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SPORTS RELEASE: MEN'S TENNIS – Thursday, April 13, 2006

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4/13 – LINFIELD 4, GEORGE FOX 1: Bruins End Regular Season with Rain-Abbreviated Loss to Wildcats

NEWBERG, Ore. – Playing their final regular-season match of the 2006 season, the George Fox University Bruins picked up a win only at #1 singles and dropped a rain-shortened 4-1 decision to the Linfield College Wildcats in Northwest Conference men's tennis Thursday afternoon here at the GFU campus courts.

Linfield took the doubles point by winning all three matches. John Yates and Wes Gabrielson defeated the Bruins' Mac Ovenell and Kyle Pearson at #1, Jason Clements and Kei Sato downed Tyson Hunter and Billy Johnson 8-3 at #2, and Jed and Luke Rembold dropped Ralf Schulz and Shawn McKenzie 8-3 at #3.

Tyson Hunter secured the Bruins' only win when he downed Owen Suagee 6-1, 6-3 at #1 singles. The Wildcats prevailed at #2 with Yates over Pearson 6-1, 6-2, at #3 with Clements over Ovenell 7-5, 6-4, and at #6 with Cole Shelton over Ethan Headley 6-1, 6-4. Rain halted play at #4, where Gabrielson led Johnson 6-1, 1-1, and at #5, with Sato having taken the first set from Schulz 6-0.

George Fox ends the regular season with a 4-12 record both overall and in the conference. The Bruins are in 7th place in the league standings, and if they are to have any hope of making the six-team field for the NWC Championships April 21-22 in Yakima, Wash., they need for the 6th-place team, Willamette University (4-9 in the NWC), to drop all three of their remaining matches. Linfield is 12-7 overall and 11-4 in the conference, good for 3rd place, and is scheduled to play at the University of Puget Sound Saturday at 11:00 a.m.

Linfield 4, at George Fox 1 – April 13, 2006, at Newberg, Ore.

Singles

- #1 – Tyson Hunter (GF) def. Owen Suagee (L) 6-1, 6-3
- #2 – John Yates (L) def. Kyle Pearson (GF) 6-1, 6-2
- #3 – Jason Clements (L) def. Mac Ovenell (GF) 7-5, 6-4
- #4 – Wes Gabrielson (L) vs. Billy Johnson (GF), DNF, rain (Linfield up 6-1, 1-1)
- #5 – Kei Sato (L) vs. Ralf Schulz (GF), DNF, rain (Linfield up 6-0)
- #6 – Cole Shelton (L) def. Ethan Headley (GF) 6-1, 6-4

Doubles

- #1 – Yates/Gabrielson (L) def. Ovenell/Pearson (GF) 8-2
- #2 – Clements/Sato (L) def. Hunter/Johnson (L) 8-3
- #3 – Luke Rembold/Jeb Rembold def Schulz/Shawn MacKenzie (GF) 8-3

Records: George Fox (4-12, NWC 4-12), Linfield (12-7, NWC 11-4)

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4/12 – GEORGE FOX 4, LEWIS & CLARK 3: Doubles Point and Singles Split Carries Bruins Past Pios

NEWBERG, Ore. – A 2-1 edge in doubles and a split in the six singles contests was enough to give the George Fox University Bruins a 4-3 edge over the Lewis & Clark College Pioneers in the next-to-last regular-season match for the Bruins in Northwest Conference men's tennis Wednesday afternoon here at the GFU campus courts.

The Bruins lost the #1 doubles match as the Pioneers' Satoshi Goda and Luke Wheeler edged Tyson Hunter and Ethan Headley 8-6, but the home team bounced back to secure the doubles point in the next two matches. Kyle Pearson, playing at about 80% strength as he continues to recover from an early-season ankle sprain, and Billy Johnson were able to overcome Yuichiro Yano and Joey Braman 8-5 at #2, and Mac Ovenell and Ralf Schulz defeated Jereon Hopster and Tom Youmans 8-2 at #3.

In singles, the Bruins won at #1 with Hunter defeating Goda 6-3, 6-3, at #3 as Ovenell overpowered Hopster 6-0, 6-0, and at #5 with Schulz swatting Youmans 6-0, 6-1. The Pios prevailed at #2 with Wheeler popping Pearson 6-3, 6-2, at #4 when Yano split sets with Johnson before winning 5-7, 6-1, 7-5, and at #6 as Braman bounced Headley 7-5, 6-3.

George Fox improved to 4-11 overall and in conference play with its second straight win, slipping past Lewis & Clark into seventh in the NWC standings. The Bruins host Linfield College Thursday at 3:30 p.m. in their final regular-season match. Lewis & Clark slipped to 3-15 overall and 3-11 in the league, and visits the University of Puget Sound Friday for a 4:30 p.m. match.

At George Fox 4, Lewis & Clark 3 – April 12, 2006, at Newberg, Ore.

Singles

#1 – Tyson Hunter (GF) def. Satoshi Goda (L&C) 6-3, 6-3

#2 – Luke Wheeler (L&C) def. Kyle Pearson (GF) 6-3, 6-2

#3 – Mac Ovenell (GF) def. Jereon Hopster (L&C) 6-0, 6-0

#3 – Yuichiro Yano (L&C) def. Billy Johnson (GF) 5-7, 6-1, 7-5

#5 – Ralf Schulz (GF) def. Tom Youmans (L&C) 6-0, 6-1

#6 – Joey Braman (L&C) def. Ethan Headley (GF) 7-5, 6-3

Doubles

#1 – Goda/Wheeler (L&C) def. Hunter/Headley (GF) 8-6

#2 – Pearson/Johnson (GF) def. Yano/Braman (L&C) 8-5

#3 – Ovenell/Schulz (GF) def. Hopster/Youmans (L&C) 8-2

Records: George Fox (4-11, 4-11), Lewis & Clark (3-15, 3-11)

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4/7 – GEORGE FOX 7, PACIFIC 0: Bruins Blank Boxers with Straight-Set Wins in Every Match

NEWBERG, Ore. – Rolling through their contest in less than three hours, the George Fox University Bruins swept the Pacific University Boxers in straight sets in every match for a 7-0 victory in Northwest Conference men's tennis Friday afternoon here at the GFU campus courts.

