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GEORGE FOX MEN'S TENNIS

Overall 7-12 (Home 3-5, Road 4-4), Northwest Conference 6-6 (Home 3-3, Road 3-3)

HIGHLIGHTS:

Bruins Go 1-2 to Finish 6th in NWC Tournament
Hammans, Cruz Earn First Team All-NWC Honors

THIS WEEK:

No matches – End of season for team

LAST WEEK:

Apr. 21 – Willamette 4, George Fox 3 (N – NWC Tournament)
Apr. 22 – George Fox 6, Lewis & Clark 1 (N – NWC Tournament)
Apr. 22 -- Linfield 4, George Fox 3 (N – NWC Tournament)

NORTHWEST CONFERENCE STANDINGS (end of regular season)

	<i>All</i>	<i>Pct.</i>	<i>NWC</i>	<i>Pct.</i>	<i>GB</i>
Pacific Lutheran Lutes	15-4	.789	11-0	1.000	-
Whitman Missionaries	10-10	.500	9-2	.818	2
Willamette Bearcats	9-8	.529	9-3	.750	2.5
Puget Sound Loggers	10-4	.714	6-4	.600	3.5
George Fox Bruins	7-10	.412	6-6	.500	5.5
Linfield Wildcats	5-12	.294	5-7	.412	6.5
Whitworth Pirates	4-10	.286	3-7	.300	7.5
Pacific Boxers	2-16	.111	1-11	.083	10.5
Lewis & Clark Pioneers	2-18	.100	1-11	.083	10.5

*** The NWC website is www.nwcsports.com

HAMMANS, CRUZ EARN FIRST TEAM ALL-NWC HONORS

George Fox University's talented 1-2 punch of **Todd Hammans** and **Ryan Cruz** have repeated as members of the All-Northwest Conference men's tennis team, this time both as First Team members. Hammans was a First Team pick in '99, while Cruz was Second Team.

Hammans, a senior from Eugene, Ore., posted a 14-6 record in singles, going 7-4 at No. 1 and 7-2 at No. 2, and was No. 28 in the latest NCAA Division III West Region singles rankings. Cruz, a junior from Hillsboro, Ore., and younger brother of George Fox men's tennis coach **Rick Cruz**, was 12-8, with a 5-4 record at No. 1 and 7-4 at No. 2.

Hammans and Cruz also formed the Bruins' No. 1 doubles team, pairing up to go 15-5 and receiving a No. 13 ranking in the latest NCAA Division III West Region poll.

Because of their rankings, both Hammans and Cruz were invited to play in a D-III tournament Apr. 28-29 in Ojai, Calif., but with George Fox's graduation set for Saturday, Apr. 29, Hammans was unable to attend. No. 3 player Joe Gonzales joined Cruz instead, but results were unavailable at the time of this release.

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ALL-NORTHWEST CONFERENCE MEN'S TENNIS TEAM

FIRST TEAM: Eduardo Kohlberg, Sr., Willamette; Clayton Harris, Sr., PLU; Geoff Mayes, Sr., Whitman; Hao Nguyen, Sr., PLU; Tim Mullin, So., Whitman; Rob Weingeist, So., UPS; **Todd Hammans, George Fox; Ryan Cruz, George Fox;** Andrew Loveless, So., UPS; Logan Williams, Sr., Pacific.

SECOND TEAM: Peter Lunoe, So., PLU; Mark Rice, Jr., Whitworth; Rocky Campbell, L&C; Aaron Rapf, Sr., Willamette; Eric Bartee, Sr., Whitman; Gavin Arita, Fr., Willamette.

COACH OF THE YEAR: Jeff Northam, Whitman

SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD: Rocky Campbell, Lewis & Clark

NORTHWEST CONFERENCE MEN'S TENNIS TOURNAMENT

April 21-22, 2000 at Pamplin Tennis Center, University of Puget Sound, Tacoma, Wash.

Match 1: (4-21)	Lewis & Clark 6, Pacific Univ. 1 (play-in)
Match 2: (4-21)	Willamette Univ. 4, George Fox 3 (1st round)
Match 3: (4-21)	Pacific Lutheran Univ. 7, Lewis & Clark 0 (1st round)
Match 4: (4-21)	Whitman 7, Whitworth 0 (1st round)
Match 5: (4-21)	Univ. of Puget Sound 7, Linfield 0 (1st round)
Match 6: (4-21)	Willamette Univ. 1, Pacific Lutheran Univ. 6 (Semi-final)
Match 7: (4-21)	Univ. of Puget Sound 1, Whitman 6 (Semi-final)
Match 8: (4-22)	Pacific Lutheran Univ. 3, Whitman 4 (Championship)
Match 9: (4-22)	Univ. of Puget Sound 3, Willamette Univ. 4 (3rd place)
Match 10:(4-22)	George Fox 6, Lewis & Clark 1 (consolation semi-final)
Match 11:(4-21)	Whitworth 2, Linfield 5 (consolation semi-final)
Match 12:(4-22)	George Fox 3, Linfield 4 (5th place)
Match 13:(4-22)	Whitworth 4, Lewis & Clark 3 (7th place)

BRUINS WIN 5 OF 9, YET LOSE MATCH 4-3 IN NWC TOURNAMENT

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Taking the doubles for the Bruins were **Ryan Cruz** and **Todd Hammans** over Eduardo Kohlberg and Aaron Rapf 8-4 at No. 1; **Luke Lesh (Jr., Salem, Ore.)** and **Thong Nguyen (Jr., Portland, Ore.)** over Chris Christenson and Gavin Arita 8-4 at No. 2; and **Joe Gonzales (Fr., Roseburg, Ore.)** and **Jared Pearson (Jr., Sunriver, Ore.)** over Greg Ishmael and Trevor Lindsay 8-5 at No. 3.

Winning singles for the Bruins were **Hammans** over Rapf 2-6, 6-1, 6-1 at No. 2, and **Nguyen** over Ishmael 7-6, 2-6, 6-4 at No. 5. Bearcat singles winners were Kohlberg over **Cruz** 6-0, 6-1 at No. 1; Arita over **Gonzales** 6-1, 4-6, 7-6 at No. 3; Christenson over **Lesh** 6-4, 5-7, 6-2 at No. 4; and Lindsay over **Pearson** 6-0, 6-2 at No. 6.

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BRUINS WIN CONSOLATION SEMIS 6-1 OVER LEWIS & CLARK

TACOMA, Wash. --- Winning for the third time this season over their opponents, the George Fox University Bruins defeated the Lewis & Clark College Pioneers 6-1 in a consolation-round semi-final match in the Northwest Conference Men's Tennis Tournament here Saturday (Apr.22) at the University of Puget Sound.

The Bruins, who swept the Pioneers in their home-and-home conference series during the regular season, captured the top five singles matches and the doubles point by taking two of the three doubles.

Singles winners for George Fox were **Ryan Cruz** over Rocky Campbell 8-5 at No.1; **Todd Hammans** over Joshua Bernard 8-4 at No.2; **Joe Gonzales** over Chris Upjohn 8-6 at No. 3; **Luke Lesh** over Jon Edwards 9-8 at No. 4; and **Thong Nguyen** over Tim Hopp 8-2 at No. 5. The Pioneers' lone singles victory came at No. 6 when Brendan Livingston defeated the Bruins' **Jared Pearson** 8-4.

Cruz and **Hammans** took the No. 1 doubles for George Fox 8-2 over Bernard and Upjohn, and **Gonzales** and **Pearson** downed Hopp and Livingston 8-4 at No. 3. Lewis & Clark got an 8-5 victory at No. 2 from Campbell and Edwards over **Lesh** and **Nguyen**.

BRUINS FALL TO LINFIELD 4-3 TO FINISH 6TH IN NWC TOURNAMENT

TACOMA, Wash. --- During the regular season, the George Fox University Bruins were able to take the measure of their Yamhill County rivals, the Linfield College Wildcats, defeating them 4-3 in home-and-home meetings. It was a different story in the Northwest Conference Men's Tennis Tournament Saturday (Apr. 22) here at the University of Puget Sound's Pamplin Tennis Center, though, as the Wildcats turned the tables for a 4-3 win over the Bruins in the second round.

The two teams split the singles matches, George Fox taking Nos. 1-3 and Linfield Nos. 4-6, but Linfield prevailed by taking the No. 2 and No. 3 doubles to capture the doubles point. George Fox finished the tournament with a 1-2 record and in sixth place, while Linfield ended at 2-1 and in fifth place. George Fox ended the season with an 8-12 dual-match record.

Taking singles for the Bruins were **Ryan Cruz** over Justin Greene 8-5 at No. 1; **Todd Hammans** over Matt Hottman 8-2 at No. 2; and **Joe Gonzales** over Nick Mays 8-5 at No. 3. Linfield got singles wins from Sean Bettis over **Luke Lesh** 8-5 at No. 4; Robert Berry over **Thong Nguyen** 8-5 at No. 5; and Brian Woo over **Jared Pearson** 8-0 at No. 6.

