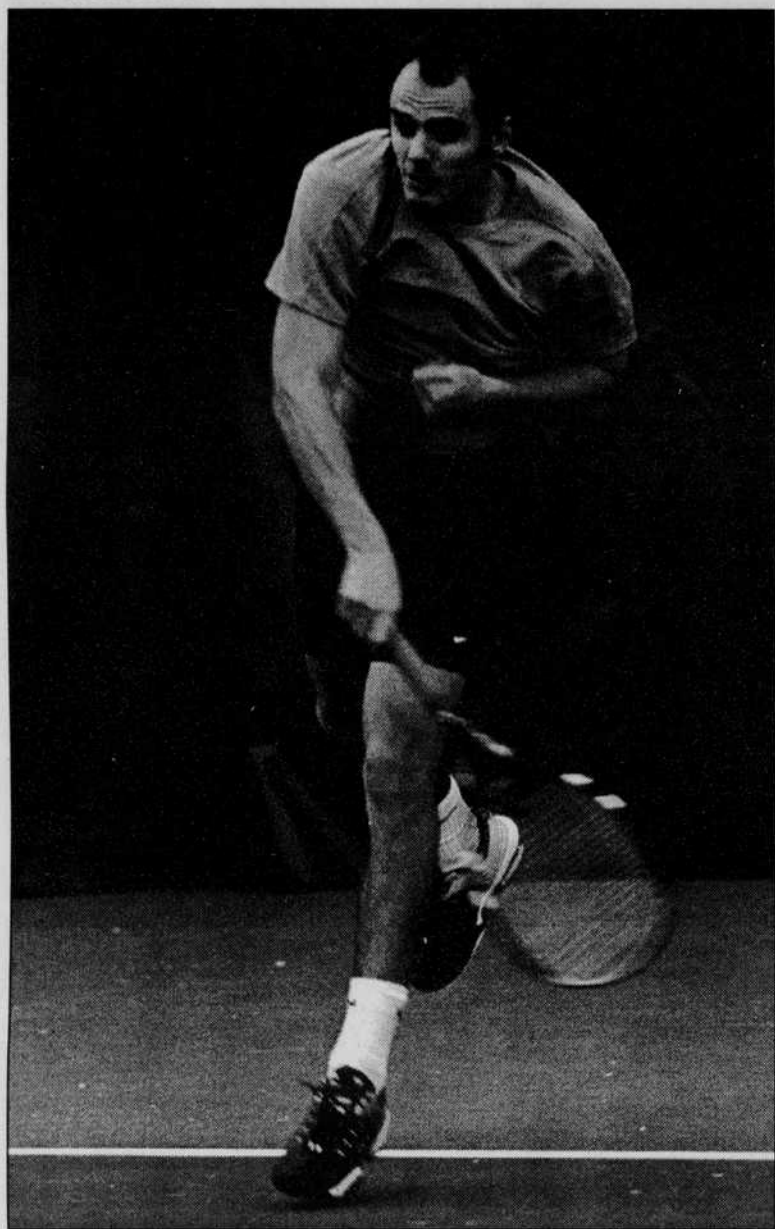


Duck tennis



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Senior Sven Swinnen, seen here last season, is in the final 16 at the ITA West Men's Regionals Sunday. Swinnen entered the tournament as the No. 2 seed.

Dieskova, Kost and Swinnen win in tournaments

Doubles contenders Dominika Dieskova and Daria Panova move on to the quarterfinal round for women

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After slightly disappointing efforts in the first tournaments of the preseason, the Oregon tennis teams have bounced back with improved play this weekend at the Intercollegiate Tennis Association Regional Championships.

The finalists in the singles draw and the champions in the doubles draw of the tournament advance to the ITA National Intercollegiate Indoor Championships in Ann Arbor, Mich., at the University of Michigan Nov. 4.

The Oregon men traveled to Berkeley, Calif., for the ITA West Men's Regionals, where two players advanced to the round of 16 on Sunday.

Senior Sven Swinnen, who entered the tournament as the No. 2 seed, defeated Francisco Zepponi of Santa Clara in an easy straight set victory, 6-1 and 6-3, to move on to the sweet 16 round.

Swinnen, who has been ranked as high as 12th nationally as a singles player this preseason, recovered to play well this weekend after he was upset in the first round at the ITA/All-American tournament earlier this month.

"He hasn't been at his best, but he will definitely be there soon," said head coach Ross Duncan.

