

IN BRIEF

Tennis teams find success at regional tournaments

The Oregon men's tennis team continued its success at the Wilson/ITA West Regional Championships in Berkeley, Calif., Monday.

Senior Sven Swinnen, ranked 12th in the nation, advanced to today's final in the singles main draw after defeating California's Daniel Sebesen, 6-3, 6-1, in the quarterfinals and 5th-seed Lennart Maack of Cal in a three-set semifinal thriller, 1-6, 6-3, 6-3.

"This was a huge effort for Sven," Oregon interim head coach Ross Duncan said. "His style is to wear the opponent down and apply a lot of pressure. Opponents get very frustrated playing Sven. He now has a great shot to win the tournament."

However, fellow senior Manuel Kost was ousted from the tournament by Portland's Matt Loucks in a tough three-set match, 5-7, 6-1 and 6-3.

In doubles, juniors Thomas Bieri and Markus Schiller moved onto the semifinals with their victory over Eric McKean and Jon Wong

of Stanford, 8-3.

The Oregon duo lost in the semifinals to Cal's No. 2 seed Patrick Briaud and Conor Niland, 8-4.

On the women's side, the Ducks traveled to Palo Alto, Calif., for the Wilson/ITA women's regionals.

Sophomore Dominika Dieskova had an impressive showing after reaching the quarterfinals of the singles main draw. However, Dieskova, who was seeded 10th, was upended by No. 1 seed Alice Barnes of Stanford in straight sets, 6-3 and 6-4.

On the doubles side, Dieskova and senior Daria Panova lost to Courtney Jantz and Lucia Sainz of Fresno State, 8-6.

In the singles consolation bracket, senior Ester Bak fell to Santa Clara's Catherine Cochrane, 6-3 and 7-6.

The Oregon women's team finished the tournament with a 10-7 singles record and a 2-3 doubles record overall.

— Alex Tam

Women's golf heads to Hawaii for three-day event

The women's golf team will conclude its fall season in Kapolei, Hawaii, as they compete in the

Kent Youel Invitational scheduled from today to Oct. 27 at the par-72, 6,139-yard Kapolei Golf Course. Teams competing in the tournament will play 36 holes today and the remaining 18 on Wednesday.

Tournament participants include a cornucopia of Pacific-10 Conference schools, including No. 3 UCLA, No. 6 Arizona State and Oregon State. The tournament will also feature No. 25 Oklahoma, the defending national champions. Others competing in the field of 15 will be Boise State, UC Irvine, California State Northridge, Colorado, Denver, Fresno State, Indiana, Santa Clara, Southern Illinois and host Hawaii.

Oregon head coach Shannon Rouillard feels the tournament will be a golden opportunity for the Ducks to wrap up the fall season on a high note.

"We've been playing well enough each week to be in contention," Rouillard said. "We can use that positive momentum as we go into our off-season training."

Representing the Ducks will be senior Johnna Nealy, juniors Erin Andrews and Michelle Timpani, sophomore Kim McCready and freshman Victoria Winslow.

— Scott J. Adams

2004-05 MEN'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

November	31 USC	12 Washington State
7 Basketball Travelers (EX)	January	17 @ Arizona
14 Western Oregon (EX)	2 UCLA	19 @ Arizona State
19 Idaho State	8 Oregon State	24 California
22 New Mexico	13 @ Washington	26 Stanford
27 @ Marshall	15 @ Washington State	March
December	20 Arizona	3 @ USC
4 Vanderbilt (Rose Garden)	22 Arizona State	5 @ UCLA
11 @ Illinois	27 @ California	10-12 Pac-10 Tournament
14 Bethune-Cookman	29 @ Stanford	17-20 NCAA 1st & 2nd rounds
18 @ Fresno State	February	24-27 NCAA Regionals
22 Winthrop	5 @ Oregon State	April
28 Portland	10 Washington	2-4 NCAA Final Four

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Taylor also showed off his ability to hit from the perimeter by knocking down 3 of 4 three-point attempts.

"I've been struggling with my shot the first couple of practices, so I've really been focusing," Taylor said. "I try to just think about making shots because I know that they'll eventually start falling again."

Freshman forward Maarty Leunen also had a strong performance, scoring 12 points, grabbing four rebounds and playing solid defense.

"I made a couple of shots here and there and played pretty good defense," the Redmond native said. "There's a lot I can work on, but for the first scrimmage of my college career I think I played pretty well."

Junior Brandon Lincoln returned to his normal position of shooting guard this season and quickly proved he is comfortable. The Portland native scored 23 points and connected on 4 of

5 from behind the arc.

During one short burst late in the second period, Lincoln knocked down a three-pointer, hustled back on defense to steal a Kenny Love pass near midcourt and connected on another three-pointer just seconds later.

"(Lincoln's success) is a matter of him moving over to his natural position and getting the ball out of his hands and not having to play point guard," Kent said. "He is allowed to run up and down the floor and basically spot up and shoot the ball."

Overall, the teams combined to shoot 53 percent from the floor, knocking down 55 of 103 shots. Players struggled from the foul line, however, connecting on only 17 of 28 free throws.

Freshman guard Malik Hairston scored 16 points, and junior forward Ian Crosswhite added 15 points.

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series with Washington, is a team goal, secondary to winning the Pac-8. Fagliano couldn't remember the last time the Ducks held the coveted chalice.

Also helping with the Ducks' strong start is the emergence of newcomers.

"We've got some great new freshmen," Tornabene said.

Five freshmen made the roster, infusing some new blood into a team filled with upperclassmen.

The main obstacle in the Ducks' quest for the Pac-8 title looks to be Cal. The Ducks face the Golden Bears on Nov. 5 and 6 in Berkeley, Calif.

"We're really excited," said Mike

Roley, a sophomore defenseman from Portland. Roley had three assists in each of the Ducks' wins this weekend.

With victories against Stanford, combined with their earlier season defeats of Gonzaga (5-4, 2-1), the Ducks became the only undefeated Club team on the West coast, according to Tornabene.

Oregon plays its home games at the Lane County Ice Arena at the Lane County Fair Grounds. The Ducks first two I-5 Cup games against Washington start at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

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The sad part is I can still count the total number of columns I have written without having to take off my shoes.

"That's brutal," my colleague Jon Roetman would say.

I don't really know if this could be considered burnout since five columns is nothing considering I only have to write one per week. Burnout happens about column 500 or 1,000, not five.

I shouldn't dread wandering around the office with a foam football. I shouldn't need to pick somebody's brain.

I know, maybe I could start writing next week's column. Get a head start. Except I don't have an idea for next week either.

As a sidebar, Sports Illustrated's

Rick Reilly wrote a column kind of similar to this, so I expect some mail and a fairly hefty lawsuit sometime next week.

Better yet, maybe I'll just print his column and call it mine.

There. Next week's column idea, solved.

As a final note: My original intent for the column this week was to lavish myself with high praise and rich rewards for correctly picking the Red Sox to win in seven against the Yankees. And yes, I cringed and wavered when they were down 3-0, but in the end and in print I stated the Red Sox would win. So until I make another incorrect prediction in print, I shall be referred to as the Soothsayer of the Oregon Daily Emerald Sports Desk.

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