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# GEORGE FOX UNIVERSITY

SPORTS RELEASE: WOMEN'S TENNIS – Saturday, April 14, 2007

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## **4/14 - PACIFIC LUTHERAN 9, GEORGE FOX 0: Tough Season for Young Bruins Ends in Loss to Lutes**

**TACOMA, Wash.** - A young and relatively-inexperienced George Fox University women's tennis team concluded a difficult growing season Saturday evening here at the Sprinker Recreation Center as the Bruins dropped a 9-0 Northwest Conference match to the Pacific Lutheran University Lutes.

The Lutes won all three doubles matches and took five of the six singles competitions in straight sets. In doubles, it was PLU's Erika Feltus and Nicole Petrzelka over GFU's Valerie Ring and Lindsay Hagler 8-4 at No. 1, Ashley Coats and Bria Smith over Brittany Ekstrom and Leilani Jackson 8-6 at No. 2, and Ashley Brooks and Tracy Fujitani over Shanna Lesire and Rebecca Crinnion 8-1 at No. 3.

PLU's singles wins went to Petrzelka over Ring 6-1, 6-1 at No. 1, Feltus over Hagler 6-1, 6-1 at No. 2, Coats over Crinnion 6-2, 6-2 at No. 3, Liz Currey over Ekstrom 6-2, 6-2 at No. 4, Smith over Jackson 3-6, 6-2, (10-0) at No. 5, and Fujitani over Alayna Shaw 7-5, 6-1 at No. 6.

George Fox, which had only one athletic senior (Ring) on its 12-player roster, ends its season with a 1-16 overall record and a 1-15 mark against conference opponents, tying for 8th. Pacific Lutheran improves to 13-5 overall and finishes the conference season with an 11-5 record, good for 4th in the standings.

The next action for the Lutes, who will be the No. 4 seed, comes Friday-Saturday, Apr. 20-21, at the Northwest Conference Championships in Yakima, Wash. The Bruins did not qualify for the six-team tournament.

## **At Pacific Lutheran 9, George Fox 0 - Saturday, April 14, at Tacoma, Wash.**

### **Singles**

- #1 - Nicole Petrzelka (PL) d. Valerie Ring (GF) 6-1, 6-1
- #2 - Erika Feltus (PL) d. Lindsay Hagler (GF) 6-1, 6-1
- #3 - Ashley Coats (PL) d. Rebecca Crinnion (GF) 6-2, 6-2
- #4 - Liz Currey (PL) d. Brittany Ekstrom (GF) 6-2, 6-2
- #5 - Bria Smith (PL) d. Leilani Jackson (GF) 3-6, 6-2, (10-0)
- #6 - Tracy Fujitani (PL) d. Alayna Shaw (GF) 7-5, 6-1

### **Doubles**

- #1 - Feltus/Petrzelka (PL) d. Ring/Hagler (GF) 8-4
- #2 - Coats/Smith (PL) d. Ekstrom/Jackson (GF) 8-6
- #3 - Ashley Brooks/Fujitani (PL) d. Crinnion/Shanna Lesire (GF) 8-1

**Records:** George Fox (1-16, NWC 1-15), Pacific Lutheran (13-5, NWC 11-5)

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## 4/10 - PACIFIC 5, GEORGE FOX 4: Boxers Edge Bruins for First Win in Over Two Years

FOREST GROVE, Ore. - With the match knotted at four wins apiece, Pacific University's Ashley Spahn scored a three-set win over George Fox University's Rebecca Crinnion at No. 3 singles, giving the Boxers their first win in over two years with a 5-4 decision over the visiting Bruins in a Northwest Conference women's tennis match Tuesday afternoon here at the Pacific courts.

George Fox took the No. 1 doubles match as Valerie Ring and Lindsay Hagler downed Pacific's Dayna Wong and Jamie Yoshino 8-4, but the Boxers bounced back at No. 2, Tessa Krebs and Sophie Waddington winning over Leilani Jackson and Brittany Ekstrom 8-4, and at No. 3, Spahn and Laura Swenson edging Kelsie Howell and Lauren Miller 8-6.

The Bruins took the No. 1 singles with Ring over Wong 6-3, 6-1, No. 4 with Jackson over Waddington 7-6, 6-2, and No. 6 with Shanna Lesire over Kelly McGee 6-3, 6-4, but could not get the fourth one they need for the win. The Boxers sewed up the victory by taking the No. 2 singles, Yoshino over Hagler 6-1, 6-2, the No. 5 singles with Krebs over Linsey Wages 6-1, 6-4, and the decisive No. 3 singles as Spahn nipped Crinnion 5-7, 6-2, 6-4.

George Fox (1-14, NWC 1-13) hosts Willamette University Friday at 3:30 p.m. Pacific (1-16, NWC 1-14) concludes its regular season Sunday at Linfield College at 2 p.m.

## At Pacific 5, George Fox 4 - Tuesday, April 10, at Forest Grove, Ore.

### **Singles**

- #1 - Valerie Ring (GF) d. Dayna Wong (P) 6-3, 6-1
- #2 - Jamie Yoshino (P) d. Lindsay Hagler (GF) 6-1, 6-2
- #3 - Ashley Spahn (P) d. Rebecca Crinnion (GF) 5-7, 6-2, 6-4
- #4 - Leilani Jackson (GF) d. Sophie Waddington (P) 7-6, 6-2
- #5 - Tessa Krebs (P) d. Linsey Wages (GF) 6-1, 6-4
- #6 - Shanna Lesire (GF) d. Kelly McGee (P) 6-3, 6-4

### **Doubles**

- #1 - Ring/Hagler (GF) d. Wong/Yoshino (P) 8-4
- #2 - Krebs/Waddington (P) d. Jackson/Brittany Ekstrom (GF) 8-4
- #3 - Spahn/Laura Swenson (P) d. Kelsie Howell/Lauren Miller (GF) 8-6

**Records:** George Fox (1-14, NWC 1-13), Pacific (1-16, NWC 1-14)

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## 3/31 - WHITWORTH 9, GEORGE FOX 0; WHITMAN 9, GEORGE FOX 0: Bruins Drop Pair to the 'Whits'

**BEAVERTON, Ore.** - In a pair of matches moved indoors due to wet conditions on their campus courts, the George Fox University Bruins dropped a pair of Northwest Conference women's tennis matches, both by 9-0 scores, to the Whitworth College Pirates and the Whitman College Missionaries Saturday here at the Tualatin Hills Tennis Center.

