

Bob Welch

Duck golfers

Making it big...on their own



In a day when financial success is most often synonymous with athletic success, it's refreshing to see something like the Oregon golf team come along.

Jim Ferguson's golf team, like the Oregon swimmers, has paid its own way this year due to budget cuts. Instead of crying sour grapes, however, the Ducks have mustered enough money and talent to become the nation's 11th ranked team.

And the nation's No. 1 self-supporting team.

"I'd say we've got the smallest budget of the top 50 or 100 teams," said Ferguson. "A lot of your top teams have budgets between \$25 and \$40,000 and don't need to travel nearly as far as us."

The Ducks, meanwhile, have a budget in the low teens. Only grant-in aid has been provided by the athletic department. The rest has been raised through special tournaments or contributions.

Golf, Ferguson points out, is unique when it comes to fund-raising. "It's about the only sport where a guy like Peter Jacobson can play right next to a 70-year-old man in a fund-raising tournament and both can have a good time," he said. "You don't have to play against each other, but against the course. Can you imagine some alumni going one-on-one with Ronnie Lee or trying to volley with an Oregon tennis player?"

Because of this unique situation, the golf team hasn't had to sell frisbees or stage professional exhibitions.

To make some money, Ferguson schedules a tournament at some country club, preferably a club that one of his players used to play at or one with plenty of Duck supporters.

The country clubbers pay something — say \$10 — to play. And that's that.

"Most country clubbers," Ferguson points out, "are professional men — doctors, dentists, lawyers, etc. As a rule, most go to a liberal arts college. Thus, we're in a better position to raise money than, say, Oregon State (which, incidentally, does not hold such tournaments). Also, country club people tend to be quite generous in the first place."

"We've really had a great response, both from alums and non-alums. Some even contribute balls and bags to our program."

And most contributors would have to admit it's been money well-invested. The Ducks have run away with the Oregon and Oregon State Invitational tournaments, placed fifth in the Houston All-American, third in the Pacific Coast Invitational, and second in the Cougar Classic. And unless Jacobsen gets run over by a golf cart, the Ducks will capture the Northern Division tournament today in Seattle.

In the meantime, says Ferguson, his golfers are growing as people.

"More than most sports, golf is a mental game," he said. "You've got to control your mind and then have your mind control your body. That type of discipline can help you in every avenue of life. That in itself shows there is educational value to it."

Ferguson just shakes his head at the suggestion that golfers don't fit in the same category with other athletics. "Our players are as athletic as any other athlete," he said. "Most are in very good condition. Most have played basketball in high school and were very good. I'd say anybody who has to walk 36 holes of golf in 11 hours and shoot 75 must be in fairly good shape."

One of the main reasons Oregon has developed into a strong golf team, Ferguson says, is the emergence of a top player. Lately, of course, it has been Jacobsen.

"He's given the other guys on the team something to shoot at," said Ferguson. "You need somebody like Pete about every four years to maintain a good program."

And you need a few other things, like a good home course and a chance to travel. Oregon has both.

"Eugene Country Club, Tokatee and Emerald Valley are appealing to a lot of recruits," said Ferguson. "You've got to have at least one good course. You'd think UCLA would have one of the best golf teams around but they don't — simply because they don't have a good home course."

When you talk about travel, the subject of money must enter into the discussion. Especially at Oregon, which Ferguson estimates must travel farther to play in major tournaments than any other top golf school.

"I was talking to the Arizona State coach a couple of weeks ago and he was telling me how they could go to 12-15 top-flight tournaments within a 400-mile radius," said Ferguson. "Our closest top-flight tournament (the Western Intercollegiate in Santa Cruz, Calif.) is 600 miles away."

Ferguson would like to see the Oregon program run on about \$22,000 a year. Next year's fund-raising has already begun, he says, and with a host of returnees and a couple of blue-chip recruits, things look bright for the Ducks.

Ferguson will place a bid next month to hold the 1978 NCAA Championships at the Eugene Country Club.

In the meantime, he's gearing up for this year's NCAA tournament June 9-12 in Albuquerque.

"We'd like to finish in the top five," Ferguson says. "I think only three teams — Wake Forest, Oklahoma State and Brigham Young — are really better than Oregon if we play to our potential."

Which isn't bad for a team that faced the season with empty pockets.

Jacobson leads way

Ducks jump into big lead

BELLEVUE, Wash. — Peter Jacobson shot a first round 67 to propel him into first place, and place Oregon in a commanding lead at the Pacific 8 Northern Division golf tournament at Glendale Golf Club in Bellevue Monday.

The tournament will conclude today with 18 holes at Nile Country Club in Seattle, beginning at 1 p.m.

If Jacobson wins, he'll be the eighth Oregon medalist in the 11-year history of the tournament.

today will be the NCAA Championships in Albuquerque, June 9 through 12. The Ducks are currently ranked fourteenth, but have been rated as high as eleventh. Southern California is the only West Coast school with a higher ranking.

The Pacific 8 championships were ruled out this year because of financial problems.

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Jacobson followed with a second-round score of 71 to put him eight strokes ahead of teammate Scott Tuttle. The Ducks have a team score of 742, putting them 24 strokes ahead of second place Oregon State.

He also won last year at Eugene Country Club with an even-par score of 216.

