed off both sides, sat in his changeover chair after defeating Arnaud Clement, 6-4, 6-3, 6-7 (5), 3-6, 16-14, and let it flow before placing a towel over his head.

Then he rose, saluted the crowd, which had long ago gotten to its feet to exalt the two warriors, and exited, looking eerily as fresh as if he had just gone on court.

"You need will. You need experience, obviously. But it's a tiny difference in any case who wins. A few centimeters. You always need someone to win a match and today it was my turn. You have to be brave and what I did in the last game, it takes a lot of courage and will," he said.

Serving for the match, Santoro was down love-40 before reeling off five consecutive points to send Clement into a deeply unhappy mood.

Told later that they had set a Grand Slam record by playing six hours and 33 minutes, Clement snapped: "I really don't care about it. Frankly, I don't give a damn. Do I get a medal? If I'm not getting anything, I'm not interested."

When the two men left the court because of darkness on Monday night, it was 5-5 in the fifth set and they had already played four hours and 40 minutes.

— Charles Bricker

South Florida Sun-Sentinel (KRT)

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