Another Duck who has performed well in the tournament is senior Manuel Kost. The fourth-seeded Kost moved on to the round of 16 when he upended fellow Pacific-10 Conference rival Patrick Briaud of California in two sets, 6-3 and 6-3.

In another strong effort, junior Markus Schiller almost became the third Oregon player to make the round of 16. Schiller, a Frankfurt, Germany native, had to retire from his singles match against Washington's Chris Palmshofer in the third set because of an injury. After losing the first set, Palmshofer won the last nine games until Schiller had to bow out, 5-7, 6-0 and 3-0 (retired).

The Oregon women traveled to Palo Alto, Calif., for the ITA West Women's Regionals and saw one of their players get closer to the quarterfinals.

Sophomore Dominika Dieskova, seeded No. 10 in the tournament, advanced to the round of 16 after beating Pac-10 foe Monica Weisner of California in straight sets, 6-3 and 6-4.

One of the weekend's surprises occurred when Oregon senior Daria Panova was ousted by Stanford freshman Whitney Deason in two sets, 6-4 and 6-0. Panova, who was the No. 2 seed, is one of the top singles players in the nation, having won three Pac-10 women's singles championships during her collegiate career.

On the doubles side, duo Dieskova and Panova moved on to the quarterfinal round after defeating Washington's Saskia Nauenberg and Tara Simpson 8-1 in the round of 16.

Both the women's and men's ITA regional tournaments end Tuesday.

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Harrington hopeful following Lions' first away win in 3 years

Detroit Lions continue impressive road performance as they win for the third time in three away games

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EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — The road to respectability for the Detroit Lions has been ... the road.

How ironic for a team that went three years and an NFL-record 24 games without winning away from Motown.

Joey Harrington threw two touchdown passes, and Chris Cash made a crucial diving interception in the end zone late in the first half to lead the Lions to a 28-13 win over the New York Giants on Sunday.

"I feel like we can go in anywhere and play and compete," Harrington said after the Lions (4-2) won for the third time in three road games this season.

"That's the type of attitude you have to have as a team, as a contender," Harrington added. "We're right in the thick of things. We're not going to say this is good enough; we can be a contender next year because we are young. We're going to give it a shot and keep playing and hopefully things will fall for us."

Kevin Jones scored on a 2-yard run, and Artose Pinner iced the game with an 8-yard touchdown run as Detroit snapped a four-game winning streak for the Giants (4-2).

The loss also showed that even new coach Tom Coughlin could not change the Giants' woes after bye weeks. New York has lost four straight, eight of nine and 13 of 16 since the NFL started giving teams weeks off in 1990.

"I can't blame it on the bye week, that's a cop-out," Giants defensive end Michael Strahan said. "If you don't make plays, you don't win. We didn't have any enthusiasm. We had it, let it go, and the Lions picked it up and never let go of it."

Harrington, 18 of 22 for 230 yards, threw an 18-yard pass to rookie Roy Williams in the first quarter and a two-yarder to Reggie Swinton late in the fourth for touchdowns.

After linebacker Alex Lewis batted away a fourth-down pass to Jeremy Shockey deep in New York territory, Pinner sealed the victory.

Kurt Warner and Tiki Barber combined on a 62-yard screen pass for a touchdown, and Steve Christie kicked field goals of 19 and 25 yards for the Giants, whose offense lacked near the Detroit end zone.

The Giants, whose winning streak was based on getting turnovers, lost the takeaway battle 2-0, with no play hurting more than Cash's interception in the final minute of the first half.

Cash, who started at left cornerback for Fernando Bryant, made a diving interception off a lazy pass by Warner with 39 seconds to go and New York ahead 10-7.

The interception came after Warner completed six passes to move the Giants from their 6-yard line to the Lions' 11. Warner avoided a sack on the interception, but he threw the ball to a wide open Amani Toomer. Cash closed to make the interception.

"That was huge," Lions defensive end James Hall said. "It took points

off the board going into the half and kept the game close."

Cash, who described his plays as "great," had chased Toomer all the way across the field in making the interception.

Warner said he lofted the ball too much over a defender.

"It could have been a huge momentum swing for us and really put us in control," said Warner, who completed 23 of 34 passes for 270 yards. "It was a game we should have had, but we made some mistakes."

The Lions took the lead early in the second half on Jones' first TD run and never lost it.

Detroit, limited to five first downs and 125 total yards in a loss to Green Bay last week, scored on a 10-play, 70-yard drive on the opening series of the game. Harrington connected on three third-down passes, capping the drive with a pass to Williams. It was the rookie's fifth touchdown catch.