The Bruins opened with doubles wins by Tyson Hunter and Ethan Headley over Ashten Kawabe and Derek Atta 8-0 at #1, Mac Ovenell and Billy Johnson over Bobby Niimi and Kyle Tomita 8-0 at #2, and Cameron Bedrosian and Johnny Walker over Brysen Yoshimuri and Jake Croft 8-3 at #3. That gave George Fox the doubles point.

In singles, it was Hunter over Kawabe 6-0, 6-2 at #1, Jordon Vargas over Atta 6-2, 6-0 at #2, Johnson over Tomita 6-0, 6-0 at #3, Ovenell over Niimi 6-0, 6-0 at #4, Ralf Schulz over Croft 6-1, 6-0 at #5, and Shawn McKenzie over Dan Uhl 6-1, 6-2 at #6.

George Fox improved to 3-11 overall and in conference play, while Pacific fell to 0-15 overall and in the league. The Bruins next host Lewis & Clark College Saturday at 10 a.m. The Boxers play again Sunday at 11 a.m. at Lewis & Clark.

At George Fox 7, Pacific 0 – Apr. 7, 2006, at Newberg, Ore.

Singles

#1 – Tyson Hunter (GF) def. Ashten Kawabe (P) 6-0, 6-2

#2 – Jordon Vargas (GF) def. Derek Atta (P) 6-2, 6-0

#3 – Billy Johnson (GF) def. Kyle Tomita (P) 6-0, 6-0

#4 – Mac Ovenell (GF) def. Bobby Niimi (P) 6-0, 6-0

#5 – Ralf Schulz (GF) def. Jake Croft (P) 6-1, 6-0

#6 – Shawn McKenzie (GF) def. Dan Uhl (P) 6-1, 6-2

Doubles

#1 – Hunter/Headley (GF) def. Kawabe/Atta (P) 8-0

#2 – Ovenell/Johnson (GF) def. Tomita/Niimi (P) 8-0

#3 – Cameron Bedrosian/Johnny Walker (GF) def. Brysen Yoshimuri/Croft 8-3

Records: George Fox (3-11, 3-11), Pacific (0-15, 0-15)

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4/1 – PUGET SOUND 4, GEORGE FOX 3: Doubles Points Lifts Loggers by Bruins as Singles Split

NEWBERG, Ore. – Taking the opening doubles point by winning two of the three doubles matches proved decisive when the subsequent singles matches were split, giving the University of Puget Sound Loggers a narrow 4-3 win over the George Fox University Bruins in a Northwest Conference men's tennis match Saturday afternoon here at the GFU campus courts.

George Fox won at #1 singles as Tyson Hunter and Ethan Headley downed Nick Amland and Jamie Hosmer 8-5, but Puget Sound secured the point as Andrew Neal and Stephan Bergland won 8-3 over Jordon Vargas and Billy Johnson at #2, and Drew Gemmer and Andrew Oates edged Mac Ovenell and Ralf Schulz 8-6 at #3.

In singles, the Bruins got wins from Hunter over Neal 6-2, 6-0 at #1, Ovenell over Oates 6-4, 6-2 at #5, and Schulz over Zach Peeler 6-2, 6-3 at #6. The Loggers claimed the match with wins by Amland over Vargas 6-0, 6-1 at #2, Hosmer over Johnson 6-1, 6-1 at #3, and Gemmer over Headley 7-5, 6-3 at #4.

George Fox is now 2-11 on the season and in league play, while Puget Sound is 8-3 overall and in the NWC. Both teams return to action Friday, the Bruins hosting Pacific University at 2:30 p.m. while the Loggers visit Whitworth College at 3 p.m.

Puget Sound 4, at George Fox 3 – Apr. 1, 2006, at Newberg, Ore.

Singles

- #1 – Tyson Hunter (GF) def. Andrew Neal (PS) 6-2, 6-0
- #2 – Nick Amland (PS) def. Jordon Vargas (GF) 6-0, 6-1
- #3 – Jamie Hosmer (PS) def. Billy Johnson (GF) 6-1, 6-1
- #4 – Drew Gemmer (PS) def. Ethan Headley (GF) 7-5, 6-3
- #5 – Mac Ovenell (GF) def. Andrew Oates (PS) 6-4, 6-2
- #6 – Ralf Schulz (GF) def. Zach Peeler (PS) 6-2, 6-3

Doubles

- #1 – Hunter/Headley (GF) def. Amland/Hosmer (PS) 8-5
- #2 – Neal/Stephan Bergland (PS) def. Johnson/Vargas (GF) 8-3
- #3 – Gemmer/Oates (PS) def. Schulz/Ovenell (GF) 8-6

Records: George Fox (2-11, 2-11), Puget Sound (8-3, 8-3)

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3/31 – WILLAMETTE 5, GEORGE FOX 2: Bruins Win Doubles but Falter in Singles as Bearcats Prevail

SALEM, Ore. – After taking all three doubles matches, the George Fox University Bruins were able to gain only one more win in singles and fell 5-2 to the Willamette University Bearcats in a Northwest Conference men's tennis match here Friday.