George Fox's doubles team of **Cruz** and **Hammans**, ranked 13th in the NCAA Division III West Region, downed Greene and Hottman 8-2 at No. 1, but the Wildcats took No. 2, Bettis and Berry winning 8-4 over **Lesh** and **Nguyen**, and No. 3, Mays and Woo 8-6 over **Gonzales** and **Pearson**.

GEORGE FOX UNIVERSITY BRUINS 2000 MEN'S TENNIS RESULTS

Overall: 8-12 (Home 2-5, Road 4-4, Neutral 2-2)

NWC: 6-6 (Home 3-3, Road 3-3)

<u>DATE/DAY</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SCORE</u>
2/29 Tue.	* at Lewis & Clark College	Portland, Ore.	W 5-2
3/3 Fri.	* at Whitman College	Walla Walla, Wash.	L 0-7
3/4 Sat.	* at Whitworth College	Spokane, Wash.	L 3-4
3/7 Tue.	* WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY	Newberg, Ore.	L 1-6
3/8 Wed.	* at Linfield College	McMinnville, Ore.	W 4-3
3/12 Sun.	ALBERTSON COLLEGE	Newberg, Ore.	L 1-6
3/14 Tue.	* at Pacific University	Forest Grove, Ore.	W 6-1
3/21 Tue.	at California Institute of Technology	Pasadena, Calif.	W 4-3
3/24 Fri.	at Point Loma Nazarene College	San Diego, Calif.	L 0-7
3/25 Sat.	at Occidental College	Los Angeles, Calif.	L 3-4
3/28 Tue.	* LINFIELD COLLEGE	Newberg, Ore.	W 4-3
4/1 Sat.	* UNIVERSITY OF PUGET SOUND	Newberg, Ore.	L 0-7
4/1 Sat.	* PACIFIC LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY	Newberg, Ore.	L 1-6
4/3 Mon.	* at Willamette University	Salem, Ore.	L 3-4
4/7 Fri.	* LEWIS & CLARK COLLEGE	Newberg, Ore.	W 6-1
4/14 Fri.	! NORTHWEST NAZARENE COLLEGE	Portland, Ore.	W 7-0
4/15 Sat.	* PACIFIC UNIVERSITY	Newberg, Ore.	L 3-4
4/21 Fri.	# Willamette University	Tacoma, Wash.	L 3-4
4/22 Sat.	# Lewis & Clark College	Tacoma, Wash.	W 6-1
4/22 Sat.	# Linfield College	Tacoma, Wash.	L 3-4
5/13-14 S-S	NCAA Division III Regionals	On-campus sites	TBA
5/19-24 F-W	NCAA Division III National Championship	Kalamazoo, Mich.	TBA

* - Northwest Conference match

Home matches in **BOLD CAPS**

! -- at Lewis & Clark, Portland, Ore., due to rain

- Northwest Conference Tournament at Puget Sound

SINGLES RECORDS	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	Record
Todd Hammans	7-4	7-2					14-6
Ryan Cruz	5-4	7-4					12-8
Joe Gonzales			6-7	4-1	2-0		12-8
Luke Lesh			1-3	4-6	1-2	1-0	7-11
Thong Nguyen			0-3	0-5	7-4		7-12
Jared Pearson					0-1	2-15	2-16
Jake Dobson					0-2	0-1	0-3
TOTALS	12-8	14-6	7-13	8-12	10-9	3-16	54-64

DOUBLES RECORDS	#1	#2	#3	Record
Hammans-Cruz	15-5			15-5
Lesh-Nguyen		4-11		4-11
Lesh-Gonzales		0-1		0-1
Gonzales-Pearson			8-7	8-7
Gonzales-Dobson		0-2		0-2
Gonzales-Lesh		1-1		1-1
Pearson-Nguyen			0-4	0-4
TOTALS	15-5	5-15	8-11	28-31

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HIGHLIGHTS:

Hammans Wins NWC "Player of the Week" Award
Win over Lewis & Clark Enables Bruins to Sweep Season Series
Up Next – NWC Tournament at Puget Sound

THIS WEEK:

Fri., Apr. 21 – Northwest Conference Tournament at Tacoma, Wash. (UPS)
Sat., Apr. 22 – Northwest Conference Tournament at Tacoma, Wash. (UPS)

LAST WEEK:

Apr. 14 – Northwest Nazarene College 4, George Fox 3 (H)
Apr. 15 – George Fox 7, Pacific University 0 (H)

NORTHWEST CONFERENCE STANDINGS (Thru 4/16)

	<i>All</i>	<i>Pct.</i>	<i>NWC</i>	<i>Pct.</i>	<i>GB</i>
Pacific Lutheran Lutes	15-4	.789	11-0	1.000	-
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Puget Sound Loggers	10-4	.714	6-4	.600	3.5
George Fox Bruins	7-10	.412	6-6	.500	5.5
Linfield Wildcats	5-11	.313	5-6	.455	6
Whitworth Pirates	4-10	.286	3-7	.300	7.5
Pacific Boxers	2-16	.111	1-11	.083	10.5
Lewis & Clark Pioneers	2-18	.100	1-11	.083	10.5

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HAMMANS WINS NWC "PLAYER OF THE WEEK" HONORS WITH 4-0 RECORD

George Fox University's **Todd Hammans (Sr., Eugene, Ore.)**, who received honorable mention the week before for Northwest Conference "Player of the Week" in men's tennis, went all the way to earn the award with a 4-0 performance in matches April 10-16.

Playing at No. 1 singles and No. 1 doubles, Hammans was a winner in all four of his matches while the Bruins were losing 4-3 to Northwest Nazarene and winning 7-0 over Pacific. Against NNC, he defeated Mack Watson 6-4, 6-0, then teamed up with **Ryan Cruz (Jr., Hillsboro, Ore.)** to beat Watson and Nathan Vanderpool 8-2 in doubles. Against Pacific, Hammans, ranked 28th in the NCAA Division III West Region, defeated the No. 25 player, Pacific's Logan Williams, 6-0, 1-6, 7-6. He and Cruz then downed Williams and Mike Uhrich 8-3.

Hammans and Cruz are currently ranked as the No. 13 doubles pair in the West Region.

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BRUINS TAKE DEFAULTS, FALTER AGAINST NNC 4-3

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BRUINS WHITEWASH BOXERS 7-0, AWAIT CONFERENCE TOURNAMENT

NEWBERG, Ore. --- Concluding their regular season in fine style, the George Fox University Bruins swept the Pacific University Boxers 7-0 in a Northwest Conference men's tennis match Saturday afternoon (Apr. 15) here at the GFU campus courts.

The host Bruins took all three doubles matches to start play, **Todd Hammans** and **Ryan Cruz**, ranked 13th in doubles in the NCAA Division III West Region, downing Logan Williams and Mike Uhrich 8-3 at No. 1, **Luke Lesh** and **Thong Nguyen (Jr., Portland, Ore.)** defeating Jeff Steele and Douglas Dang 8-2 at No. 2, and **Joe Gonzales** and **Jared Pearson (Jr., Sunriver, Ore.)** blanking Scotto Sato and Scott Houston 8-0 at No. 3.

In the featured singles match, Hammans, ranked No. 28 in the West Region, defeated No. 25 Williams 6-0, 1-6, 7-6 at No. 1. Other George Fox winners were Cruz over Uhrich 6-0, 6-1 at No. 2, Gonzales over Steele 6-1, 6-0 at No. 3, Lesh over Dang 6-1, 6-0 at No. 4, Nguyen over Sato 6-2, 6-1 at No. 5, and Pearson over Houston 6-0, 6-0 at No. 6.

George Fox ends the regular season with a 7-10 overall mark and 6-6 in the conference. Up next for the Bruins is the Northwest Conference Tournament Friday and Saturday, Apr. 21-22, at the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma, Wash.

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TOTALS	12-5	4-13	6-10	22-28

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The loss dropped the Bruins to 6-10 on the season.

GEORGE FOX UNIVERSITY

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Winning singles for the Bruins were Hammans over Rapf 2-6, 6-1, 6-1 at No. 2, and Nguyen over Ishmael 7-6, 2-6, 6-4 at No. 5. Bearcat singles winners were Kohlberg over Cruz 6-0, 6-1 at No. 1; Arita over Gonzales 6-1, 4-6, 7-6 at No. 3; Christenson over Lesh 6-4, 5-7, 6-2 at No. 4; and Lindsay over Pearson 6-0, 6-2 at No. 6.

Other results from the first day of play were Lewis & Clark College over Pacific University 6-1; Pacific Lutheran University over Lewis & Clark 7-0; Whitman College over Whitworth College 7-0; the Puget Sound over Linfield College 7-0; Whitman over Puget Sound 6-1; and Linfield 5, Whitworth 2.