In the Whitworth match played in the morning and early afternoon, the Pirates opened with doubles victories by Linh Aven and Katie Troxell over the Bruins' Valerie Ring and Lindsay Hagler 9-8 (7-5) at No. 1, Betsy Johnson and Rachael McCoola over Leilani Jackson and Brittany Ekstrom 8-1 at No. 2, and Justine Hays and Taryn Smith over Alayna Shaw and Kelsie Howell 8-3 at No. 3. Howell, returning from off-season shoulder surgery, was playing her first match of the season.

In singles, the 4-5-6 matches were played first, and the 1-2-3 singles were shortened to pro sets because of a time limit on the Bruins' use of the very popular facilities at Tualatin Hills. McCoola defeated Ring at No. 1 singles 8-5, Aven blanked Hagler 7-0 (retired) at No. 2, Troxell downed Rebecca Crinnion 8-3 at No. 3, Johnson dropped Ekstrom 6-4, 6-2 at No. 4, Smith edged Jackson 6-4, 7-5 at No. 5, and Hays beat Howell 6-1, 6-2 at No. 6.

The Whitman match took place in the late afternoon and early evening. The Missionaries opened by taking the doubles as Margo Lentz and Katie Oost downed Ring and Hagler 8-6 at No. 1, Hadley DeBree and Divneet Kaur won 8-1 at No. 2 over Jackson and Ekstrom, and Maura Flaherty and Alex Robinson defeated Shaw and Crinnion 8-1 at No. 3.

In singles, it was DeBree over Ring 6-2, 6-0 at No. 1, Lentz over Crinnion 6-1, 6-1 at No. 2, Oost over Ekstrom 6-4, 6-0 at No. 3, Flaherty over Jackson 6-4, 6-1 at No. 4, Kaur over Shaw 6-0, 6-3 at No. 5, and Robinson over Lauren Miller 6-0, 6-1 at No. 6.

George Fox fell to 1-13 overall and 1-12 in the conference, while Whitworth improved to 7-8 overall and 6-6 in the league, and Whitman is now 13-5 overall and 9-3 in the NWC.

George Fox plays again next Saturday at Pacific University at 11 a.m. Whitworth is at Lewis & Clark College and Whitman is at Pacific Sunday, both matches beginning at 10 a.m.

### Whitworth 9, at George Fox 0 - Mar. 31, 2007, at Beaverton, Ore. (Tualatin Hills TC)

#### **Singles**

- #1 - Rachael McCoola (W) d. Valerie Ring (GF) 8-5 (pro set)
- #2 - Linh Aven (W) d. Lindsay Hagler (GF) 7-0 (pro set, retired)
- #3 - Katie Troxell (W) d. Rebecca Crinnion (GF) 8-3 (pro set)
- #4 - Betsy Johnson (W) d. Brittany Ekstrom (GF) 6-4, 6-2
- #5 - Taryn Smith (W) d. Leilani Jackson (GF) 6-4, 7-5
- #6 - Justine Hays (W) d. Kelsie Howell (GF) 6-1, 6-2

#### **Doubles**

- #1 - Aven/Troxell (W) d. Hagler/Ring (GF) 9-8 (7-5)
  - #2 - Johnson/McCoola (W) d. Ekstrom/Jackson (GF) 8-1
  - #3 - Hays/Smith (W) d. Shaw/Howell (GF) 8-3
- Records:** George Fox (1-12, NWC 1-11), Whitworth (7-8, NWC 6-6)

### Whitman 9, at George Fox 0 - Mar. 31, 2007, at Beaverton, Ore. (Tualatin Hills TC)

#### **Singles**

- #1 - Hadley DeBree (W) d. Valerie Ring (GF) 6-2, 6-0
- #2 - Margo Lentz (W) d. Rebecca Crinnion (GF) 6-1, 6-1
- #3 - Katie Oost (W) d. Brittany Ekstrom (GF) 6-4, 6-0
- #4 - Maura Flaherty (W) d. Leilani Jackson (GF) 6-4, 6-1
- #5 - Divneet Kaur (W) d. Alayna Shaw (GF) 6-0, 6-3
- #6 - Alex Robinson (W) d. Lauren Miller (GF) 6-0, 6-1

#### **Doubles**

- #1 - Oost/Lentz (W) d. Ring/Lindsay Hagler (GF) 8-6
  - #2 - DeBree/Kaur (W) d. Ekstrom/Jackson (GF) 8-1
  - #3 - Robinson/Flaherty (W) d. Shaw/Crinnion (GF) 8-1
- Records:** George Fox (1-13, NWC 1-12), Whitman (13-5, NWC 9-3)

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## **3/20 - LINFIELD 8, GEORGE FOX 1: Bruins Fall to NWC-Leading Wildcats in Last Match Before Break**

**NWEBERG, Ore.** - In their final match before a 10-day layoff for the school's spring break, the George Fox University Bruins dropped an 8-1 decision to the Northwest Conference-leading Linfield College Wildcats in women's tennis on a crisp Tuesday afternoon here at the GFU campus courts.

The Wildcats opened the match, which was a makeup of a rain postponement from March 3, by taking all three doubles. Sallie Katter and Jeanna Parks defeated the Bruins' Valerie Ring and Lindsay Hagler 8-2 at #1, Kelli Sides and Molly Nelson won over Brittany Ekstrom and Leilani Jackson 8-4 at #2, and Melissa Maebori and Emma Becker downed Linsey Wages and Shanna Lesire 8-1 at #3.

In singles, it was Linfield's Sides over Ring 6-1, 6-0 at #1, Katter over Hagler 6-3, 6-1 at #1, Nelson over Rebecca Crinnion 6-2, 6-0 at #3, Parks over Ekstrom 6-3, 6-4 at #4, and Maebori over Shaw 6-2, 6-2 at #6. The Bruins picked up their win at #5 as Jackson triumphed over Becker 6-4, 6-2.

George Fox (1-11, NWC 1-10) is off until Saturday, March 31, when the Bruins host Whitworth College at 10 a.m. and Whitman College at 3:30 p.m. Linfield (10-2, NWC 10-0) plays again Thursday at 10 a.m. against the University of the South in Pomona, Calif., as part of a three-match swing through southern California over the weekend.