The Giants tied it in the closing seconds of the first quarter when Barber scored on the screen pass that started with the back running into center Shaun O'Hara. Rookie receiver Jamar Taylor had a big block.

Christie put New York ahead 10-7 seconds after Ron Dayne was stuffed on a third-and-goal from the Lions 1-yard line.

Jones gave the Lions a 14-10 lead on their opening series of the second half. He had runs of 22 and 20 yards before scoring to cap the five-play, 68-yard drive.

Christie got the Giants within a point with his 25-yarder with 8:18 to go. It capped a 14-play, 76-yard drive in which Warner drove New York to the Lions 13. Three plays netted six yards and that led to the field goal.

Seahawks dive 25-17 to Arizona despite new addition Jerry Rice

Emmitt Smith has a record-performance day as the Arizona Cardinals overtake the Seattle Seahawks

BY BOB BAUM
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TEMPE, Ariz. — Emmitt Smith had a record-breaking day. Jerry Rice was barely a factor.

Their fates matched those of their teams in the Arizona Cardinals' 25-17 victory over the Seattle Seahawks on Sunday.

Smith sealed the win with a 23-yard touchdown run, a play that put him over the 100-yard rushing mark for the 78th time in his career — to break Walter Payton's record.

Rice, acquired by Seattle from Oakland on Tuesday, had one catch for 10 yards.

The game marked the first time in 20 years that the NFL's career yardage leaders in receiving (Rice) and rushing (Smith) opposed each other.

"He's one of the best, and I just wanted to pull him aside and say congratulations," Rice said. "You know, he's still doing it."

Smith wasn't the only Cardinals player with a record performance. Arizona's Neil Rackers was good from 50 yards and twice from 55 yards to tie Morten Andersen's record for most field goals of at least 50 yards in a game.

"I just hit them the same," Rackers said. "They could have been 20-yards. The way the ball flies out here, you just want to hit the ball smooth, and it will go."

Gerald Hayes blocked a Seattle punt for a safety to put Arizona in the

lead for good after the Seahawks rallied from 13 down to go ahead 17-16.

"We were bad today. I don't know how else to say it," coach Mike Holmgren said. "I'm embarrassed about how we executed offensive football."

A victory Sunday would have given Seattle sole possession of first place in the NFC West.

Matt Hasselbeck completed just 14 of 41 passes and was intercepted four times.

"You can put all the blame on me," he said. "I was just bad. I feel like I really let my teammates down today. I really have no answers. I just couldn't get it going. I don't know why. I don't know what the deal was, but it was my fault."

Smith gained 106 yards in 26 carries, his second 100-yard effort in three games. He talked about playing with a young team trying to turn a franchise into a winner.

Arizona (2-4) led 16-3 after Rackers' 50-yarder in the third quarter. The Cardinals hadn't played since blowing a 16-point lead with 5 minutes left in regulation in San Francisco two weeks ago — and they almost let this one get away, too.

Shaun Alexander's 34-yard run helped set up Hasselbeck's 1-yard TD pass to Darrell Jackson to cut the lead to 16-10. Then Ken Lucas intercepted Josh McCown's overthrown pass and returned it 21 yards for a touchdown to put Seattle up 17-16.

Arizona forced the Seahawks to punt from their 12, and Hayes broke loose from the outside to block Donnie Jones' attempt. Rouen sprawled out on the field to knock the ball out of the end zone for a safety and prevent a touchdown, and the Cardinals led 18-17 with 8:50 remaining.

The Seahawks had the ball three more times, but couldn't move. Duane Starks' interception gave Arizona the ball on the Seattle 24 and, on third down, Smith slipped through for the touchdown that made it 25-17.

McCown completed 22 of 36 passes for 212 yards and a touchdown.

After Renaldo Hill intercepted Hasselbeck's pass at the Seattle 43, McCown lofted a 25-yarder to Larry Fitzgerald, who made the catch despite good coverage for an early 7-0 lead.

Arizona later gambled on fourth and one at the Seattle 37. McCown faked a running play, but was sacked by Chike Okeafor for an 11-yard loss. The turnaround led to Brown's 54-yard field goal.

Rackers did Brown a yard better on Arizona's next possession, clearing the crossbar by about 5 yards to make it 10-3.

On Seattle's first play after the subsequent kickoff, Calvin Pace deflected Hasselbeck's pass and Karlos Dansby intercepted at the Seahawks 40. That set up Rackers' second 55-yarder, a line drive that cleared the crossbar by no more than 2 yards.

Smith's 26-yard run set up Rackers' third field goal, from a mere 50 yards in the third quarter.