INTERCOLLEGIATE TENNIS ASSOCIATION
DUAL MATCH TENNIS SCORESHEET

George Fox vs. Willamette
At Northwest Conference Championships, Tacoma, Washington
Match played on April 21, 2000

George Fox	vs.	Willamette	Winner	Score
Singles				
Ryan Cruz		Eduardo Kohlberg	Willamette	6-0, 6-1
Todd Hammans		Aaron Rapf	GFU	2-6, 6-1, 6-1
Joe Gonzales		Gavin Arita	Willamette	6-1, 4-6, 7-6
Luke Lesh		Chris Christenson	Willamette	6-4, 5-7, 6-2
Thong Nguyen		Greg Ishmael	GFU	7-6, 2-6, 6-4
Jared Pearson		Trevor Lindsay	Willamette	6-0, 6-2
Doubles				
Ryan Cruz Todd Hammans		Eduardo Kohlberg Aaron Rapf	GFU	8-4
Luke Lesh Thong Nguyen		Chris Christenson Gavin Arita	GFU	8-4
Joe Gonzales Jared Pearson		Greg Ishmael Trevor Lindsay	GFU	8-5

Final Score: Willamette 4, George Fox 3

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SPORTS PRESS RELEASE – MEN'S TENNIS

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BRUINS WHITEWASH BOXERS 7-0, AWAIT CONFERENCE TOURNAMENT

NEWBERG, Ore. --- Concluding their regular season in fine style, the George Fox University Bruins swept the Pacific University Boxers 7-0 in a Northwest Conference men's tennis match Saturday afternoon (Apr. 15) here at the GFU campus courts.

The host Bruins took all three doubles matches to start play, Todd Hammans and Ryan Cruz, ranked 13th in doubles in the NCAA Division III West Region, downing Logan Williams and Mike Uhrich 8-3 at No. 1, Luke Lesh and Thong Nguyen defeating Jeff Steele and Douglas Dang 8-2 at No. 2, and Joe Gonzales and Jared Pearson blanking Scotto Sato and Scott Houston 8-0 at No. 3.

In the featured singles match, Hammans, ranked No. 28 in the West Region, defeated No. 25 Williams 6-0, 1-6, 7-6 at No. 1. Other George Fox winners were Cruz over Uhrich 6-0, 6-1 at No. 2, Gonzales over Steele 6-1, 6-0 at No. 3, Lesh over Dang 6-1, 6-0 at No. 4, Nguyen over Sato 6-2, 6-1 at No. 5, and Pearson over Houston 6-0, 6-0 at No. 6.

George Fox ends the regular season with a 7-10 overall mark and 6-6 in the conference, while Pacific is 1-16 and 0-10. Up next for the Bruins is the Northwest Conference Tournament Friday and Saturday, Apr. 21-22, at the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma, Wash.

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GEORGE FOX MEN'S TENNIS

Overall 6-9 (Home 2-4, Road 4-4), Northwest Conference 5-6 (Home 2-3, Road 3-3)

HIGHLIGHTS:

Win over Lewis & Clark Enables Bruins to Sweep Season Series
Hammans Honorable Mention for NWC "Player of the Week"

THIS WEEK:

Fri., Apr. 14, 2:00 pm – Northwest Nazarene College, in Newberg, Ore. (non-conference)
Sat., Apr. 15, 11:00 am – Pacific University, in Newberg, Ore. (NWC)

LAST WEEK:

Apr. 3 – Willamette University 4, George Fox 3 (A)
Apr. 7 – George Fox 6, Lewis & Clark College 1 (H)

NORTHWEST CONFERENCE STANDINGS (Thru 4/9)

	<i>All</i>	<i>Pct.</i>	<i>NWC</i>	<i>Pct.</i>	<i>GB</i>
Pacific Lutheran Lutes	12-4	.750	8-0	1.000	-
Whitman Missionaries	9-9	.500	8-1	.889	.5
Puget Sound Loggers	10-2	.833	5-2	.714	2.5
Willamette Bearcats	6-7	.462	6-3	.667	2.5
George Fox Bruins	6-9	.400	5-6	.455	4.5
Whitworth Pirates	4-8	.333	3-6	.333	5.5
Linfield Wildcats	3-11	.214	3-6	.333	5.5
Lewis & Clark Pioneers	2-14	.125	1-8	.111	7.5
Pacific Boxers	1-14	.067	0-8	.000	8.0

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HAMMANS AN HONORABLE MENTION FOR NWC "PLAYER OF THE WEEK"

Todd Hammans (Sr., Eugene, Ore.) became the first George Fox men's tennis player to be considered for Northwest Conference "Player of the Week" when he received Honorable Mention for his performances the week of April 3-9. Playing at No. 2 singles and No. 1 doubles, Hammans was a winner in all four of his matches while the Bruins were losing 4-3 at Willamette and winning 6-1 vs. Lewis & Clark. Against Willamette, he beat Aaron Rapf 6-0, 6-3, and he and **Ryan Cruz (Jr., Hillsboro, Ore.)** teamed up to beat the Bearcats' Eduardo Kohlberg, last year's NWC Player of the Year, and Rapf 8-4. Against Lewis & Clark, he defeated Joshua Bernard 6-0, 6-0, then teamed with Cruz again to down Bernard and Chris Upjohn 8-6.

Willamette's Kohlberg was this week's "Player of the Week" for going 3-0 in singles and 2-1 in doubles, improving to 13-0 in singles.

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BEARCATS EDGE BRUINS 4-3 FOR CONFERENCE WIN

SALEM, Ore. --- Although the match was closer this time than in an earlier meeting in Newberg, the George Fox University Bruins still fell 4-3 to the Willamette University Bearcats in a Northwest Conference men's tennis match here Monday afternoon (Apr. 3).

Singles winners for Willamette were Eduardo Kohlberg over **Ryan Cruz (Jr., Hillsboro, Ore.)** 6-0, 6-3 at No. 1; Gavin Arita over **Joe Gonzales (Fr., Roseburg, Ore.)** 6-1, 6-2 at No. 3; Chris Christensen over **Luke Lesh (Jr., Salem, Ore.)** 6-2, 6-4 at No. 4; and Rob Ishmael over **Jared Pearson (Jr., Sunriver, Ore.)** 7-6, 6-1 at No. 6.

George Fox singles wins went to **Todd Hammans (Sr., Eugene, Ore.)** over Aaron Rapf 6-0, 6-3 at No. 2; and **Thong Nguyen (Jr., Portland, Ore.)** over Trevor Lindsay 6-3, 7-5 at No. 5.

The Bruins also captured the doubles point by taking two of three matches. Cruz and Hammans defeated Kohlberg and Rapf 8-4 at No. 1, and Lesh and Nguyen downed Arita and Ishamel 8-5 at No. 2. At No. 3, it was Willamette's Christensen and Lindsay over the Bruins' Gonzales and Pearson 8-5.

BRUINS COMPLETE SWEEP OF LEWIS & CLARK WITH 6-1 WIN

NEWBERG, Ore. --- Completing a sweep of their home-and-home series with Lewis & Clark College, the George Fox University Bruins picked up a 6-1 win over the Pioneers in a Northwest Conference men's tennis match Friday afternoon (Apr. 7) here at the GFU campus courts.

The Bruins had opened the season with a 5-2 win over the Pioneers in Portland on Feb. 29.

The Bruins started the match by taking two of the three doubles matches to capture the doubles point. George Fox doubles winners were **Todd Hammans** and **Ryan Cruz** over Chris Upjohn and Joshua Bernard 8-6 at No. 1, and **Joe Gonzales** and **Jared Pearson** over Tim Hopp and Brendan Livingston 8-2 at No. 3. Rocky Campbell and Jon Edwards for Lewis & Clark defeated **Luke Lesh** and **Thong Nguyen** 9-8 (9-7) at No. 2.

In singles, George Fox winners were Cruz over Campbell 6-0, 6-3 at No. 1; Hammans over Bernard 6-0, 6-0 at No. 2; Gonzales over Upjohn 6-4, 3-6, 6-1 at No. 3; Lesh over Edwards 6-2, 6-2 at No. 4; and Nguyen over Hopp 6-2, 7-5 at No. 5.

The Pioneers won at No. 6 singles, Livingston defeating Pearson 6-4, 6-2.