It was the first match for the Bruins since March 17. The team went to New Braunfels, Texas, during its spring break, and while they did not play any intercollegiate matches, they were able to get some outstanding instruction from the tennis professionals at the John Newcombe Tennis Ranch, as well as competing against some of the nation's best amateurs at the tennis camp.

The Bruins took the doubles point with a sweep as Tyson Hunter and Bily Johnson downed Eric MacMillan and Shaun Mihalick 9-8 (7-1) at #1, Kyle Pearson and Jordon Vargas dropped Dave Reichert and Geoff Klein 8-3 at #2, and Mac Ovenell and Ralf Schulz won over Fitz Paccione and Alex Sepenzis 9-7 at #3.

The Bruins' lone win thereafter came at #5 singles, as Ovenell triumphed over Reichert 6-3, 6-1. In the rest of the singles, it was MacMillan over Hunter 6-4, 6-3 at #1, Paccione over Pearson 6-4, 6-2 at #2, Mihalick over Vargas 6-3, 6-4 at #3, Sepenzis over Johnson 2-6, 6-3, 6-3 at #4, and Klein over Schulz 6-2, 6-3 at #6.

George Fox is now 2-9 overall and in the conference, while Willamette is 3-8 and 3-8. The Bruins were to play Pacific Lutheran University at home later Friday afternoon at 3:30 p.m. The Bearcats host Lewis & Clark College Saturday at 10 a.m.

At Willamette 5, George Fox 2 – Mar. 31, 2006, at Salem, Ore.

Singles

- #1 – Eric MacMillan (W) def. Tyson Hunter (GF) 6-4, 6-3
- #2 – Fitz Paccione (W) def. Kyle Pearson (GF) 6-4, 6-2
- #3 – Shaun Mihalick (W) def. Jordon Vargas (GF) 6-3, 6-4
- #4 – Alex Sepenzis (W) def. Billy Johnson (GF) 2-6, 6-3, 6-3
- #5 – Mac Ovenell (GF) def. Dave Reichert (W) 6-3, 6-1
- #6 – Geoff Klein (W) def. Ralf Schulz (G) 6-2, 6-3

Doubles

- #1 – Hunter/Johnson (GF) def. MacMillan/Mihalick (W) 9-8 (7-1)
- #2 – Vargas/Pearson (GF) def. Reichert/Klein (W) 8-3
- #3 – Ovenell/Schulz (GF) def. Paccione/Sepenzis (W) 9-7

Records: George Fox (2-9, 2-9), Willamette (3-8, 3-8)

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3/17 – WHITWORTH 6, GEORGE FOX 1: Short-Handed Bruins Wait Until Late to Drop Road Match to Pirates

SPOKANE, Wash. – Playing without three of their top six players and having to wait four hours to get the match going, the George Fox University Bruins dropped a 6-1 decision to the Whitworth College Pirates in a Northwest Conference men's tennis match here Friday night.

The match had been scheduled to start at 3:00 p.m., but rain in the area finally forced the teams indoors at a nearby racquet club. As courts were not immediately available, the match did not get started until 7:00 p.m. The Bruins were short-handed in the match to begin with as Kyle Pearson, Billy Johnson, and Ethan Headley were all unavailable for various reasons.

Whitworth captured the doubles point with two wins in three matches. Ed Anegon and Ben Works defeated the Bruins' Tyson Hunter and Cameron Bedrosian 8-1 at #1, and Michael Carlson and Jeremiah Collins downed Jordan Vargas and Ralf Schulz 8-4 at #2. The Bruins took the #3 doubles as Mac Ovenell and Shawn McKenzie prevailed over Colin Storm and Trevor Strang 8-5.

Hunter was the only singles winner for the Bruins, defeating Anegon 6-3, 6-3 at #1. In the other matches, Works defeated Vargas 7-6, 4-6, 6-1 at #2, Carlson edged Ovenell 6-4, 5-7, 7-6 at #3, Collins dropped Schulz 6-3, 4-6, 6-1 at #4, Storm took out McKenzie 2-6, 6-3, (10-2) at #5, and Strang defeated Johnny Walker 6-4, 6-3 at #6.

George Fox is now 2-8 overall and in the conference, while Whitworth is 4-5 overall and 4-3 in league play. The Bruins do not play again until their Texas Spring Break trip March 24-29 at the John Newcombe Tennis Ranch in New Braunfels. A schedule for the team is still pending. The Pirates were to take on Lewis & Clark College Saturday in a conference match.

At Whitworth 6, George Fox 1 – March 17, 2006, at Spokane, Wash.

Singles

- #1 - Tyson Hunter (GF) def. Ed Anegon (W) 6-3, 6-3
- #2 - Ben Works (W) def. Jordan Vargas (GF) 7-6, 4-6, 6-1
- #3 - Michael Carlson (W) def. Mac Ovenell (GF) 6-4, 5-7, 7-6
- #4 - Jeremiah Collins (W) def. Ralf Schulz (GF) 6-3, 4-6, 6-1
- #5 - Colin Storm (W) def. Shawn McKenzie (GF) 2-6, 6-3, (10-2)
- #6 - Trevor Strang (W) def. Johnny Walker (GF) 6-4, 6-3

Doubles

- #1 - Anegon/Works (W) def. Hunter/Cameron Bedrosian (GF) 8-1
- #2 - Carlson/Collins (W) def. Vargas/Schulz (GF) 8-4
- #3 - Ovenell/McKenzie (GF) def. Storm/Strang (W) 8-5

Records: George Fox (2-8, 2-8), Whitworth (4-5, 4-3)

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3/11 – PACIFIC LUTHERAN 7, GEORGE FOX 0: Lutes Sweep Every Set to Breeze by Bruins

NEWBERG, Ore. – On a crisp, cold day in the Willamette Valley, the Pacific Lutheran University Lutes were the hottest thing around as they swept every set in a 7-0 victory over the George Fox University Bruins in Northwest Conference men's tennis Saturday morning here at the GFU campus courts.