## **Linfield 8, at George Fox 1 - Tuesday, March 20, 2007, at Newberg, Ore.**

### **Singles**

- #1 - Kelli Sides (L) d. Valerie Ring (GF) 6-1, 6-0
- #2 - Sallie Katter (L) d. Lindsay Hagler (GF) 6-3, 6-1
- #3 - Molly Nelson (L) d. Rebecca Crinnion (GF) 6-2, 6-0
- #4 - Jeanna Parks (L) d. Brittany Ekstrom (GF) 6-3, 6-4
- #5 - Leilani Jackson (GF) d. Emma Becker (L) 6-4, 6-2
- #6 - Melissa Maebori (L) d. Alayna Shaw (GF) 6-2, 6-2

### **Doubles**

- #1 - Katter/Parks (L) d. Ring/Hagler (GF) 8-2
- #2 - Sides/Nelson (L) d. Ekstrom/Jackson (GF) 8-4
- #3 - Maebori/Becker (L) d. Linsey Wages/Shanna Lesire (GF) 8-1

**Records** - George Fox (1-11, NWC 1-10), Linfield (10-2, NWC 10-0)

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## **3/18 - LEWIS & CLARK 5, GEORGE FOX 4: Pios Pull Out Win over Bruins in Last Singles Match**

**PORTLAND, Ore.** - With the match all squared at 4-4, it was the Lewis & Clark Pioneers who snuck off with the 5-4 win by taking the #4 singles over the George Fox University Bruins in a Northwest Conference women's tennis match Sunday here at the Lewis & Clark courts.

Lewis & Clark had opened the match by taking two of the three doubles contests. Pioneer wins came from Lisa Harunaga and Liz Nguyen over the Bruins' Valerie Ring and Lindsay Hagler 8-4 at #1, and by Clio Beatty and Maggie Peach over Alayna Shaw and Shanna Lesire 8-2 at #2. The Bruins were victorious at #3 as Brittany Ekstrom and Leilani Jackson downed Teresa Kiemnec and Asami Kimura 8-5.

In singles, the Bruins got wins from Ring over Nguyen 6-4, 7-6 (8-6) at #2, Ekstrom over Alysia Yamasaki 7-5, 6-2 at #5, and Shaw over Kiemnec 7-5, 3-6, 6-3 at #6. The Pios' winners were Harunaga over Hagler 6-0, 6-2 at #1, Beatty over Rebecca Crinnion 6-1, 6-1 at #3 and, with the match hanging in the balance, Peach defeating Jackson 6-3, 6-2 to clinch the win for the home team.

George Fox (1-10, NWC 1-9) plays again Tuesday, a makeup match with Linfield College at 3 p.m. at home. Lewis & Clark (4-7, NWC 4-6) plays Whittier College in Los Angeles Saturday at 3:30 p.m. as part of a three-match trip to southern California.

## **at Lewis & Clark 5, George Fox 4 - Sunday, March 18, 2007, at Portland, Ore.**

### **Singles**

- #1 - Lisa Harunaga (L&C) d. Lindsay Hagler (GF) 6-0, 6-2
- #2 - Valerie Ring (GF) d. Liz Nguyen (L&C) 6-4, 7-6 (8-6)
- #3 - Clio Beatty (L&C) d. Rebecca Crinnion (GF) 6-1, 6-1
- #4 - Maggie Peach (L&C) d. Leilani Jackson (GF) 6-3, 6-2
- #5 - Brittany Ekstrom (GF) d. Alysia Yamasaki (L&C) 7-5, 6-2
- #6 - Alayna Shaw (GF) d. Teresa Kiemnec (L&C) 7-5, 3-6, 6-3

### **Doubles**

- #1 - Harunaga/Nguyen (L&C) d. Ring/Hagler (GF) 8-4
- #2 - Beatty/Peach (L&C) d. Shaw/Shanna Lesire (GF) 8-2
- #3 - Ekstrom/Jackson (GF) d. Kiemnec/Asami Kimura (L&C) 8-5

**Records** - George Fox (1-10, NWC 1-9), Lewis & Clark (4-7, NWC 4-6)

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## 3/17 - GEORGE FOX 7, TREASURE VALLEY 2: Bruins Win Non-Counting Match with TVCC's Chukars

**NEWBERG, Ore.** - Winning all five singles matches played and the middle doubles match, the George Fox University Bruins defeated the Treasure Valley Community College Chukars from Ontario, Ore., in women's tennis 7-2 Saturday morning here at the GFU campus courts.

TVCC took the #1 doubles as Cassandra Andrews and Trish Lacey downed George Fox's Valerie Ring and Lindsay Hagler 8-6, and the #3 doubles with Nikki Anderson and Davis defeating Danika Heering and Lauren Miller 8-1. The Bruins' win came at #2 as Stephanie Kaylor and Linsey Wages edged Ashley Faw and Laurie Hamanishi 8-6.

The Bruins swept the top five singles, while the sixth was defaulted. Ring defeated Anderson 6-2, 7-6 (7-3) at #1, Leilani Jackson downed Hamanishi 6-0, 6-1 at #2, Brittany Ekstrom dropped Lacey 6-2, 6-1 at #3, Alayna Shaw conquered Faw 6-0, 6-2 at #4, and Shanna Lesire knocked off Anderson 6-1, 6-0.

The match did not count on George Fox's record. It was Treasure Valley's first match of the season. The Bruins visit Lewis & Clark College Sunday for a Northwest Conference match at 10 a.m. The Chukars go to Pacific University Sunday, also at 10 a.m.

### at George Fox 7, Treasure Valley 2 - Saturday, March 17, 2007 (at Newberg, Ore.)

#### **Singles**

#1 - Valerie Ring (GF) d. Cassandra Andrews (TV) 6-2, 7-6 (7-3)

#2 - Leilani Jackson (GF) d. Laurie Hamanishi (TV) 6-0, 6-1

#3 - Brittany Ekstrom (GF) d. Trish Lacey (TV) 6-2, 6-1

#4 - Alayna Shaw (GF) d. Ashley Faw (TV) 6-0, 6-2

#5 - Shanna Lesire (GF) d. Nikki Anderson (TV) 6-1, 6-0

#6 - Stephanie Kaylor (GF) d. (TV), default

#### **Doubles**

#1 - Andrews/Lacey (TV) d. Ring/Hagler (GF) 8-6

#2 - Stephanie Kaylor/Linsey Wages (GF) d. Hamanishi/Faw (TV) 8-6

#3 - Anderson/Davis (TV) d. Danika Heering/Lauren Miller (GF) 8-1

**Records** - George Fox (1-9, TVCC match non-counting), Treasure Valley (0-1)

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## **3/16 - PUGET SOUND 6, GEORGE FOX 3: Short-Handed Loggers Have Enough to Get by Bruins**

**NEWBERG, Ore.** - Despite having only five players who were able to make it to the match, the University of Puget Sound Loggers still had enough to pull out a 6-3 win over the George Fox University Bruins in Northwest Conference women's tennis Friday afternoon here at the GFU campus courts.