**GEORGE FOX UNIVERSITY BRUINS
2000 MEN'S TENNIS RESULTS**

Overall: 6-9 (Home 2-4, Road 4-4)

Northwest Conference: 5-6 (Home 2-3, Road 3-3)

<u>DATE/DAY</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SCORE</u>
2/29 Tue.	* at Lewis & Clark College	Portland, Ore.	W 5-2
3/3 Fri.	* at Whitman College	Walla Walla, Wash.	L 0-7
3/4 Sat.	* at Whitworth College	Spokane, Wash.	L 3-4
3/7 Tue.	* WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY	Newberg, Ore.	L 1-6
3/8 Wed.	* at Linfield College	McMinnville, Ore.	W 4-3
3/12 Sun.	ALBERTSON COLLEGE	Newberg, Ore.	L 1-6
3/14 Tue.	* at Pacific University	Forest Grove, Ore.	W 6-1
3/21 Tue.	at California Institute of Technology	Pasadena, Calif.	W 4-3
3/24 Fri.	at Point Loma Nazarene College	San Diego, Calif.	L 0-7
3/25 Sat.	at Occidental College	Los Angeles, Calif.	L 3-4
3/28 Tue.	* LINFIELD COLLEGE	Newberg, Ore.	W 4-3
4/1 Sat.	* UNIVERSITY OF PUGET SOUND	Newberg, Ore.	L 0-7
4/1 Sat.	* PACIFIC LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY	Newberg, Ore.	L 1-6
4/3 Mon.	* at Willamette University	Salem, Ore.	L 3-4
4/7 Fri.	* LEWIS & CLARK COLLEGE	Newberg, Ore.	W 6-1
4/14 Fri.	NORTHWEST NAZARENE COLLEGE	Newberg, Ore.	2:00 pm
4/15 Sat.	* PACIFIC UNIVERSITY	Newberg, Ore.	11:00 am
4/21-22 F-S	Northwest Conference Tournament	Tacoma, Wash. (UPS)	TBA
5/13-14 S-S	NCAA Division III Regionals	On-campus sites	TBA
5/19-24 F-W	NCAA Division III National Championship	Kalamazoo, Mich.	TBA

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All home matches on campus courts

Home matches in **BOLD CAPS**
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SINGLES RECORDS	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	Record
Todd Hammans	5-4	4-2					9-6
Ryan Cruz	3-3	5-4					8-7
Luke Lesh			1-3	2-3	1-2	1-0	5-8
Joe Gonzales			2-6	4-1	2-0		8-7
Thong Nguyen			0-3	0-5	4-3		4-11
Jared Pearson					0-1	1-12	1-13
Jake Dobson					0-2	0-1	0-3
TOTALS	8-7	9-6	3-12	6-9	7-8	2-13	35-55

DOUBLES RECORDS	#1	#2	#3	Record
Hammans-Cruz	10-5			10-5
Lesh-Nguyen		2-9		2-9
Gonzales-Pearson			5-6	5-6
Gonzales-Dobson		0-2		0-2
Gonzales-Lesh		1-1		1-1
Pearson-Nguyen			0-4	0-4
TOTALS	10-5	3-12	5-10	18-27

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The victory boosted the Bruins' overall record to 6-9 and to 5-6 in the conference, while the Pioneers dropped to 2-14 overall and 1-8 in the conference. The Bruins had opened the season with a 5-2 win over the Pioneers in Portland on Feb. 29.

The Bruins opened the match by taking two of the three doubles matches to capture the doubles point. George Fox doubles winners were Todd Hammans and Ryan Cruz over Chris Upjohn and Joshua Bernard 8-6 at No. 1, and Joe Gonzales and Jared Pearson over Tim Hopp and Brendan Livingston 8-2 at No. 3. Rocky Campbell and Jon Edwards for Lewis & Clark defeated Luke Lesh and Thong Nguyen 9-8 (9-7) at No. 2.

In singles, George Fox winners were Cruz over Campbell 6-0, 6-3 at No. 1; Hammans over Bernard 6-0, 6-0 at No. 2; Gonzales over Upjohn 6-4, 3-6, 6-1 at No.3; Lesh over Edwards 6-2, 6-2 at No. 4; and Nguyen over at Hopp 6-2, 7-5 at No. 5.

The Pioneers won at No. 6 singles, Livingston defeating Pearson 6-4, 6-2.

George Fox is off until next Friday, Apr. 14, when the Bruins will host Northwest Nazarene College in a non-conference match at 2:00 p.m. Lewis & Clark will visit Willamette University next Tuesday, Apr. 11, for a 3:30 p.m. NWC contest.

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The win boosted the Bearcats, who had defeated the Bruins 6-1 back on March 7, to 6-1 in the conference and 6-5 overall, while the Bruins slipped to 4-6 in the league and 5-9 overall.

Singles winners for Willamette were Eduardo Kohlberg over Ryan Cruz 6-0, 6-3 at No. 1; Gavin Arita over Joe Gonzales 6-1, 6-2 at No. 3; Chris Christensen over Luke Lesh 6-2, 6-4 at No. 4; and Rob Ishmael over Jared Pearson 7-6, 6-1 at No. 6.

George Fox singles wins went to Todd Hammans over Aaron Rapf 6-0, 6-3 at No. 2; and Thong Nguyen over Trevor Lindsay 6-3, 7-5 at No. 5.

The Bruins also captured the doubles point by taking two of three matches. Cruz and Hammans defeated Kohlberg and Rapf 8-4 at No. 1, and Lesh and Nguyen downed Arita and Ishamel 8-5 at No. 2. At No. 3, it was Willamette's Christensen and Lindsay over the Bruins' Gonzales and Pearson 8-5.

The Bruins return home to host Lewis & Clark College in a conference match on Friday, Apr. 7, at 3:30 p.m.

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GEORGE FOX MEN'S TENNIS

Overall 5-8 (Home 1-4, Road 4-3), Northwest Conference 4-5 (Home 1-3, Road 3-2)

THIS WEEK:

Mon., Apr. 3, 3:30 pm – Willamette University, in Salem, Ore. (NWC)

Fri., Apr. 7, 3:30 pm – Lewis & Clark College, in Newberg, Ore. (NWC)

LAST WEEK:

Mar. 21 – George Fox 4, Linfield 3 (H)

Mar. 24 – Puget Sound 6, George Fox 1 (H)

Mar. 25 – Pacific Lutheran 7, George Fox 0 (H)

NORTHWEST CONFERENCE STANDINGS (thru Apr. 3)

	NWC	Pct.	GB	All	Pct.
Pacific Lutheran Lutes	6-0	1.000	-	9-4	.692
Whitman Missionaries	7-1	.875	-	8-9	.471
Willamette Bearcats	5-1	.833	1	5-5	.500
Puget Sound Loggers	3-2	.600	2.5	7-2	.777
George Fox Bruins	4-5	.444	3.5	5-8	.385
Linfield Wildcats	3-4	.429	3.5	3-8	.273
Whitworth Pirates	3-5	.375	4	3-6	.333
Lewis & Clark Pioneers	1-7	.125	6	2-13	.133
Pacific Boxers	0-7	.000	6.5	1-13	.071

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Linfield's singles wins came at No. 5, Brian Woo defeating **Thong Nguyen (Jr., Portland, Ore.)** 6-0, 1-6, 6-4, and at No. 6, Matt Sheppard besting **Jake Dobson (Sr., Boise, Idaho)** 4-6, 6-2, 6-2. George Fox took the No. 1 doubles match, Hammans and Cruz downing Greene and Hottman 8-1, but the doubles point went to Linfield as the Wildcats won at No. 2, Mays and Sean Bettis over Nguyen and Lesh 9-7, and at No. 3, Berry and Woo over Gonzales and **Jared Pearson (Jr., Bend HS, Sunriver, Ore.)** 8-6.

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BRUINS DROP PAIR OF MATCHES, 6-1 TO UPS AND 7-0 TO PLU

NEWBERG, Ore. --- Playing two matches in one day for the first time all season, the George Fox University Bruins men's tennis team dropped them both to Tacoma tennis terrors, falling 6-1 to the University of Puget Sound Loggers and 7-0 to the Pacific Lutheran University Lutes Saturday here at the GFU campus courts.

In the morning match against UPS, **Todd Hammans** captured the No.1 singles for the Bruins with a 6-4, 6-4 win over Rob Weingeist. The Loggers took the other singles, however, with Andy Loveless winning over **Ryan Cruz** 6-3, 6-0 at No. 2, Eric Muller over **Joe Gonzales** 6-1, 6-3 at No. 3, Andrew Petersen over **Luke Lesh** 6-1, 6-2 at No. 4, Robi Cunningham over **Thong Nguyen** 6-1, 6-2 at No. 5, and Paul Kelley over **Jared Pearson** 6-4, 5-7 (7-4 tiebreaker) at No. 6.

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**GEORGE FOX UNIVERSITY BRUINS
2000 MEN'S TENNIS RESULTS**

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Northwest Conference: 4-5 (Home 1-3, Road 3-2)

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3/21 Tue.	at California Institute of Technology	Pasadena, Calif.	W 4-3
3/24 Fri.	at Point Loma Nazarene College	San Diego, Calif.	L 0-7
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Luke Lesh			1-3	1-2	0-2	1-0	3-7
Joe Gonzales			1-4	4-1	2-0		7-5
Thong Nguyen			0-3	0-4	2-3		2-10
Jared Pearson					0-1	1-9	1-10
Jake Dobson					0-2	0-1	0-3
TOTALS	6-6	7-5	2-10	5-7	4-8	2-10	26-46

DOUBLES RECORDS	#1	#2	#3	Record
Hammans-Cruz	7-5			7-5
Lesh-Nguyen		1-6		1-6
Gonzales-Pearson			3-4	3-4
Gonzales-Dobson		0-2		0-2
Gonzales-Lesh		1-2		1-2
Pearson-Nguyen			0-5	0-5
TOTALS	7-5	2-10	3-9	12-24

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The Bruins dropped to 5-8 on the season and 4-5 in the conference. The Bruins return to the courts Monday, Apr. 3, visiting Willamette University for an NWC match at 3:30 p.m.