The Lutes began the day by taking the doubles point, with David Miller and Justin Larimore defeating the Bruins' Tyson Hunter and Ethan Headley 8-3 at #1, Ben Schaefer and Tyler Ochsner blanking Mac Ovenell and Ralf Schulz 8-0 at #2, and Jared Vidano and James Odan knocking off Billy Johnson and Jordon Vargas 8-3 at #3.

In singles, the Lutes got victories from Miller over Hunter 6-3, 6-4 at #1, Larimore over Ovenell 6-2, 6-0 at #2, Schaefer over Johnson 6-1, 6-0 at #3, Vidano over Vargas 6-2, 6-2 at #4, Ochsner over Schulz 6-1, 6-3 at #5, and Alex Thieman over Headley 6-2, 6-0 at #6.

George Fox is now 2-7 overall and in conference play, while Pacific Lutheran improves to 4-1 overall and in the league. The Bruins travel to Spokane, Wash., Friday to take on Whitworth College at 3 p.m. The Lutes were to play again Saturday afternoon at Pacific University at 3 p.m.

Pacific Lutheran 7, at George Fox 0 – March 11, 2006, at Newberg, Ore.

Singles

- #1 – David Miller (PL) def. Tyson Hunter (GF) 6-3, 6-4
- #2 – Justin Larimore (PL) def. Mac Ovenell (GF) 6-2, 6-0
- #3 – Ben Schaefer (PL) def. Billy Johnson (GF) 6-1, 6-0
- #4 – Jared Vidano (PL) def. Jordan Vargas (GF) 6-2, 6-2
- #5 – Tyler Ochsner (PL) def. Ralf Schulz (GF) 6-1, 6-3
- #6 – Alex Thieman (PL) def. Ethan Headley (GF) 6-2, 6-0

Doubles

- #1 – Miller/Larimore (PL) def. Hunter/Headley (GF) 8-3
- #2 – Schaefer/Ochsner (PL) def. Ovenell/Schulz (GF) 8-0
- #3 – Vidano/James Odan (PL) def. Johnson/Vargas (GF) 8-3

Records: George Fox (2-7, 2-7), Pacific Lutheran (4-1, 4-1)

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3/10 – LINFIELD 7, GEORGE FOX 0: Bruins Battle Gamely but Wildcats Show Superiority in Sweep

McMINNVILLE, Ore. – Although they came close in several matches, the George Fox University Bruins could not put the finishing touches on a few sets and took a 7-0 loss to the Linfield College Wildcats in a Northwest Conference men's tennis match here at Linfield's indoor courts Friday afternoon.

The match had originally been scheduled for Newberg, but the teams swapped home dates due to cold and wet conditions on the GFU courts. The teams will now play in Newberg on April 14.

The Bruins' Tyson Hunter and Ethan Headley nearly pulled off an upset, losing the #1 doubles match to the Wildcats' Owen Saugee and Ian McGrath 9-8 (1). The other doubles matches were swept as Linfield's Wes Gabrielson and John Yates shut out Mac Ovenell and Ralf Schulz 8-0 at #2, and Ramsey Selbak and Jon Roberts coasted by Billy Johnson and Jordan Vargas 8-0 at #3.

In singles, Saugee edged Hunter in a tiebreaker 6-3, 5-7, (10-8) at #1, Selbak downed Ovenell 6-1, 6-4 at #2, Gabrielson held off Johnson 6-4, 7-5 at #3, McGrath dropped Vargas 6-2, 6-1 at #4, Yates clipped Schulz 6-1, 6-2 at #5, and Jed Rembold defeated Shawn McKenzie 6-2, 6-1 at #6.

George Fox is now 2-6 overall and 2-6 in conference play, while Linfield improves to 5-3 overall and 5-2 in the league. The Bruins host Pacific Lutheran University Saturday at 10 a.m., weather permitting; the game will be played at the indoor courts at Lewis & Clark College at 4 p.m. if the GFU courts prove unplayable. The Wildcats host the University of Puget Sound Saturday at 11 a.m.

At Linfield 7, George Fox 0 – March 10, 2006, at McMinnville, Ore.

Singles

- #1 - Owen Saugee (L) def. Tyson Hunter (GF) 6-3, 5-7, (10-8)
- #2 - Ramsey Selbak (L) def. Mac Ovenell (GF) 6-1, 6-4
- #3 - Wes Gabrielson (L) def. Billy Johnson (GF) 6-4, 7-5
- #4 - Ian McGrath (L) def. Jordan Vargas (GF) 6-2, 6-1
- #5 - John Yates (L) def. Ralf Shulz (GF) 6-1, 6-2
- #6 - Jed Rembold (L) def. Shawn McKenzie (GF) 6-2, 6-1

Doubles

- #1 - Saugee/McGrath (L) def. Hunter/Ethan Headley (GF) 9-8 (1)
- #2 - Gabrielson/Yates (L) def. Ovenell/Shulz (GF) 8-0
- #3 - Selbak/Jon Roberts (L) def. Johnson/Vargas (GF) 8-0

Records: George Fox (2-6, 2-6), Linfield (5-3, 5-2)

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3/4 – LEWIS & CLARK 5, GEORGE FOX 2; GEORGE FOX 7, PACIFIC 0: Bruins Split on Road without Top Two Players

PORTLAND, Ore. / FOREST GROVE, Ore. – Competing without their top two players, the George Fox University Bruins managed a split of their Northwest Conference men's tennis matches Saturday, falling 5-2 to the Lewis & Clark College Pioneers in a morning match in Portland before bouncing back to beat the Pacific University Boxers 7-0 in Forest Grove in the afternoon.