Puget Sound is in the midst of its spring break and a few members of its tennis team were expected to fly into Portland from their homes Friday for the match, but a number of those plans obviously fell through. As a result, the Loggers had to default the #3 doubles and #6 singles matches. The only match George Fox won on the court was at #5 singles, in which Brittany Ekstrom defeated Rochelle Hebert 6-2, 6-2.

The Loggers, who are currently second in the conference standings, got doubles victories from Courtney Dunham and Alyssa Sidoff at #1 over Valerie Ring and Lindsay Hagler 8-4, and from Katie Schultz and Hebert at #2 over Alayna Shaw and Leilani Jackson 8-4.

UPS singles winners were Dunham over Ring 6-1, 6-4 at #1, Sidoff over Hagler 6-0, 6-2 at #2, Schultz over Rebecca Crinnion 6-2, 6-0 at #3, and Ashley Spencer over Jackson 6-4, 6-3 at #4.

George Fox (1-9, NWC 1-8) hosts Treasure Valley Community College Saturday at 10 a.m. in a match that will not count on the Bruins' record. Puget Sound (9-1, NWC 8-1) visits Pacific University Saturday at 11 a.m.

## **Puget Sound 6, at George Fox 3 - Friday, March 16, 2007 (at Newberg, Ore.)**

### **Singles**

- #1 - Courtney Dunham (PS) d. Valerie Ring (GF) 6-1, 6-4
- #2 - Alyssa Sidoff (PS) d. Lindsay Hagler (GF) 6-0, 6-2
- #3 - Katie Schultz (PS) d. Rebecca Crinnion (GF) 6-2, 6-0
- #4 - Ashley Spencer (PS) d. Leilani Jackson (GF) 6-4, 6-3
- #5 - Brittany Ekstrom (GF) d. Rochelle Hebert (PS) 6-2, 6-2
- #6 - Alayna Shaw (GF) d. (UPS), default

### **Doubles**

- #1 - Dunham/Sidoff (PS) d. Ring/Hagler (GF) 8-4
- #2 - Schultz/Hebert (PS) d. Shaw/Jackson (GF) 8-4
- #3 - Ekstrom/Shanna Lesire (GF) d. (UPS), default

**Records** - George Fox (1-9, NWC 1-8), Puget Sound (9-1, NWC 8-1)



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## 3/11 - LINFIELD 9, GEORGE FOX 0: Bruins Swept by Yamhill County Rival Wildcats

**McMINNVILLE, Ore.** - In a matchup of Northwest Conference Yamhill County rivals, the Linfield College Wildcats cruised to a 9-0 victory over the George Fox University Bruins in women's tennis here at the Linfield outdoor courts Sunday afternoon, dropping only nine games in the process.

In doubles, the Wildcats picked up wins by Sallie Katter and Jeanna Parks over the Bruins' Valerie Ring and Alayna Shaw 8-0 at #1, Molly Nelson and Kelli Sides over Lindsay Hagler and Leilani Jackson 8-1 at #2, and Melissa Maebori and Emma Becker over Brittany Ekstrom and Linsey Wages 8-0 at #3.

Singles winners for Linfield were Becca Johnson over George Fox's Ring 6-0, 6-0 at #1, Megan Rodgers over Hagler 6-1, 6-1 at #2, Sides over Rebecca Crinnion 6-0, 6-0 at #3, Katter over Jackson 6-0, 6-0 at #4, Nelson over Ekstrom 6-3, 6-1 at #5, and Parks over Shaw 6-2, 6-0 at #6.

George Fox (1-8, NWC 1-7) returns to action Friday, hosting the University of Puget Sound in a conference match at 2:30 p.m. Linfield (7-1, NWC 7-0) also plays Friday, visiting Whitworth College for an NWC match at 3 p.m.

## at Linfield 9, George Fox 0 - Sunday, March 11, 2007 (at McMinnville, Ore.)

### **Singles**

- #1 - Becca Johnson (L) d. Valerie Ring (GF) 6-0, 6-0
- #2 - Megan Rodgers (L) d. Lindsay Hagler (GF) 6-1, 6-1
- #3 - Kelli Sides (L) d. Rebecca Crinnion (GF) 6-0, 6-0
- #4 - Sallie Katter (L) d. Leilani Jackson (GF) 6-0, 6-0
- #5 - Molly Nelson (L) d. Brittany Ekstrom (GF) 6-3, 6-1
- #6 - Jeanna Parks (L) d. Alayna Shaw (GF) 6-2, 6-0

### **Doubles**

- #1 - Katter/Parks (L) d. Ring/Shaw (GF) 8-0
- #2 - Nelson/Sides (L) d. Hagler/Jackson (GF) 8-1
- #3 - Melissa Maebori/Emma Becker (L) d. Ekstrom/Linsey Wages (GF) 8-0

**Records** - George Fox (1-8, NWC 1-7), Linfield (7-1, NWC 7-0)

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## **3/10 - PACIFIC LUTHERAN 9, GEORGE FOX 0: Bruins Lose to Lutes as Visitors Sweep Indoor Match**

BEAVERTON, Ore. - In a Northwest Conference women's tennis match moved indoors because of inclement weather, the visiting Pacific Lutheran University Lutes swept the George Fox University Bruins 9-0 Saturday afternoon here at the Tualatin Hills Tennis Center.

In the match-opening doubles, Pacific Lutheran's Erika Feltus and Nicole Petzelka downed George Fox's Valerie Ring and Alayna Shaw 8-4 at #1, Megan Proffitt and Ashley Coats dropped Lindsay Hagler and Linsey Wages 8-3 at #2, and Bria Smith and Roz Currie knocked off Brittany Ekstrom and Leilani Jackson 8-2 at #3.

The Lutes swept the singles in straight sets as Feltus downed Hagler 6-1, 6-0 at #1, Petzelka defeated Ring 6-2, 6-2 at #2, Smith dropped Rebecca Crinnion 6-1, 6-2 at #3, Coats turned away Jackson 6-3, 6-4 at #4, Currie conquered Ekstrom 6-1, 6-0 at #5, and Tracy Fujitani closed out the match with a 6-0, 6-3 victory over Shanna Lesire at #6.