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Linfield's singles wins came at No. 5, Brian Woo defeating Thong Nguyen 6-0, 1-6, 6-4, and at No. 6, Matt Shepphard besting Jake Dobson 4-6, 6-2, 6-2.

George Fox took the No. 1 doubles match, Hammans and Cruz downing Greene and Hottman 8-1, but the doubles point went to Linfield as the Wildcats won at No. 2, Mays and Sean Bettis over Nguyen and Lesh 9-7, and at No. 3, Berry and Woo over Gonzales and Jared Pearson 8-6.

Linfield slipped to 2-7 overall and 2-3 in the conference with the loss, while George Fox improved to 5-6 overall and 4-3 in the conference.

Both teams host two conference matches Saturday, Apr. 1. Linfield will entertain Whitworth College at 9:00 a.m. and Whitman College at 2:30 p.m., while George Fox will play the University of Puget Sound at 9:00 a.m. and Pacific Lutheran University at 2:30 p.m.

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THIS WEEK:

Tue., Mar. 28, 3:30 pm – Linfield College, in Newberg, Ore. (NWC)

Sat., Apr. 1, 10:00 am – University of Puget Sound, in Newberg, Ore. (NWC)

Sat., Apr. 1, 2:30 pm – Pacific Lutheran University, in Newberg, Ore. (NWC)

LAST WEEK:

Mar. 21 – George Fox 4, California Tech 3 (A)

Mar. 24 – Point Loma Nazarene 7, George Fox 0 (A)

Mar. 25 – Occidental College, in Los Angeles, Calif. (score unavailable)

NORTHWEST CONFERENCE STANDINGS (thru Mar. 26)

	<u>NWC</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>GB</u>	<u>All</u>	<u>Pct.</u>
Pacific Lutheran Lutes	3-0	1.000	.5	6-4	.600
Willamette Bearcats	3-0	1.000	.5	3-4	.429
Whitman Missionaries	5-1	.833	-	6-9	.400
Whitworth Pirates	3-3	.500	2	3-4	.429
George Fox Bruins	3-3	.500	2	4-5	.444
Linfield Wildcats	2-2	.500	2	2-6	.250
Puget Sound Loggers	1-2	.333	2.5	3-2	.600
Lewis & Clark Pioneers	1-5	.167	4	1-9	.100
Pacific Boxers	0-5	.000	4.5	1-7	.125

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BRUINS EVEN RECORD AT 4-4 WITH 4-3 WIN AT CAL TECH

PASADENA, Calif. --- Getting off to a good start on their three-match swing through California, the Bruins posted a 4-3 win over the California Institute of Technology in men's tennis here Tuesday afternoon (Mar. 21), evening their season record at 4-4.

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The host Crusaders captured the doubles point by taking the second and third doubles matches, and won all six singles. Point Loma Nazarene improved to 7-6, while the Bruins dipped a game below .500 at 4-5.

George Fox's doubles win was posted by **Todd Hammans** and **Ryan Cruz** with an 8-5 decision over Jason Kasner and Kyle Hammons. At No. 2, the Crusaders' Rodrigo Suarez and Mike Dames defeated the Bruins' **Luke Lesh** and **Thong Nguyen** 8-0, and at No. 3, it was Chad Abby and Ben Roberson over GFU's **Joe Gonzales** and **Jared Pearson** 8-4.

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The Bruins were to conclude their California trip with a match Saturday morning, Mar. 25, at 10:00 a.m. at Occidental College in Los Angeles, but results of that match were unavailable as this issue went to press.

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SPORTS PRESS RELEASE – MEN'S TENNIS

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The Bruins conclude their California trip with a match Saturday morning, Mar. 25, at 10:00 a.m. at Occidental College in Los Angeles. The next home match for George Fox is Tuesday, Mar. 28, at 3:30 p.m. against Linfield College in a Northwest Conference contest.

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The Bruins continue their California trip Friday, March 24, taking on Point Loma Nazarene College in San Diego at 2:30 p.m., and finish up with Occidental College in Los Angeles on Saturday, March 25, at 10:00 a.m.

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GEORGE FOX MEN'S TENNIS

Overall 3-4 (Home 0-2, Road 3-2), Northwest Conference 3-3 (Home 0-1, Road 3-2)

HIGHLIGHTS:

Bruins Even Conference Record with Win at Pacific

THIS WEEK:

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Fri., Mar. 24, 2:30 pm – Point Loma Nazarene College, in San Diego, Calif.
Sat., Mar. 25, 10:00 am – Occidental College, in Los Angeles, Calif.

LAST WEEK:

Mar. 14 – George Fox 4, Pacific 3 (A)

BRUINS NOTCH NWC WIN OVER PACIFIC 6-1

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The Boxers' Logan Williams defeated the Bruins' **Todd Hammans (Sr., Eugene, Ore.)** 6-4, 6-3 in No. 1 singles, but that was the only match the home team would win. At No. 2, **Ryan Cruz (Jr., Hillsboro, Ore.)** took the first set 6-0 over Mike Uhrich, who retired due to injury in the second set. **Luke Lesh (Jr., Salem, Ore.)** won 6-2, 6-1 over Jeff Steele at No. 3, **Joe Gonzales (Fr., Roseburg, Ore.)** downed Scott Sato 6-3, 6-2 at No. 4, it was **Thong Nguyen (Jr., Portland, Ore.)** over Douglas Dang 6-1, 6-0 at No. 5, and **Jared Pearson (Jr., Sunriver, Ore.)** took a 6-0, 6-1 decision over Mark Kunimoto at No. 6.

It was all Bruins in the doubles, **Hammans** and **Cruz** defeating Williams and Sato 8-6 at No. 1, **Lesh** and **Nguyen** receiving the win at No. 2 over Kunimoto and Uhrich due to Uhrich's injury, and **Gonzales** and **Pearson** taking an 8-6 match at No. 3 over Dang and Steele.

Pacific fell to 1-7 overall and 0-5 in the conference, while George Fox improved to 3-4 overall and 3-3 in the conference.

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GEORGE FOX MEN'S TENNIS

Overall 2-4 (Home 0-2, Road 2-2), Northwest Conference 2-3 (Home 0-1, Road 2-2)

HIGHLIGHTS:

Bruins Defeat Linfield 4-3 in McMinnville

THIS WEEK:

Tues., Mar. 14, 3:00 pm – Pacific (NWC), in Forest Grove, Ore.

LAST WEEK:

Mar. 7 – Willamette 6, George Fox 1(H)
Mar. 8 – George Fox 4, Linfield 3 (A)
Mar. 12 – Albertson 6, George Fox 1 (H)

BRUINS DROP NWC TENNIS DECISION TO WILLAMETTE 6-1

NEWBERG, Ore. --- Led by returning Northwest Conference "Player of the Year" Eduardo Kohlberg, the Willamette University Bearcats took a 6-1 win over the home-standing George Fox University Bruins in a men's conference tennis match Tuesday (March 7) here at the GFU campus courts.

After the Bearcats captured the doubles point by taking two of three matches, Kohlberg's 6-1, 6-2 win over **Ryan Cruz (Jr., Hillsboro, Ore.)** at No. 1 singles kept the Bearcats rolling toward their third straight victory of the season in as many matches. Only **Todd Hammans (Sr., Eugene, Ore.)** at No. 2 singles was able to earn a point for the Bruins with a 6-4, 6-2 win over Aaron Rapf.

Willamette took the remaining singles, Gavin Arita over **Joe Gonzales (Fr., Roseburg, Ore.)** 6-3, 6-0 at No. 3, Chris Christensen over **Thong Nguyen (Jr., Portland, Ore.)** 6-4, 6-4 at No. 4, Rob Ishmael over **Luke Lesh (Jr., Salem, Ore.)** 6-2, 2-6, 6-1 at No. 5, and Ben Maixner over **Jared Pearson (Jr., Sunriver, Ore.)** 6-1, 6-4 at No. 6.

The Bruins took the No. 1 doubles when Cruz and Hammans ganged up on Kohlberg and Rapf for an 8-5 victory, but the Bearcats' Ishmael and Arita won at No. 2 over Lesh and Gonzales 8-5, and Christensen and Maixner downed Nguyen and Pearson 8-2 at No. 3.

GEORGE FOX SQUEEZES 4-3 WIN OVER LINFIELD

McMINNVILLE, Ore. --- George Fox and Linfield split the singles field, but the Bruins claimed two of the three doubles spots to top the Wildcats 4-3 in Northwest Conference men's tennis action on Wednesday (March 8).