The Bruins' #1 player, Tyson Hunter, missed the weekend because of National Guard reserve duty, while #2 player Kyle Pearson is recovering from a sprained ankle suffered in a match at Puget Sound on Feb. 25. Hunter will be back for the Bruins' next matches, while Pearson is hopefully of being back on the courts in a couple of weeks.

In the Lewis & Clark match, George Fox won the doubles point but then dropped five of the six singles matches. In doubles, the Bruins got wins from Billy Johnson and Jordon Vargas over the Pios' Luke Wheeler and Joey Braman 8-5 at #2, and from Ralf Schulz and Shawn McKenzie over Jeroen Hopster and Charles Halvorson 8-5 at #3. The Pios won at #1, Satoshi Goda and Yuichiro Yano defeating Mac Ovenell and Ethan Headley 8-1.

The Bruins' only win in singles came at #4, where Schulz defeated Yano 4-6, 7-6, 6-1. The Pios got victories from Goda over Ovenell 6-2, 6-1 at #1, Wheeler over Johnson 6-0, 6-4 at #2, Hopster over Vargas 6-4, 3-6, 6-4 at #3, Tom Youmans over Headley 6-3, 4-6, 6-4 at #5, and Braman over McKenzie 6-4, 6-4 at #6.

At Pacific, the Bruins swept everything in straight sets. In doubles, Johnson and Vargas defeated the Boxers' Ashten Kawabe and Derek Atta 8-4 at #1, and Schulz and McKenzie downed Kyle Tomita and Bobby Niimi 8-1 at #2. The #3 doubles was not contested.

In singles, it was Ovenell over Kawabe 6-0, 6-2 at #1, Johnson over Atta 6-1, 6-3 at #2, Vargas over Tomita 6-1, 6-0 at #3, Headley over Niimi 6-2, 6-2 at #4, Cameron Bedrosian over Jake Croft 6-4, 6-4 at #5, and Johnny Walker over Dan Uhl 6-1, 6-2 at #6.

George Fox is now 2-5 overall and in the conference, while Lewis & Clark is 1-4 and 1-4, and Pacific is 0-4 and 0-4. The Bruins continue conference play Friday when they host Linfield College at 2:30 p.m.

At Lewis & Clark 5, George Fox 2 – Mar. 4, 2006, at Portland, Ore.

Singles

- #1 – Satoshi Goda (LC) def. Mac Ovenell (GF) 6-2, 6-1
- #2 – Luke Wheeler (LC) def. Billy Johnson (GF) 6-0, 6-4
- #3 – Jeroen Hopster (LC) def. Jordon Vargas (GF) 6-4, 3-6, 6-4
- #4 – Ralf Schulz (GF) def. Yuichiro Yano (LC) 4-6, 7-6, 6-1
- #5 – Tom Youmans (LC) def. Ethan Headley (GF) 6-3, 4-6, 6-4
- #6 – Joey Braman (LC) def. Shawn McKenzie (GF) 6-4, 6-4

Doubles

- #1 – Goda/Yano (LC) def. Headley/Ovenell (GF) 8-1
- #2 – Johnson/Vargas (GF) d. Wheeler/Braman (LC) 8-5
- #3 – Schulz/McKenzie (GF) def. Hopster/Halvorson (LC) 8-5

Records: George Fox (1-5, 1-5), Lewis & Clark (1-4, 1-4)

George Fox 7, at Pacific 0 – Mar. 4, 2006, at Forest Grove, Ore.

Singles

- #1 – Mac Ovenell (GFU) def. Ashten Kawabe (P) 6-0, 6-2
- #2 – Billy Johnson (GFU) def. Derek Atta (P) 6-1, 6-3
- #3 – Jordan Vargas (GFU) def. Kyle Tomita (P) 6-1, 6-0
- #4 – Ethan Headley (GFU) def. Bobby Niimi (P) 6-2, 6-2
- #5 – Cameron Bedrosian (GFU) def. Jake Croft (P) 6-4, 6-4
- #6 – Johnny Walker (GFU) def. Dan Uhl (P) 6-1, 6-2

Doubles

- #1 – Johnson/Vargas (GFU) def. Kawabe/Atta (P) 8-4
- #2 – Ralf Schulz/Shawn McKenzie (GFU) def. Tomita/Niimi (P) 8-1
- #3 – Not contested

Records: George Fox (2-5, 2-5), Pacific (0-4, 0-4)

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2/25 – PUGET SOUND 5, GEORGE FOX 2: Pearson Stumbles and So Do Bruins in Loss to Loggers

TACOMA, Wash. – They had already won the doubles point, they were winning comfortably at #1 singles and were ahead at #2 singles – and then Kyle Pearson rolled his ankle, enabling the University of Puget Sound Loggers to roll over the George Fox University Bruins 5-2 in a Northwest Conference men's tennis match here Saturday afternoon.

The visiting Bruins captured the doubles point when Tyson Hunter and Pearson defeated the Loggers' Nick Amland and Andrew Neal 9-7 at #1, and Billy Johnson and Jordon Vargas downed Dan Dauydou and Stephan Bergland 8-5 at #3. Puget Sound took the #2 doubles when Drew Gemmer and Andrew Oates won over Ethan Headley and Mac Ovenell 8-2.