George Fox (1-7, NWC 1-6) visits Linfield College Sunday for a conference match at 2 p.m. Pacific Lutheran (5-2, NWC 5-2) plays at Linfield Sunday at 10 a.m.

## **Pacific Lutheran 9, at George Fox 0 - Saturday, March 10, 2007 (at Tualatin Hills TC, Beaverton, Ore.)**

### **Singles**

#1 - Erika Feltus (PL) d. Lindsay Hagler (GF) 6-1, 6-0

#2 - Nicole Petzelka (PL) d. Valerie Ring (GF) 6-2, 6-2

#3 - Bria Smith (PL) d. Rebecca Crinnion (GF) 6-1, 6-2

#4 - Ashley Coats (PL) d. Leilani Jackson (GF) 6-3, 6-4

#5 - Roz Currie (PL) d. Brittany Ekstrom (GF) 6-1, 6-0

#6 - Tracy Fujitani (PL) d. Shanna Lesire (GF) 6-0, 6-3

### **Doubles**

#1 Feltus/Petzelka (PL) d. Ring/Shaw (GF) 8-4

#2 - Megan Proffitt/Coats (PL) d. Hagler/Linsey Wages (GF) 8-3

#3 - Smith/Currie (PL) d. Ekstrom/Jackson (GF) 8-2

Records - George Fox (1-7, NWC 1-6), Pacific Lutheran (5-2, NWC 5-2)

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## **3/9 - WILLAMETTE 6, GEORGE FOX 3: Bruins Split Singles but Lose Doubles to Bearcats**

SALEM, Ore. - Getting off to a strong start by sweeping all three doubles matches, the Willamette University Bearcats went on to defeat the visiting George Fox University Bruins 6-3 in Northwest Conference women's tennis action Friday evening here at the Courthouse Tennis Club.

The Bearcats' Susan Butler combined with Alaine Anderson to win the #1 doubles 8-3 over the Bruins' Valerie Ring and Lindsay Hagler, Emily Elliott and Abby Funabiki downed Alayna Shaw and Rebecca Crinnion 8-5 at #2, and Christy Newell and Becca Younger took the measure of Brittany Ekstrom and Leilani Jackson 8-5 at #3, giving the home team an all-but-insurmountable lead.

In singles, Butler won at #1 as she defeated Ring 6-2, 6-4, Anderson dropped Hagler 6-3, 6-4 at #2, and Younger conquered Shaw 6-3, 6-1 at #6. Bruin victories came from Crinnion over Elliott 6-2, 6-4 at #3, Jackson over Funabiki 7-6 (7-5), 6-1 at #4, and Ekstrom over Newell 7-6 (8-6), 6-2 at #5.

The Bruins fell to 1-6 overall and 1-5 in the conference, while the Bearcats improved to 3-6 overall, including 3-4 in the NWC. George Fox hosts Pacific Lutheran University Saturday at 10 a.m. in a match moved indoors to the Tualatin Hills Tennis Center in Beaverton. Willamette is also home on Saturday to take on the University of Puget Sound in a match scheduled for the Willamette courts at 11 a.m. Weather conditions may force a delayed start to 1 p.m. or cause the match to be moved indoors at 4 p.m. at the Courthouse Tennis Club.

## **at Willamette 6, George Fox 3 - Friday, March 9, 2007 (at Courthouse Tennis Club)**

### **Singles**

- #1 - Susan Butler (W) d. Valerie Ring (GF), 6-2, 6-4
- #2 - Alaine Anderson (W) d. Lindsay Hagler (GF), 6-3, 6-4
- #3 - Rebecca Crinnion (GF) d. Emily Elliott (W), 6-2, 6-4
- #4 - Leilani Jackson (GF) d. Abby Funabiki (W), 7-6 (7-5), 6-1
- #5 - Brittany Ekstrom (GF) d. Christy Newell (W), 7-6 (8-6), 6-2
- #6 - Becca Younger (W) d. Alayna Shaw (GF), 6-3, 6-1

### **Doubles**

- #1 - Butler/Anderson (W) d. Ring/Hagler (GF), 8-3
  - #2 - Elliott/Funabiki (W) d. Shaw/Crinnion (GF), 8-5
  - #3 - Newell/Younger (W) d. Ekstrom/Jackson (GF), 8-5
- Records - George Fox (1-6, NWC 1-5), Willamette 3-6, NWC 3-4)

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## 3/3 – GEORGE FOX 8, PACIFIC 1: Bruins Pick Up First Win by Picking On Boxers

**NEWBERG, Ore.** – Picking up their first win of the 2007 season, the George Fox University Bruins captured all but the No. 3 doubles in an 8-1 victory over the Pacific University Boxers in a Northwest Conference women's tennis match Saturday afternoon here at the GFU campus courts.

The Bruins opened by taking the top two doubles as Valerie Ring and Lindsay Hagler defeated Dayna Wong and Jaime Yoshino 8-6 at No. 1, and Alayna Shaw and Linsey Wages knocked off Ashley Spahn and Laura Swenson 8-6 at No. 2. The Boxers' only win came at No. 3 as Tessa Krebs and Sophie Waddington downed Shanna Lesire and Stephanie Kaylor 8-2.

The Bruins closed out the match by taking all six singles. Ring swept Wong 6-0, 6-0 at No. 1, Hagler downed Yoshino 6-3, 6-0 at No. 2, Rebecca Crinnion dropped Spahn 7-5, 6-2 at No. 3, Leilani Jackson subdued Waddington 6-3, 6-4 at No. 4, Brittany Ekstrom overcame Krebs 6-2, 0-6, (10-7) at No. 5, and Shaw beat Kelly McGee 6-3, 6-4 at No. 6.

George Fox (1-5, NWC 1-4) next visits Willamette University Friday at 3 p.m. Pacific (0-7, NWC 0-5) goes to Whitman College Friday at 6 p.m.