In singles, the Bruins won at the No. 1, 2, and 5 spots with **Todd Hammans** beating Justin Greene 6-1, 6-2 at No. 1. At the No. 2 spot, **Ryan Cruz** topped Matt Hottmann 6-4, 6-4, and rookie **Joe Gonzales** came away with a 6-2, 4-6, 6-2 win over Robert Berry.

Nick Mays held off **Luke Lesh** 6-1, 2-6, 6-1 at the No. 3 spot, and Sean Bettis and Brian Woo beat **Thong Nguyen** and **Jared Pearson** at the No. 4 and 6 spots

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The Bruins' top doubles squad of Hammans and Cruz took Green and Hottmann 8-3, and the No. 3 duo of Gonzales and Pearson beat Berry and Woo to give George Fox the 2-1 advantage in doubles.

BRUINS DOWNED 6-1 BY ALBERTSON IN NON-CONFERENCE MATCH

NEWBERG, Ore. --- In their first non-Northwest Conference match of the season, the George Fox University Bruins dropped a 6-1 decision to the Albertson College Coyotes in men's tennis action Sunday morning (Mar. 12) here at the GFU campus courts.

The only match won by the home-standing Bruins was the No. 5 singles, where **Joe Gonzales** posted a 6-3, 6-2 win over Chris Matika. In the remaining singles matches, Mike Jones defeated **Todd Hammans** 6-1, 6-1 at No. 1, Dan Lemon downed **Ryan Cruz** 6-2, 6-3 at No. 2, Joe Writer knocked off **Luke Lesh** 6-1, 6-1 at No. 3, Karl Schroeder won over **Thong Nguyen** 6-0, 6-1 at No. 4, and Josh Gregerson rallied to defeat **Jared Pearson** 3-6, 6-2, 6-2.

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The Bruins visit Pacific University in Forest Grove, Ore., for an NWC match, their only action of the week. During George Fox's spring break (March 18-26), they will play several matches in the southern California area.

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The Bruins, who dropped to 2-4 overall with the loss, return to NWC play Tuesday, Mar. 14, with a 3:00 p.m. match at Pacific University in Forest Grove.

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SPORTS PRESS RELEASE – MEN'S TENNIS

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Willamette plays Saturday, March 11, at California-Santa Cruz at 9:00 a.m. and Claremont-Mudd-Scripps at 1:00 p.m. at UCSC. George Fox, now 1-3, visits Linfield for an NWC match Wednesday, March 8, at 3:30 p.m. before returning home to host Albertson in a non-conference clash Sunday, March 12, at 9:00 a.m.

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GEORGE FOX MEN'S TENNIS

Overall 1-2, Northwest Conference 1-2, Home 0-0, Road 1-2

HIGHLIGHTS:

Bruins Open Season With 5-2 Win at Lewis & Clark

THIS WEEK:

Tues., Mar. 7, 3:00 pm – Willamette (NWC), in Newberg, Ore.

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Sun., Mar. 12, 9:00 am – Albertson (non-conference), in Newberg, Ore.

LAST WEEK:

Feb. 29 – George Fox 5, Lewis & Clark 2 (A)

Mar. 3 – Whitman 7, George Fox 0 (A)

Mar. 4 – Whitworth 4, George Fox 3 (A)

BRUINS OPEN MEN'S TENNIS SEASON WITH 5-2 WIN OVER PIONEERS

PORTLAND, Ore. --- Capturing four singles matches and two doubles matches, the George Fox University Bruins opened their 2000 men's tennis season with a 5-2 win over the Lewis & Clark College Pioneers Tuesday afternoon (Feb.29) here at the L&C indoor courts.

The Bruins, coming off an 8-10 campaign, got singles wins from **Todd Hammans (Sr., Eugene, Ore.)** 6-2, 6-2 over Rocky Campbell at No. 1, **Ryan Cruz (Jr., Hillsboro, Ore.)** 6-3, 6-3 over Joshua Bernard at No. 2, **Joe Gonzales (Fr., Roseburg, Ore.)** 6-0, 7-6 (7-1) over Jon Edwards at No. 4, and **Luke Lesh (Jr., Salem, Ore.)** 3-6, 6-1, 6-1 over Cayley Bell at No. 6.

The Pioneers won at No. 3 singles, Chris Upjohn over **Thong Nguyen (Jr., Portland, Ore.)** 6-1, 6-3, and at No. 5, Tim Hopp over **Jared Pearson (Jr., Sunriver, Ore.)** 6-2, 7-6.

Doubles matches went to the Bruins at No. 1, **Hammans** and **Cruz** downing Campbell and Upjohn 8-2, and at No. 2, **Gonzales** and **Lesh** over Bernard and Edwards 9-7. The No. 3 doubles went to the Pioneers, Hopp and Livingston over **Pearson** and **Nguyen** 8-3.

The Bruins continued on the road over the weekend, dropping a 7-0 decision at Whitman College Friday (Mar. 3) and a 4-3 match at Whitworth College on Saturday (Mar. 4), but individual results were not immediately available.

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George Fox is on the road again this weekend, visiting Whitworth College on Friday at 4:00 p.m. and Whitman College on Saturday at 2:00 p.m.

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GEORGE FOX MEN'S TENNIS

THIS WEEK:

Tue., Feb. 29, 3:30 pm – Lewis & Clark (NWC), in Portland, Ore.

Fri., Mar. 3, 4:00 pm – Whitman (NWC), in Walla Walla, Wash.

Sat., Mar. 4, 2:00 pm – Whitworth (NWC), in Spokane, Wash.

George Fox University 2000 Men's Tennis Outlook ---

VETERAN PLAYERS EXPECTED TO CARRY THE LOAD AS BRUINS TRY TO MOVE UP IN NWC TENNIS STATUS

As **Rick Cruz** begins his first full season as head coach of the men's tennis team at George Fox University, he finds himself with a squad that has some quality but little depth. The result, he says, is that "overall, this season will be a little difficult. Our top two are among the best in the league, but we are probably not as strong from the 3 through 6 positions as some of the other teams in the conference."

The Bruins' No.1 player, **Todd Hammans (Sr., Eugene, Ore.)**, returns for his final season after going 11-8 last year, as does **Ryan Cruz (Jr., Hillsboro, Ore.)**, the coach's younger brother who was 15-4 at No. 2. Hammans earned First Team All-Northwest Conference honors and Cruz made Second Team. "They play different styles of tennis – Todd is more aggressive and has more of an all-court game, while Ryan is more of a baseline player who can keep the ball in play forever – and on any given day, they can compete with anyone in the conference," says the coach.

With last year's No. 3 player, Justin Ubel, electing not to play this season, **Joe Gonzales (Fr., Roseburg, Ore.)** steps into the third slot in the order. "Joe, like Ryan, is on the basketball team right now and will help us when their season ends," Cruz points out. "He's a big server who is not far behind our top two, and should be a solid performer for us."

The fourth and fifth places in the lineup will be determined between **returnees Thong Nguyen (Jr., Portland, Ore.)**, who was 8-11 playing mostly at No. 4 last year, and rapidly-improving **Jared Pearson (Jr., Sunriver, Ore.)**, who was 5-7 with most of his matches at No.6. "Both of them are mainly baseline players who can win some key points for us," Cruz predicts. "Jared just needs a little more experience to be a fine contributor."

"We have five consistent players for the top five spots," says Cruz, "while our No. 6 position will alternate between **Luke Lesh (Jr., Salem, Ore.)** and **Jake Dobson (Sr., Boise, Idaho)**. Luke played for us from 1995-97 and will come to us with two years of eligibility left out of the graduate program, while Jake, who also serves as my assistant coach, likewise has another year left."

Cruz anticipates his brother and Hammans pairing up again for No.1 doubles, where they were 7-9. Gonzales will team up with either Lesh or Dobson at No. 2 doubles, and the No. 3 position will go Nguyen and Pearson, who were 0-1 in the only match they played together last year.

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The Bruins were 8-10 in dual matches, finished seventh in the NWC Tournament, and came in fourth out of six teams at the NAIA Pacific Northwest Region Championships.

Coach Cruz is himself a former Bruin tennis player, having played for George Fox from 1996-98, the first three years of the program. He played most often at Nos. 2 and 3, and was 10-8 as a senior in '98. While serving as an assistant coach last season, he took over the reins in mid-season when Josh Schweitz stepped down as coach after going 4-6 and guided the Bruins to a 4-4 record the rest of the way.