Hunter posted a 6-1, 6-3 win over Amland at #1 singles, and Pearson had a 3-2 lead in the first set against Neal when he reversed backward for a lob over his head, only to roll the ankle over, forcing him to default the match. Said assistant coach Rob Cruz, "You could hear the pop all the way across the courts." Preliminary reports indicate the possibility of at least a two weeks' absence by Pearson.

Following that accident, which held up other play for about 10 minutes, Puget Sound rallied. Gemmer dropped Ovenell 6-1, 6-1 at #3, Oates prevailed in a #4 tie-breaker set over Johnson 6-1, 4-6, (10-6), even though the George Fox coaches lobbied for playing the match out, Dauydou dropped Vargas 6-2, 6-3 at #5, and Zach Peeler overcame Ralf Schulz, in his first action of the season, 6-4, 2-6, 6-3.

George Fox is now 1-4 on the season and in league play, while Puget Sound is 3-0 overall and in the NWC. The Bruins play again Saturday, visiting Pacific University at 3:30 p.m. The Loggers play Friday, hosting Whitworth College at 4:30 p.m.

At Puget Sound 5, George Fox 2 – Feb. 25, 2006, at Tacoma, Wash.

Singles

- #1 – Tyson Hunter (GF) def. Nick Amland (PS) 6-1, 6-3
- #2 – Andrew Neal (PS) def. Kyle Pearson (GF) 2-3, injury default
- #3 – Drew Gemmer (PS) def. Mac Ovenell (GF) 6-1, 6-1
- #4 – Andrew Oates (PS) def. Billy Johnson (GF) 6-1, 4-6, (10-6)
- #5 – Dan Dauydou (PS) def. Jordon Vargas (GF) 6-2, 6-3
- #6 – Zach Peeler (PS) def. Ralf Schulz (GF) 6-4, 2-6, 6-3

Doubles

- #1 – Hunter/Pearson (GF) def. Amland/Neal (PS) 9-7
- #2 – Gemmer/Oates (PS) def. Ethan Headley/Ovenell (GF) 8-2
- #3 – Johnson/Vargas (GF) d. Dauydou/Stephan Bergland (PS) 8-5

Records: George Fox (1-4, 1-4), Puget Sound (3-0, 3-0)

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2/24 – GEORGE FOX 4, WILLAMETTE 3: Bruins Fight Off Bearcats for First Victory of New Season

NEWBERG, Ore. – Capturing the doubles point while splitting the singles, the George Fox University Bruins notched their first win of the 2006 men's tennis season with a 4-3 victory over the Willamette University Bearcats Friday afternoon here at the GFU campus courts.

The Bruins opened with wins at #1 doubles, where Tyson Hunter and Kyle Pearson downed Eric MacMillan and Shaun Mihalick 8-4, and at #3 doubles, with Mac Ovenell and Billy Johnson taking down Dave Reichert and Geoff Klein 8-2. The Bearcats won at #2 doubles, Fitz Paccione and Jeff Garrison defeating Ethan Headley and Jordon Vargas 8-5.

The Bruins took the first two singles with relative ease, Hunter overpowering MacMillan 6-1, 6-3 at #1 and Pearson nearly sweeping Garrison 6-0, 6-1 in a match that took barely 40 minutes. The Bruins were able to secure the win when Johnson staged a brilliant comeback at #4 singles against Mihalick. Johnson took the first set 6-4 but lost the second 6-7 (7-2), and fell behind 0-4 in the third, but then reeled of six straight wins for a dramatic 6-4 turnaround.

The Bearcats prevailed in the other three matches, Paccione bouncing back to defeat Ovenell 4-6, 7-5, 6-3 at #3, Reichert downing Headley 7-5, 6-0 at #5, and Alex Sepenzis edging Vargas 7-6 (7-5), 6-3 at #6.

George Fox is now 1-3 overall and in the conference, while Willamette is 0-3 and 0-3. The Bruins go to the University of Puget Sound Saturday for a noon match. The Bearcats are at Lewis & Clark College Saturday at 10 a.m.

At George Fox 4, Willamette 3 – Feb. 24, 2006, at Newberg, Ore.

Singles

- #1 – Tyson Hunter (GF) def. Eric MacMillan (W) 6-1, 6-3
- #2 – Kyle Pearson (GF) def. Jeff Garrison (W) 6-0, 6-1
- #3 – Fitz Paccione (W) def. Mac Ovenell (GF) 4-6, 7-5, 6-3
- #4 – Billy Johnson (GF) def. Shaun Mihalick (W) 6-4, 6-7 (7-2), 6-4
- #5 – Dave Reichert (W) def. Ethan Headley (GF) 7-5, 6-0
- #6 – Alex Sepenzis (W) def. Jordon Vargas (GF) 7-6 (7-5), 6-3

Doubles

- #1 – Hunter/Pearson (GF) def. MacMillan/Mihalick (W) 8-4
- #2 – Paccione/Garrison (W) def. Vargas/Headley (GF) 8-5
- #3 – Ovenell/Johnson (GF) def. Reichert/Geoff Klein (W) 8-2

Records: George Fox (1-3, 1-3), Willamette (0-3, 0-3)

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2/19 – WHITMAN 7-5, GEORGE FOX 0-2: Missionaries Hand Bruins Losses on Consecutive Days

NEWBERG, Ore. – Playing five men's tennis matches in the Portland area in three days, the Whitman College Missionaries went 4-1, including a pair of victories over the George Fox University Bruins, 7-0 on Saturday at Lewis & Clark College's indoor courts in Portland and 5-2 on Sunday here at the GFU campus courts.