The Ducks should win their sixth title in the last nine years if they hang on today.

Oregon's next competition after

INDIVIDUAL — Peter Jacobson 67-71-138 2. Scott Tuttle 73-73-146 3. Joe Runtle, Wash. 74-73-147 4. Tom, Weiler, OSU, 72-76-148 5. (tie) Jeff Sanders, Ore, 74-76-150, and Rob Gibbons, OSU, 72-78-150 7. (tie) Dick Jonson, Wash, 77-74-151, and Mark Bingager, OSU, 81-70-151 9. (tie) Steve Prugh, Ore, 76-77-153, and Bruce Bork, WSU, 75-78-153.

OTHER OREGON ENTRIES — Dan Wiggins 77-78 — 155, Rod Livesay 79-77 — 156.

TEAM — Oregon 742, Oregon State 766, Washington 769, Washington State 790.

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Clark named to team

CHICAGO (AP)—Mario Clark, the Oregon defensive back who recently was drafted in the first round of the National Football League by the Buffalo Bills, was named Saturday to the collegiate all-star team that will face the Super Bowl champion Pittsburgh Steelers July 23.

Women golfers sixth

CRESWELL—Oregon was in sixth place Monday after the first round of the Daisy Duck women's golf tournament at Emerald Valley Golf Course.

Stanford was ahead after 18 holes with a 165 score, followed by Washington (171), Washington 'B' (173), Washington 'C' (175), Oregon State (176), Oregon (177), Oregon 'B' (187), Oregon State 'B' (193) and Oregon 'C' (227).

Kathy Young shot 81 and Mary Wilson 96 to pace the Ducks.

Oregon State's Rise Alexander was the midway leader, firing a 76.

Beres named SID

George H. Beres has been named as the new director of sports information at Oregon, replacing Chuck Niemi.

Beres, 43, is a former sports information director at Northwestern University and currently serves as sports director and director of media relations at Broadcast Communications, Inc., WEAU/WOJO, Evanston, Ill.

His appointment begins July 1 at an annual salary of \$16,000.

The new Oregon SID is a graduate and former faculty member of the Medill School of

Journalism at Northwestern. A U.S. Army veteran, his professional career includes prior positions on the Decatur (Ill.) *Herald Review* and *Omnibus Magazine*.

He served as assistant sports information director at Northwestern from 1959 to 1969 and as SID for the Big Ten Conference member school from 1969 to 1973. He is a member of the Football Writers of America and the Society of Professional Journalists, Sigma Delta Chi.

WRA winners named

The Women's Recreation Association has announced the winners of its tennis tournament and its slow bike race.

In the former, Doug Forbes and Marcia Greve combined to take the mixed doubles championships, Lynn Drake and Darcy Hall captured the women's doubles while Cindy Richen took the women's singles.

In the bike race, Scott Stemper

won with 11 feet, six inches; Jerry Morkiawa was second with 15 feet, eight inches and Bill Swindells was third with 17 feet, 10 inches.

Ducks tied for lead

The Oregon club sports lacrosse team edged Washington 11-10 Saturday to bring its record to 6-1 and knot the two teams for first place in the Pacific Northwest Lacrosse Association.

Midfielder Brent Summer was high scorer with three goals while John Meyer had four assists and a pair of goals.

Frisbee fly set

The WRA frisbee fly is scheduled for Thursday, at 4 p.m. on 13th Avenue.

Entries will be judged on distance, accuracy, curve, straight and skip throws. The points in each category will be combined to determine a winner.

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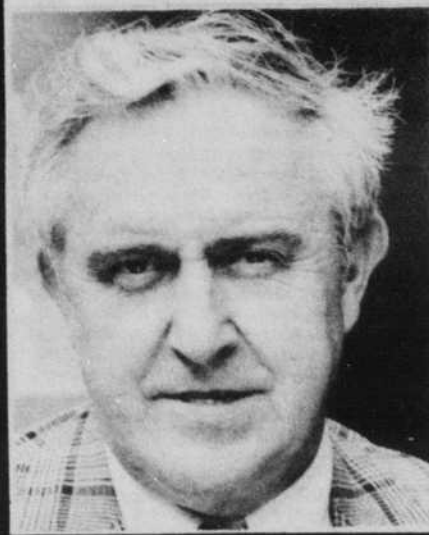
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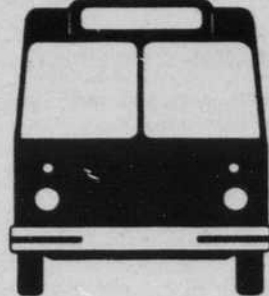


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- * Community Leader, Legislator, County Administrator
 - * As member of Lane Transit Board, Jack Craig supports and works for improved bus service for Eugene, Springfield, and parts of rural Lane County.
 - * Endorsed by Women's Political Caucus
 - * As State Legislator (1971-73), rated a top state representative by Oregon Times, Oregon Environmental Council and Lane County Democratic Party.
- For more see p. 102, Oregon Voters Pamphlet

Paid-Craig for Commissioner Committee, Jack Craig, Treasurer, 2159 Emerald St., Eugene, Oregon 97403



Jack's incumbent opponent, Frank Elliott, has voted against transit service for Lane County and says he's against it! (Speech, Lane County Farm Bureau, April 1976)