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**GEORGE FOX UNIVERSITY BRUINS
2000 MEN'S TENNIS ROSTER**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Plays</u>	<u>Ht.</u>	<u>Wt.</u>	<u>Cl.</u>	<u>Hometown/Previous School</u>
Ryan Cruz	R	6-1	170	Jr.	Hillsboro, Ore./Hillsboro HS
Jake Dobson	R	5-8	140	Sr.	Boise, Idaho/Greenleaf Friends Academy
Joe Gonzales	R	5-11	165	Fr.	Roseburg, Ore./Roseburg HS
Todd Hammans	R	6-2	185	Sr.	Eugene, Ore./Churchill HS
Luke Lesh	R	6-2	187	Jr.	Salem, Ore./Western Baptist
Thong Nguyen	R	5-3	114	Jr.	Portland, Ore./Parkrose HS
Jared Pearson	R	5-6	148	Jr.	Sunriver, Ore./Bend HS

Head Coach: Rick Cruz

Assistant Coach: Jake Dobson

2nd: 02/24/00

**GEORGE FOX UNIVERSITY BRUINS
2000 MEN'S TENNIS SCHEDULE**

<u>DATE/DAY</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>TIME</u>
<u>February</u>			
29 Tue.	* at Lewis & Clark College	Portland, Ore.	3:30 pm
<u>March</u>			
3 Fri.	* at Whitman College	Walla Walla, Wash.	4:00 pm
4 Sat.	* at Whitworth College	Spokane, Wash.	2:00 pm
7 Tue.	* WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY	Newberg, Ore.	3:00 pm
8 Wed.	* at Linfield College	McMinnville, Ore.	3:30 pm
12 Sun.	ALBERTSON COLLEGE	Newberg, Ore.	9:00 am
14 Tue.	* at Pacific University	Forest Grove, Ore.	3:00 pm
21 Tue.	at California Institute of Technology	Pasadena, Calif.	3:00 pm
24 Fri.	at Point Loma Nazarene College	San Diego, Calif.	2:30 pm
25 Sat.	at Occidental College	Los Angeles, Calif.	10:00 am
28 Tue.	* LINFIELD COLLEGE	Newberg, Ore.	3:30 pm
<u>April</u>			
1 Sat.	* UNIVERSITY OF PUGET SOUND	Newberg, Ore.	9:00 am
1 Sat.	* PACIFIC LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY	Newberg, Ore.	2:30 pm
3 Mon.	* at Willamette University	Salem, Ore.	3:30 pm
7 Fri.	* LEWIS & CLARK COLLEGE	Newberg, Ore.	3:30 pm
14 Fri.	NORTHWEST NAZARENE COLLEGE	Newberg, Ore.	2:00 pm
15 Sat.	* PACIFIC UNIVERSITY	Newberg, Ore.	11:00 am
21-22 F-S	Northwest Conference Tournament	Tacoma, Wash. (UPS)	TBA
<u>May</u>			
13-14 S-S	NCAA Division III Regionals	On-campus sites	TBA
19-24 F-W	NCAA Division III National Championship	Kalamazoo, Mich.	TBA

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BRUINS DROP NWC TENNIS DECISION TO WILLAMETTE 6-1

NEWBERG, Ore. --- Led by returning Northwest Conference "Player of the Year" Eduardo Kohlberg, the Willamette University Bearcats took a 6-1 win over the home-standing George Fox University Bruins in a men's conference tennis match Tuesday afternoon here at the GFU campus courts.

After the Bearcats captured the doubles point by taking two of three matches, Kohlberg's 6-1, 6-2 win over Ryan Cruz at No. 1 singles kept the Bearcats rolling toward their third straight victory of the season in as many matches. Only Todd Hammans at No. 2 singles was able to earn a point for the Bruins with a 6-4, 6-2 win over Aaron Rapf.

Willamette took the remaining singles, Gavin Arita over Joe Gonzales 6-3, 6-0 at No. 3, Chris Christensen over Thong Nguyen 6-4, 6-4 at No. 4, Rob Ishmael over Luke Lesh 6-2, 2-6, 6-1 at No. 5, and Ben Maixner over Jared Pearson 6-1, 6-4 at No. 6.

The Bruins took the No. 1 doubles when Cruz and Hammans ganged up on Kohlberg and Rapf for an 8-5 victory, but the Bearcats' Ishmael and Arita won at No. 2 over Lesh and Gonzales 8-5, and Christensen and Maixner downed Nguyen and Pearson 8-2 at No. 3.

Willamette plays Saturday, March 11, at California-Santa Cruz at 9:00 a.m. and Claremont-Mudd-Scripps at 1:00 p.m. at UCSC. George Fox, now 1-3, visits Linfield for an NWC match Wednesday, March 8, at 3:30 p.m. before returning home to host Albertson in a non-conference clash Sunday, March 12, at 9:00 a.m.

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BRUINS EVEN RECORD AT 4-4 WITH 4-3 WIN AT CAL TECH

PASADENA, Calif. --- Getting off to a good start on their three-match swing through California, the George Fox University Bruins posted a 4-3 win over the California Institute of Technology in men's tennis here Tuesday afternoon, evening their season record at 4-4.

The Bruins captured four of the six singles matches, but only one of the doubles and dropped the doubles point. Cal Tech fell to 6-7 with the loss.

George Fox wins went to Ryan Cruz over Matt Musick 6-3, 6-3 at No. 1 singles, Todd Hammans over Jason Wong 6-2, 6-0 at No. 2, Joe Gonzales over Chris Leapley 6-0, 6-4 at No. 4, and Thong Nguyen over Tony Guerrero 4-6, 7-6, 6-2 at No. 5. Cal Tech won the No. 3 singles, Gerald Palmrose defeating Luke Lesh 6-~~3~~, 6-0, and the No. 6 singles, Justin Fox over Jared Pearson 6-~~3~~, 6-2.

Cal Tech took the first two doubles matches, Musick and Wong ⁹⁻⁷~~8-6~~ over Cruz and Hammans at No. 1 and Palmrose and Leapley 8-6 over Lesh and Nguyen at No. 2. Gonzales and Pearson won for the Bruins 8-3 over Guerrero and Yuki Takahashi at No. 3 doubles.

The Bruins continue their California trip Friday, March 24, taking on Point Loma Nazarene College in San Diego at 2:30 p.m., and finish up with Occidental College in Los Angeles on Saturday, March 25, at 10:00 a.m.

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BRUINS COMPLETE SWEEP OF LEWIS & CLARK WITH 6-1 WIN

NEWBERG, Ore. --- Completing a sweep of their home-and-home series with Lewis & Clark College, the George Fox University Bruins picked up a 6-1 win over the Pioneers in a Northwest Conference men's tennis match Friday afternoon (Apr. 7) here at the GFU campus courts.

The victory boosted the Bruins' overall record to 6-9 and to 5-6 in the conference, while the Pioneers dropped to 2-14 overall and 1-8 in the conference. The Bruins had opened the season with a 5-2 win over the Pioneers in Portland on Feb. 29.

The Bruins opened the match by taking two of the three doubles matches to capture the doubles point. George Fox doubles winners were Todd Hammans and Ryan Cruz over Chris Upjohn and Joshua Bernard 8-6 at No. 1, and Joe Gonzales and Jared Pearson over Tim Hopp and Brendan Livingston 8-2 at No. 3. Rocky Campbell and Jon Edwards for Lewis & Clark defeated Luke Lesh and Thong Nguyen 9-8 (9-7) at No. 2.

In singles, George Fox winners were Cruz over Campbell 6-0, 6-3 at No. 1; Hammans over Bernard 6-0, 6-0 at No. 2; Gonzales over Upjohn 6-4, 3-6, 6-1 at No.3; Lesh over Edwards 6-2, 6-2 at No. 4; and Nguyen over Hopp 6-2, 7-5 at No. 5.

The Pioneers won at No. 6 singles, Livingston defeating Pearson 6-4, 6-2.

George Fox is off until next Friday, Apr.14, when the Bruins will host Northwest Nazarene College in a non-conference match at 2:00 p.m. Lewis & Clark will visit Willamette University next Tuesday, Apr. 11, for a 3:30 p.m. NWC contest.

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BRUIN NETTERS TAKE TOP FOUR SINGLES TO DROP LINFIELD 4-3

NEWBERG, Ore. --- Posting wins in the top four singles matches, the George Fox University Bruins made it a clean sweep of the season series with a 4-3 victory over the Linfield College Wildcats in Northwest Conference men's tennis action Tuesday afternoon (Mar. 28) here at the GFU campus courts.

The Bruins, who edged the Wildcats 4-3 in McMinnville back on Mar. 8, got singles wins from Todd Hammans over Justin Greene 6-1, 7-5 at No. 1, Ryan Cruz over Matt Hottman 4-6, 6-1, 6-2 at No. 2, Joe Gonzales over Nick Mays 7-5, 6-1 at No. 3, and Luke Lesh over Robert Berry 6-4, 6-3 at No. 4.

Linfield's singles wins came at No. 5, Brian Woo defeating Thong Nguyen 6-0, 1-6, 6-4, and at No. 6, Matt Shepphard besting Jake Dobson 4-6, 6-2, 6-2.

George Fox took the No. 1 doubles match, Hammans and Cruz downing Greene and Hottman 8-1, but the doubles point went to Linfield as the Wildcats won at No. 2, Mays and Sean Bettis over Nguyen and Lesh 9-7, and at No. 3, Berry and Woo over Gonzales and Jared Pearson 8-6.

Linfield slipped to 2-7 overall and 2-3 in the conference with the loss, while George Fox improved to 5-6 overall and 4-3 in the conference.