In Saturday's match, the Bruins won 13 total games and no sets. In singles, Whitman's Steven Ly defeated George Fox's Tyson Hunter 6-1, 6-4 in the most competitive match at #1. Other Missionary wins went to Phalkun Mam over Kyle Pearson 6-0, 6-0 at #2, Robbie Munday over Mac Ovenell 6-1, 6-1 at #3, Dane Miller over Ethan Headley 6-0, 6-0 at #4, Adam Chemerinsky over Jordon Vargas 6-0, 6-1 at #5, and Justin Shoolery over Billy Johnson 6-0, 6-1 at #6.

Whitman's doubles wins went to Ly and Mam over Hunter and Pearson 8-3 at #1, Munday and Miller over Headley and Vargas 8-1 at #2, and Chemerinsky and Shoolery over Ovenell and Johnson 8-0 at #3.

The Bruins gave the Missionaries a much better match Sunday on the slower-paced outdoor courts on campus. Hunter defeated Munday 6-4, 6-3 at #1 singles and Johnson, down to set point twice in the second set and once in the tiebreaker, rallied to edge Reid Bennett 6-4, 7-6 (8-6) at #6. The other singles matches went to Whitman, with Miller over Pearson 6-1, 6-2 at #2, Chemerinsky over Ovenell 6-0, 6-1 at #3, Shoolery over Headley 6-1, 6-1 at #4, and Aaron Cho over Vargas 6-3, 7-6 at #5.

Whitman swept the doubles, with Munday and Miller downing Hunter and Pearson 8-3 at #1, Chemerinsky and Shoolery beating Vargas and Headley 8-2 at #2, and Cho and Aaron Lee hanging on to defeat Ovenell and Johnson 8-6 after leading 7-2 at #3.

George Fox is now 0-3 overall and in the Northwest Conference, while Whitman is 6-2 overall and 4-0 in the NWC. The Bruins play again Friday at Willamette University at 2:30 p.m. The Missionaries' next match is Wednesday when they host the University of Calgary at 4:30 p.m.

Whitman 7, George Fox 0 – Feb. 18, 2006, at Lewis & Clark College, Portland, Ore.

Singles

- #1 – Steven Ly (W) def. Tyson Hunter (GF) 6-1, 6-4
- #2 – Phalkun Mam (W) def. Kyle Pearson (GF) 6-0, 6-0
- #3 – Robbie Munday (W) def. Mac Ovenell (GF) 6-1, 6-1
- #4 – Dane Miller (W) def. Ethan Headley (GF) 6-0, 6-0
- #5 – Adam Chemerinsky (W) def. Jordon Vargas (GF) 6-0, 6-1
- #6 – Justin Shoolery (W) def. Billy Johnson (GF) 6-0, 6-1

Doubles

- #1 – Ly/Mam (W) def. Hunter-Pearson (GF) 8-3
- #2 – Munday/Miller (W) def. Vargas/Headley (GF) 8-1
- #3 – Chemerinsky/Shoolery (W) def. Ovenell/Johnson (GF) 8-0

Records: George Fox (0-2, 0-2), Whitman (4-1, 2-0)

Whitman 5, at George Fox 2 – Feb. 19, 2006, at Newberg, Ore.

Singles

- #1 – Tyson Hunter (GF) def. Robbie Munday (W) 6-4, 6-3
- #2 – Dane Miller (W) def. Kyle Pearson (GF) 6-1, 6-2
- #3 – Adam Chemerinsky (W) def. Mac Ovenell (GF) 6-0, 6-1
- #4 – Justin Shoolery (W) def. Ethan Headley (GF) 6-1, 6-1
- #5 – Aaron Cho (W) def. Jordon Vargas (GF) 6-3, 7-6
- #6 – Billy Johnson (GF) def. Reid Bennett (W) 6-4, 7-6

Doubles

- #1 – Munday/Miller (W) def. Hunter-Pearson (GF) 8-3
- #2 – Chemerinsky/Shoolery (W) def. Vargas/Headley (GF) 8-2
- #3 – Cho/Aaron Lee (W) def. Ovenell/Johnson (GF) 8-6

Records: George Fox (0-3, 0-3), Whitman (6-2, 4-0)

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SPORTS RELEASE: MEN'S TENNIS – Friday, February 17, 2006

2/17 – WHITWORTH 4, GEORGE FOX 3: Bruins Lose Down-to-the-Wire Match with Pirates in Season Opener

BEAVERTON, Ore. – Down 2-0 in singles and having already lost the doubles point, the George Fox University Bruins won three straight matches to forge a tie but couldn't complete the comeback and dropped a 4-3 decision to the Whitworth College Pirates in the Northwest Conference men's tennis opener for both teams Friday afternoon here at the Tualatin Hills Tennis Center.

The match had originally been scheduled for the GFU campus courts, but expected freezing weather (which turned out to be true) led the GFU coaches to move the match indoors.

The Pirates took the match-opening doubles point 2-1. Whitworth's Ed Anegon and Ben Works rallied from a 3-2 deficit to take the #1 doubles 8-4 over George Fox's Tyson Hunter and Kyle Pearson, and the Pirates took the point with an 8-5 win at #2 doubles, Michael Carlson and Jeremiah Collins teaming up to defeat Mac Ovenell and Ethan Headley. The Bruins won the #3 doubles 8-4 as Jordon Vargas and Billy Johnson overcame Scott Bourne and Colin Storm 8-4.

The #4 and #5 singles were the first singles matches to finish, and Whitworth captured them both for a 3-0 lead. Collins defeated Headley 6-3, 6-1 at #4 and Bourne dropped Vargas 6-3, 6-1 at #5. The Bruins bounced back to tie it as First Team All-Conference player Hunter overpowered Anegon 6-2, 6-2 at #1, Pearson hung on to beat Works 6-4, 6-3 at #2, and Johnson downed Storm 6-2, 6-3 at #6.