### At George Fox 8, Pacific 1 – Mar. 3, 2007, at Newberg, Ore.

#### **Singles**

- #1 – Valerie Ring (GF) d. Dayna Wong (P) 6-0, 6-0
- #2 – Lindsay Hagler (GF) d. Jaime Yoshino (P) 6-3, 6-0
- #3 – Rebecca Crinnion (GF) d. Ashley Spahn (P) 7-5, 6-2
- #4 – Leilani Jackson (GF) d. Sophie Waddington (P) 6-3, 6-4
- #5 – Brittany Ekstrom (GF) d. Tessa Krebs (P) 6-2, 0-6, (10-7)
- #6 – Alayna Shaw (GF) d. Kelly McGee (P) 6-3, 6-4

#### **Doubles**

- #1 – Ring/Hagler (GF) d. Wong/Yoshino (P) 8-6
- #2 – Shaw/Linsey Wages (GF) d. Spahn/Laura Swenson (P) 8-6
- #3 – Krebs/Waddington (P) d. Shanna Lesire/Stephanie Kaylor (GF) 8-2

**Records:** George Fox (1-5, NWC 1-4), Pacific (0-7, NWC 0-5)

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## 2/24 - WHITWORTH 7, GEORGE FOX 2: Bruins Get Two Singles Wins but Fall to Pirates

**SPOKANE, Wash.** - Lindsay Hagler and Rebecca Crinnion picked up singles victories but that was all the George Fox University Bruins could muster for the "wins" column as they dropped a 7-2 decision to the Whitworth College Pirates in a Northwest Conference women's tennis match here Saturday afternoon.

Whitworth opened the match by taking all three doubles as Linh Aven and Katie Troxell thumped Hagler and Valerie Ring 8-1 at No. 1, Betsy Johnson and Taryn Smith took the measure of Alayna Shaw and Crinnion 8-3 at No. 2, and Rachael McCoola and Angela Anegon edged Brittany Ekstrom and Leilani Jackson 8-6 at No. 3.

Hagler posted a 2-6, 6-3, (10-7) win over Aven at No. 2 singles, and Crinnion downed Troxell 4-6, 6-4, (10-2) at No. 3 for the Bruins' two wins. The Pirates prevailed in the other four matches as McCoola nipped Ring 6-4, 4-6, (10-4) at No. 1, Johnson defeated Jackson in a pro set 8-2 at No. 4, Smith swept Ekstrom 6-4, 6-2 at No. 5, and Justine Hays closed out Shaw 7-5, 6-2 at No. 6.

George Fox (0-5, NWC 0-4) returns home to host Linfield College Friday at 2:30 p.m. Whitworth (2-2, NWC 2-2) visits the University of Puget Sound Friday at 4 p.m.

### At Whitworth 7, George Fox 2 - Feb. 24, 2007, at Spokane, Wash.

#### **Singles**

- #1 - Rachael McCoola (W) d. Valerie Ring (GF) 6-4, 4-6, (10-4)
- #2 - Lindsay Hagler (GF) d. Linh Aven (W) 2-6, 6-3, (10-7)
- #3 - Rebecca Crinnion (GF) d. Katie Troxell (W) 4-6, 6-4, (10-2)
- #4 - Betsy Johnson (W) d. Leilani Jackson (GF) 8-2 (pro set)
- #5 - Taryn Smith (W) d. Brittany Ekstrom (GF) 6-4, 6-2
- #6 - Justine Hays (W) d. Alayna Shaw (GF) 7-5, 6-2

#### **Doubles**

- #1 - Aven/Troxell (W) d. Hagler/Ring (GF) 8-1
  - #2 - Johnson/Smith (W) d. Shaw/Crinnion (GF) 8-3
  - #3 - McCoola/Angela Anegon (W) d. Ekstrom/Jackson (GF) 8-6
- Records:** George Fox (0-5, NWC 0-4), Whitworth (2-2, NWC 2-2)

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## 2/23 - WHITMAN 9, GEORGE FOX 0: Bruins Blanked by Missionaries in Eastern Washington

WALLA WALLA, Wash. - Still seeking that elusive first victory of the season, the George Fox University Bruins were unable to find it against a strong Whitman College team as the home-standing Missionaries posted a 9-0 victory over the visitors from Oregon in Northwest Conference women's tennis Friday evening here at the Brattain Tennis Center.

The Missionaries started their sweep with the doubles as Margo Lentz and Katie Collier downed Valerie Ring and Lindsay Hagler 8-3 at No. 1, Hadley DeBree and Divneet Kaur won 8-5 at No. 2 over Alayna Shaw and Linsey Wages, and Emily Smith and Maura Flaherty posted an 8-2 win at No. 3 over Stephanie Kaylor and Shanna Lesire.

In singles, it was Whitman's DeBree over George Fox's Ring 6-4, 6-1 at No. 1, Collier over Hagler 6-0, 6-2 at No. 2, Smith over Leilani Jackson 6-0, 6-1 at No. 3, Katie Oost over Brittany Ekstrom 6-3, 6-0 at No. 4, Flaherty over Rebecca Crinnion 6-0, 6-1 at No. 5, and Kaur over Shaw 6-4, 6-0 at No. 6.

The loss dropped the Bruins to 0-4 on the season and 0-3 in conference play. The Missionaries raised their record to 4-2 overall and 3-2 in the conference. George Fox plays at 12 noon Saturday at Whitworth College, while Whitman looks for its third straight conference win when it hosts Lewis & Clark College Saturday at 1 p.m.

## At Whitman 9, George Fox 0 - Feb. 23, 2007, at Walla Walla, Wash.

### **Singles**

- #1 - Hadley DeBree (W) def. Valerie Ring (GF) 6-4, 6-1
- #2 - Katie Collier (W) def. Lindsay Hagler (GF) 6-0, 6-2
- #3 - Emily Smith (W) def. Leilani Jackson (GF) 6-0, 6-1
- #4 - Katie Oost (W) def. Brittany Ekstrom (GF) 6-3, 6-0
- #5 - Maura Flaherty (W) def. Rebecca Crinnion (GF) 6-0, 6-1
- #6 - Divneet Kaur (W) def. Alayna Shaw (GF) 6-4, 6-0

### **Doubles**

- #1 - Collier/Margo Lentz (W) def. Ring/Hagler (GF) 8-3
- #2 - DeBree/Kaur (W) def. Shaw/Wages (GF) 8-5
- #3 - Smith/Flaherty (W) def. Stephanie Kaylor/Shanna Lesire (GF) 8-2

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

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## 2/18 – LEWIS & CLARK 7, GEORGE FOX 2: Bruins Drop Rain-Plagued Home Opener to Pios

NEWBERG, Ore. – In a match that took over five hours to play because of a rain delay, the George Fox University Bruins dropped their first home match of the season 7-2 to the Lewis & Clark College Pioneers in Northwest Conference women's tennis Sunday afternoon here at the GFU campus courts.

The teams managed to get the doubles in before the rains came, with Lewis & Clark sweeping all three. The Pios' Lisa Harunaga and Liz Nguyen defeated the Bruins' Valerie Ring and Lindsay Hagler 8-5 at No. 1, Clio Beatty and Maggie Peach downed Alayna Shaw and Rebecca Crinnion 8-6 at No. 2, and Asami Kimura and Teresa Kiemnec edged Leilani Jackson and Linsey Wages 8-6 at No. 3.