Both teams host two conference matches Saturday, Apr. 1. Linfield will entertain Whitworth College at 9:00 a.m. and Whitman College at 2:30 p.m., while George Fox will play the University of Puget Sound at 9:00 a.m. and Pacific Lutheran University at 2:30 p.m.

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BRUINS FALL TO LINFIELD 4-3 IN SECOND ROUND OF NWC TOURNAMENT

TACOMA, Wash. --- During the regular season, the George Fox University Bruins were able to take the measure of their Yamhill County rivals, the Linfield College Wildcats, defeating them 4-3 in home-and-home meetings. It was a different story in the Northwest Conference Men's Tennis Tournament Saturday (Apr. 22) here at the University of Puget Sound's Pamplin Tennis Center, though, as the Wildcats turned the tables for a 4-3 win over the Bruins in the second round.

The two teams split the singles matches, George Fox taking Nos. 1-3 and Linfield Nos. 4-6, but Linfield prevailed by taking the No. 2 and No. 3 doubles to capture the doubles point. George Fox finished the tournament with an 0-2 record, having lost to Willamette 4-3 in the first round, while Linfield ended at 1-1. All sets in this match were pro sets. George Fox is now 7-12 on the year.

Taking singles for the Bruins were Ryan Cruz over Justin Greene 8-5 at No. 1; Todd Hammans over Matt Hottman 8-2 at No. 2; and Joe Gonzales over Nick Mays 8-5 at No. 3. Linfield got singles wins from Sean Bettis over Luke Lesh 8-5 at No. 4; Robert Berry over Thong Nguyen 8-5 at No. 5; and Brian Woo over Jared Pearson 8-0 at No. 6.

George Fox's doubles team of Cruz and Hammans, ranked 13th in the NCAA Division III West Region, downed Greene and Hottman 8-2 at No. 1, but the Wildcats took No. 2, Bettis and Berry winning 8-4 over Lesh and Nguyen, and No. 3, Mays and Woo 8-6 over Gonzales and Pearson.

While the season is over for the Bruins as a team, there is a possibility that Hammans, ranked No. 28 in the West Region, and the doubles team of Cruz and Hammans, may be able to compete in the NCAA Division III regionals, set for Saturday-Sunday, May 13-14, at various on-campus sites. More information should become available in a few days.

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BRUINS TAKE DEFAULTS, FALTER AGAINST NNC 4-3

PORTLAND, Ore. --- Rain played havoc with George Fox University's men's tennis match with Northwest Nazarene College in more ways than one Friday (Apr. 14).

First, wet courts at the GFU campus courts forced the two teams to find another place to play, and they finally secured the indoor courts at here at Lewis & Clark College. Because the Pioneers already had a home match in the afternoon, the Bruins and visiting Crusaders could not play until 7:30 p.m., and the match was not over until almost 11:00 p.m. Add to that the fact that one player had family coming into town and already had a commitment to them, and another missed his ride to Portland, and the Bruins had to default the No. 5 and No. 6 singles and No. 3 doubles. Still, they nearly pulled it off, falling only by a 4-3 margin to NNC.

The two teams split the doubles, George Fox's Todd Hammans and Ryan Cruz, the No. 13 doubles team in the NCAA Division III West Region, defeating NNC's Mack Watson and Nathan Vanderpool 8-2 at No. 1, but Andy Kerr and Randy Seals pulled off the No. 2 doubles for the Crusaders 8-5 over Luke Lesh and Joe Gonzales.

The Bruins took the top three singles, with Hammans, ranked No. 28 in the West Region, winning over Watson 6-4, 6-0 at No. 1, Cruz defeating Kerr 4-6, 6-0, 6-1 at No. 2, and Gonzales bettering Seals 6-1, 6-2 at No. 3. Northwest Nazarene's lone singles win came when Greg Dement downed Lesh 2-6, 6-1, 6-2 at No. 4.

The loss dropped the Bruins to 6-10 on the season.

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BRUINS WHITEWASH BOXERS 7-0, AWAIT CONFERENCE TOURNAMENT

NEWBERG, Ore. --- Concluding their regular season in fine style, the George Fox University Bruins swept the Pacific University Boxers 7-0 in a Northwest Conference men's tennis match Saturday afternoon (Apr. 15) here at the GFU campus courts.

The host Bruins took all three doubles matches to start play, Todd Hammans and Ryan Cruz, ranked 13th in doubles in the NCAA Division III West Region, downing Logan Williams and Mike Uhrich 8-3 at No. 1, Luke Lesh and Thong Nguyen defeating Jeff Steele and Douglas Dang 8-2 at No. 2, and Joe Gonzales and Jared Pearson blanking Scotto Sato and Scott Houston 8-0 at No. 3.

In the featured singles match, Hammans, ranked No. 28 in the West Region, defeated No. 25 Williams 6-0, 1-6, 7-6 at No. 1. Other George Fox winners were Cruz over Uhrich 6-0, 6-1 at No. 2, Gonzales over Steele 6-1, 6-0 at No. 3, Lesh over Dang 6-1, 6-0 at No. 4, Nguyen over Sato 6-2, 6-1 at No. 5, and Pearson over Houston 6-0, 6-0 at No. 6.

George Fox ends the regular season with a 7-10 overall mark and 6-6 in the conference, while Pacific is 1-16 and 0-10. Up next for the Bruins is the Northwest Conference Tournament Friday and Saturday, Apr. 21-22, at the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma, Wash.

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NEWBERG, Ore. --- Playing two matches in one day for the first time all season, the George Fox University Bruins men's tennis team dropped them both to Tacoma tennis terrors, falling 6-1 to the University of Puget Sound Loggers and 7-0 to the Pacific Lutheran University Lutes Saturday here at the GFU campus courts.

In the morning match against UPS, Todd Hammans captured the No.1 singles for the Bruins with a 6-4, 6-4 win over Rob Weingeist. The Loggers took the other singles, however, with Andy Loveless winning over Ryan Cruz 6-3, 6-0 at No. 2, Eric Muller over Joe Gonzales 6-1, 6-3 at No. 3, Andrew Petersen over Luke Lesh 6-1, 6-2 at No. 4, Robi Cunningham over Thong Nguyen 6-1, 6-2 at No. 5, and Paul Kelley over Jared Pearson 6-4, 5-7 (7-4 tiebreaker) at No. 6.

The Bruins also took the No. 1 doubles match, Hammans and Cruz defeating Cunningham and Kelley 8-4, but the Loggers won the other two matches to capture the doubles point, Weingeist and Loveless defeating Lesh and Nguyen 8-0 at No. 2, and Muller and Petersen beating Gonzales and Pearson 8-4 at No. 3.

In the afternoon match, Pacific Lutheran shut out the Bruins. PLU singles winners were Clayton Harris over Cruz 7-6, 6-2 at No. 1, Peter Lunoe over Hammans 6-1, 6-3 at No. 2, Tyler Imig over Gonzales 4-6, 7-5, 6-2 at No. 3, Reid Wiggins over Lesh 6-2, 6-1 at No. 4, Scott Nguy over Nguyen 6-2, 6-3 at No. 5, and Gabriel Svad over Pearson 6-0, 6-0 at No. 6.

Doubles went to the Lutes' Harris and Lunoe over Hammans and Cruz 8-2 at No.1, Imig and Wiggins over Lesh and Nguyen 8-2 at No. 2, and Svad and Justin Oschner over Gonzales and Pearson 8-3 at No. 3.

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BRUINS WIN NO. 1 DOUBLES BUT FALL 7-0 AT POINT LOMA

SAN DIEGO, Calif. --- Only a victory in the No. 1 doubles match prevented the George Fox University Bruins from being shut out as Point Loma Nazarene College took a 7-0 win in men's tennis action here Friday afternoon (Mar. 24).

The host Crusaders captured the doubles point by taking the second and third doubles matches, and won all six singles. Point Loma Nazarene improved to 7-6, while the Bruins dipped a game below .500 at 4-5.

George Fox's doubles win was posted by Todd Hammans and Ryan Cruz with an 8-5 decision over Jason Kasner and Kyle Hammons. At No. 2, the Crusaders' Rodrigo Suarez and Mike Dames defeated the Bruins' Luke Lesh and Thong Nguyen 8-0, and at No. 3, it was Chad Abby and Ben Roberson over GFU's Joe Gonzales and Jared Pearson 8-4.

In singles, it was PLN's Suarez over Hammans 6-1, 6-2 at No. 1; Abby over Cruz 6-3, 6-1 at No. 2; Kasner over Gonzales 6-1, 6-1 at No. 3; Joe Combs over Nguyen 6-1, 6-2 at No. 4; Hammons over Lesh 6-0, 6-1 at No. 5; and Roberson over Pearson 6-0, 6-0 at No. 6.

The Bruins conclude their California trip with a match Saturday morning, Mar. 25, at 10:00 a.m. at Occidental College in Los Angeles. The next home match for George Fox is Tuesday, Mar. 28, at 3:30 p.m. against Linfield College in a Northwest Conference contest.

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