The match came down to #4 singles before a decision could be reached, with the Pirates' Carlson coming back from a first-set deficit to overtake Ovenell 6-4, 6-3.

George Fox (0-1 overall, 0-1 in the conference) hosts Whitman College Saturday in a game that has been moved from the GFU campus courts to the indoor courts at Lewis & Clark College in Portland at 3:30 p.m. Whitworth (1-2 overall, 1-0 conference) is at Lewis & Clark Saturday morning at 10 a.m.

Whitworth 4, George Fox 3 – Feb. 17, 2006, at Tualatin Hills Tennis Center, Beaverton, Ore.

Singles

- #1 – Tyson Hunter (GF) def. Ed Anegon (W) 6-2, 6-2
- #2 – Kyle Pearson (GF) def. Ben Works (W), 6-3, 6-4
- #3 – Michael Carlson (W) def. Mac Ovenell (GF) 6-4, 6-3
- #4 – Jeremiah Collins (W) def. Ethan Headley (GF) 6-3, 6-1
- #5 – Scoutt Bourne (W) def. Jordon Vargas (GF) 6-3, 6-1
- #6 – Billy Johnson (GF) def. Colin Storm (W) 6-2, 6-3

Doubles

- #1 – Anegon-Works (W) def. Hunter-Pearson (GF) 8-4
- #2 – Carlson/Collins (W) def. Ovenell/Headley (GF) 8-5
- #3 – Vargas/Johnson (GF) def. Bourne/Storm (W) 8-4

Records: George Fox 0-1 (NWC 0-1), Whitworth 1-2 (NWC 1-0)

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SPORTS RELEASE: MEN'S TENNIS – Thursday, February 16, 2006

2/16 – PREVIEW: Cruz Expects Bruins to Show Major Improvement in 2006 Men's Tennis Season

NEWBERG, Ore. – Forgive **Rick Cruz** if he tends to exaggerate when discussing his 2006 George Fox University men's tennis team. "Conference champions?" he says with a laugh.

While a Northwest Conference title would be totally unexpected, the Bruins' head coach, now in his 8th season at his alma mater, is excited about the upcoming season. He realistically believes his team can make the new six-team conference tournament format and possibly even climb into the upper half of the standings in the nine-team league.

"I stress to our guys all the time that we should be in the top six," Cruz predicts. "There is no reason for us not to be; if we're not, it will be mental, not physical. We have the tools to make a major improvement."

The Bruins are coming off a 4-12 campaign that saw them go 3-9 in the conference and finish eighth. With six returning letterwinners and some impressive newcomers, Cruz is optimistic that his charges can put together one of the best tennis seasons in several years.

Leading the way will be **Tyson Hunter** (Jr., Jacksonville, Ore. / Corona del Mar HS-Calif.), a First Team All-Conference player who was 10-4 at #1 singles. "Tyson is a big, strong athlete who can handle anyone in the conference when he's on his game," Cruz comments.

Filling the #2-#5 slots will be **Kyle Pearson** (Jr., Bend, Ore. / Bend HS), **Mac Ovenell** (So., Cashmere, Wash. / Cashmere HS), **Ethan Headley** (So., Newberg, Ore.), and **Jordon Vargas** (So., Camano Island, Wash. / Stanwood HS). Pearson was 3-11 and Ovenell 3-12 while swapping around the #2 and #3 positions. Headley was 3-13 and Vargas 3-11 rotating in the #4 and #5 roles.

"Our young players got a 'baptism under fire' last year," admits Cruz, "but it has paid off. They all came back determined to be even better, and it shows – every one of them seems to be playing much better than they were last year."

The #6 slot will probably go to newcomer **Billy Johnson** (Fr., Salem, Ore. / McKay HS), a fiery, aggressive competitor who enjoys pressure situations. "Billy will definitely be in the top six, and has the potential to play even higher in the lineup before the season is over," says Cruz.

Ralf Schulz (Fr., Lake Oswego, Ore. / Lake Oswego HS) is another rookie who is "close to first string," notes Cruz, "and will probably play quite a bit." The Bruins can also expect to get quality play out of their final returnee, **Shawn McKenzie** (So., Lake Oswego, Ore. / Lakeridge HS), who was 6-8 while playing #3 doubles.

Also available for service are **Johnny Walker** (Sr., Wilmore, Ky. / West Jessamine HS), an academic senior who is playing his first year of college competition, and **Cameron Bedrosian** (Fr., Vancouver, Wash. / CAM HS), a late addition to the roster.

Hunter and Pearson will again pair up to form a formidable #1 doubles team, with Headley and Vargas at #2 and Ovenell and Johnson the mostly likely #3 combination. "Mac and Billy at #3 probably are just as talented as our #2," says Cruz, "but what gives Ethan and Jordon the edge is their consistency. Either way, I expect us to win quite a few doubles points this year." (Men's tennis continues to use the seven-point match scoring system in which only one point is given for the three doubles matches combined.)

The season gets under way this weekend with matches against Whitworth College and Whitman College at home. Due to expected freezing weather, however, some of the matches have been rearranged for indoors. On Friday, the Bruins will play Whitworth at 12 noon at the Tualatin Hills Tennis Center in Beaverton. On Saturday, they will face Whitman at 3:30 p.m. at Lewis & Clark College's indoor courts in Portland. Sunday's game, a rematch with Whitman, at present remains set for 2 p.m. at the GFU campus courts.

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