After the rain stopped and the courts were squeegeed off, the singles resumed, with the first four going to the Pios. Harunaga downed Ring 6-1, 6-2 at No. 1, Nguyen swept Hagler 6-2, 6-1 at No. 2, Beatty dropped Jackson 6-4, 6-3 at No. 3, and Peach overcame Brittany Ekstrom 6-3, 6-4 at No. 4. The Bruins took the final two singles as Crinnion edged Alysia Yamasaki 6-7 (7-4), 7-6 (7-0), (10-5) at No. 5, and Shaw conquered Kiemnec 6-3, 7-6 (7-5).

George Fox (0-3, NWC 0-2) travels to eastern Washington next weekend, first taking on Whitman College Friday at 6 p.m. Lewis & Clark (1-1, NWC 1-1) is also on that swing, playing Whitworth College Friday at 3 p.m.

## Lewis & Clark 7, at George Fox 2 – Feb. 18, 2007, at Newbeg, Ore

### **Singles**

- #1 – Lisa Harunaga (L&C) d. Valerie Ring (GF) 6-1, 6-2
- #2 – Liz Nguyen (L&C) d. Lindsay Hagler (GF) 6-2, 6-1
- #3 – Clio Beatty (L&C) d. Leilani Jackson (GF) 6-4, 6-3
- #4 – Maggie Peach (L&C) d. Brittany Ekstrom (GF) 6-3, 6-4
- #5 – Rebecca Crinnion (GF) d. Alysia Yamasaki (L&C) 6-7 (7-4), 7-6 (7-0), (10-5)
- #6 – Alayna Shaw (GF) d. Teresa Kiemnec (L&C) 6-3, 7-6 (7-5)

### **Doubles**

- #1 – Harunaga/Nguyen (L&C) d. Ring/Hagler (GF) 8-5
- #2 – Beatty/Peach (L&C) d. Shaw/Crinnion (GF) 8-6
- #3 – Kimura/Kiemnec (L&C) d. Jackson/Linsey Wages (GF) 8-6

**Records:** George Fox (0-3, NWC 0-2), Lewis & Clark (1-1, NWC 1-1)

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## 2/17 – ALBERTSON 7, GEORGE FOX 2: Bruins Fall in Non-Conference Match to Lady Yotes

TACOMA, Wash. – Stepping outside the Northwest Conference to face an NAIA opponent, the George Fox University Bruins dropped their second match of the young women's tennis season with a 7-2 loss to the Albertson College Lady Yotes Saturday morning here at the University of Puget Sound's Tennis Pavilion.

Albertson took all three doubles matches to open play, with Kyla Westerberg and Kate Leadbetter besting Geore Fox's Valerie Ring and Lindsay Hagler 8-3 at No. 1, Amanda McEldowney and Kim Clements defeating Alayna Shaw and Shanna Lesire 8-2 at No. 2, and Melissa Rowe and Jenna McClean prevailing over Leilani Jackson and Linsey Wages 8-6 at No. 3.

The Bruins picked up two singles wins when Hagler got an injury default win over the Lady Yotes' Mariah Armstrong after the two had battled to a 6-6 tie at No. 2, and Shaw edged McEldowney 5-7, 6-4, 7-6 (7-3) at No. 6. Albertson's wins came at No. 1 when Westerberg defeated Ring 6-0, 6-2, No. 3 as Leadbetter nipped Jackson 5-7, 6-3, 6-3, No. 4 when Clements took out Brittany Ekstrom 6-1, 6-0, and No. 5 with Rowe dropping Rebecca Crinnion 6-4, 6-2 at No. 5.

George Fox (0-2) returns home Sunday to play Lewis & Clark College in a Northwest Conference match, the first home contest of the season for the Bruins, at 12 noon. Albertson (1-3) was to play later Saturday at 5:30 p.m. at Puget Sound.

### Vs. Albertson 7, George Fox 2 – Feb. 17, 2007, at Tacoma, Wash. (UPS)

#### **Singles**

- #1 – Kyla Westerberg (A) d. Valerie Ring (GF) 6-0, 6-2
- #2 – Lindsay Hagler (GF) d. Mariah Armstrong (A) 6-6, injury default
- #3 – Kate Leadbetter (A) d. Leilani Jackson (GF) 5-7, 6-3, 6-3
- #4 – Kim Clements (A) d. Brittany Ekstrom (GF) 6-1, 6-0
- #5 – Melissa Rowe (A) d. Rebecca Crinnion (GF) 6-4, 6-2
- #6 – Alayna Shaw (GF) d. Amanda McEldowney (A) 5-7, 6-4, 7-6 (7-3)

#### **Doubles**

- #1 – Westerberg/Leadbetter (A) d. Ring/Hagler (GF) 8-3
- #2 – McEldowney/Clements (A) d. Shaw/Shanna Lesire (GF) 8-2
- #3 – Rowe/Jenna McClean (A) d. Jackson/Linsey Wages (GF) 8-6

**Records:** George Fox (0-2), Albertson (1-3)



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## 2/16 – PUGET SOUND 9, GEORGE FOX 0: Bruins Blanked in Season Opener by Loggers

TACOMA, Wash. – Opening their 2007 women's tennis season with a tough road contest, the George Fox University Bruins were shut out by the University of Puget Sound Loggers 9-0 in a Northwest Conference match Friday afternoon here at the UIPS Tennis Pavilion.

The Loggers swept through the match-opening doubles as Courtney Dunham and Alyssa Sidoff defeated the Bruins' Lindsay Hagler and Alayna Shaw 8-0 at No. 1, Katie Russell and Katie Schultz downed Valerie Ring and Leilani Jackson 8-2 at No. 2, and Christina Podluskus and Sam Taylor dropped Brittany Ekstrom and Shanna Lesire 8-1 at No. 3.

The Bruins' most competitive match came at No. 1 singles, in which Ring was edged by Dunham 6-4, 6-3. In the rest of the matches, the Loggers got wins from Sidoff over Jackson 6-0, 6-1 at No. 2, Schultz over Hagler 6-1, 6-2 at No. 3, Russell over Rebecca Crinnion 6-0, 6-2 at No. 4, Taylor over Ekstrom 6-0, 6-3 at No. 5, and Alana Wong over Lesire 6-0, 6-0 at No. 6.

