

# **OREGON STATE TENNIS TEAM**

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Varsity tennis dates to 1908 at Oregon State, although it had been played recreationally and between classes as early as 1890. A women's team played against the University of California Berkeley in 1914 and the University of Oregon in 1915.

Tennis became a regular sport in 1921 when professor of veterinary medicine B.T. Simms began coaching the men's team, a position he held until 1937. OSC won the 1937 PCC Northern Division title, with Claude Hockley winning the singles championship. Bill McKalip was the coach from 1938 to 1942. Irwin Harris coached the team from 1943 until 1962, developing it into a west coast powerhouse, Don Megale coached from 1962 through 1970, and his 1966 and 1967 teams were the PAC-8 Northern Division champions. Former basketball coach Paul Valenti coached the team from 1971 through the 1975 season, when the program was eliminated due to budget cuts. His 1973 team went 15-0 in dual meets.

Tennis became an intercollegiate sport for women in the mid 1970's but was eliminated in 1984. The 1982 team took second place at the conference regional tournament. Coaches were Patty Nevue (1978 – 1982) and Don Megale (1983- 1984)

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