George Fox (0-1, NWC 0-1) stays in Tacoma to play Albertson College Saturday morning at 9 a.m. in a non-conference neutral-site match at UIPS. Puget Sound (1-0, NWC 1-0) hosts Pacific University Saturday at 2 p.m. and Albertson at 5:30 p.m.

## At Puget Sound 9, George Fox 0 – Feb. 16, 2007, at Tacoma, Wash.

### **Singles**

- #1 – Courtney Dunham (PS) d. Valerie Ring (GF) 6-4, 6-3
- #2 – Alyssa Sidoff (PS) d. Leilani Jackson (GF) 6-0, 6-1
- #3 – Katie Schultz (PS) d. Lindsay Hagler (GF) 6-1, 6-2
- #4 – Katie Russell (PS) d. Rebecca Crinnion (GF) 6-0, 6-2
- #5 – Sam Taylor (PS) d. Brittany Ekstrom (GF) 6-0, 6-3
- #6 – Alana Wong (PS) d. Shanna Lesire (GF) 6-0, 6-0

### **Doubles**

- #1 – Dunham/Sidoff (PS) d. Hagler/Alayna Shaw (GF) 8-0
- #2 – Russell/Schultz (PS) d. Ring/Jackson (GF) 8-2
- #3 – Christina Podluskus/Taylor (PS) d. Ekstrom/Lesire (GF) 8-1

**Records:** George Fox (0-1, NWC 0-1), Puget Sound (1-0, NWC 1-0)

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## 2/15 – PREVIEW: Balanced Bruins Seek Consistency in Bid to Rise in NWC

**NEWBERG, Ore.** – With a roster that goes 12 deep, eight of them returning letterwinners, the George Fox University Bruins entertain hopes of improvement and perhaps a step or two up the Northwest Conference women's tennis ladder as the spring 2007 season approaches.

"We don't have that big No. 1 player who is likely to win almost every time out, but everyone on our team has shone enough talent that we expect them all to get in a match or two before the year is over," says head coach **Rick Cruz**, who enters his seventh season as the mentor for his alma mater's women's program.

The Bruins lost five letterwinners off last year's team which went 3-13 overall and 3-11 for an eighth-place finish in the conference. Key losses were No. 1 and No. 3 players Courtney Ngai and Kelsie Dalke and the team's most consistent winner, Laura Rogers, who was 8-7 at No. 5 singles and 7-8 at No. 3 doubles.

**Valerie Ring** (Sr., Sherwood, Ore. / Sherwood HS), a left-hander who was 6-9 at No. 4 singles and 7-7 at No. 3 doubles, has seized the No. 1 singles role this season. According to Cruz, "Val is a battler who has stepped up her game and should give us some competitive fire at No. 1."

Last year's No. 2 player, **Kelsie Howell** (So., Lake Oswego, Ore. / Lakeridge HS), underwent off-season shoulder surgery and may be questionable for the spring, but if she is ready to go, she should return to the No. 2 spot. After that, the lineup is largely unsettled because of the relative strength of the players.

"If Kelsie is unable to go, our 2 through 6 players may rotate a lot, depending on who is playing well at the time," admits Cruz. "Right now, it looks as if we might go with **Leilani Jackson** (So., McMinnville, Ore. / McMinnville HS) at No. 2, **Lindsay Hagler** (Jr., Selah, Wash. / Selah HS) at No. 3, **Rebecca Crinnion** (Jr., Seattle, Wash. / Lake Washington HS) at No. 4, with our top freshman, **Brittany Ekstrom** (Fr., Gresham, Ore. / Sam Barlow HS) at No. 5, and **Shanna Lesire** (So., Silverton, Ore. / Silverton HS) at No. 6. But as I said, that could shift around."

**Alayna Shaw** (Jr., Salem, Ore. / Blanchet Catholic HS), who saw action in several doubles matches last year, could see increased court time this year, while newcomers **Linsey Wages** (Fr., Springfield, Ore. / Thurston HS) and **Stephanie Kaylor** (Fr., Gresham, Ore. / Centennial HS) figure to make an impact as well. Rounding out the roster are **Lauren Miller** (So., Pendleton, Ore. / Pendleton HS) and **Danika Heering** (Jr., Bend, Ore. / Mountain View HS), a transfer from Central Oregon Community College.

In doubles, Cruz has tabbed Hagler and Shaw as the probable No. 1 team, with Ring and Jackson at No. 2, and Ekstrom and Lesire at No. 3. "Lindsay and Alayna have played together before and make a pretty good team," notes Cruz. "The No. 2 and No. 3 doubles will probably be the most changeable."

Cruz, who is also the Bruin men's tennis coach, will again have as his capable assistant his twin brother **Rob Cruz**. The staff will be joined this spring by former Bruin men's tennis player **Luke Lesh**.

The season gets under way for the Bruins Friday, Feb. 16, with a conference match at the University of Puget Sound at 4 p.m. The Bruins will remain in Tacoma, Wash., Saturday to play Albertson College in a non-conference neutral-court match at UPS at 9 a.m., before returning home to host Lewis & Clark College Sunday at 12 noon in another league match.

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## 9/28 – ITA REGIONAL: Ring and Jackson Post Wins for Bruins in Pacific Northwest Regional

**NEWBERG, Ore.** – Valerie Ring and Leilani Jackson each posted first-round victories for the George Fox University women's tennis team in the prestigious Pacific Northwest Intercollegiate Tennis Association Regional Tournament Sept. 22-24 at Whitman College in Walla Walla, Wash.

The Bruins' four participants in the tournament were a collective 2-6 in singles and 0-2 in doubles.

Ring opened with a 6-2, 6-2 win over Abby Funabiki of Willamette before falling to Becca Johnson of Linfield 6-0, 6-0. Jackson downed Carolyn Much of Willamette 6-1, 6-1, but was beaten by eventual champion Kasey Kuenzli of Linfield 6-0, 6-0.

Lesire fell to Christy Irvine of Whitman 6-3, 6-1, and to Hannah Johnson of Willamette 6-0, 6-0, while Howell dropped a 6-3, 6-1 decision to Alyssa Morrison of Willamette, then retired from her match with Irvine while down 3-0 in the first set. In doubles, Ring and Howell lost 8-1 to Johnson and Megan Rodgers of Linfield, who eventually won the doubles title, and Lesire and Jackson fell to Ashley Coats and Tracy Fujitani of Pacific Lutheran 8-4.

The Pacific Northwest ITA Regional was the only fall tournament for the Bruins that will count on player records.