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Below average showings doom Ducks to poor Canadian finish

Hampered by slumps, the Oregon women's golf team was defeated by British Columbia 710-772 in a two-day match Saturday and Sunday.

Liz Cooper, usually among the leaders, was well off her game for the Ducks and Oregon severely missed the good play of Cooper, who finished with a two day total of 191 to tie for fifth out of eight participants with Oregon's Mary Jo Wallo.

Paula Phillips of BC won the match with rounds of 81 and 82 for a 163 final score. Karen Henry topped the Duck players with consecutive rounds for 88 for a 176 finishing total.

"I'm not sure what the cause of the problems was," admitted Coach Diane Baxter. "Liz was having some swing problems, but I think her swing is solid enough that it was really more a mental problem." Also not playing up to par was Linda Leff who zoomed up to a total of 214 after shooting in the 180s the previous week.

"Linda is still inexperienced, and I think she got a little psyched-out," speculated Baxter. "She was playing with longer hitters and she started to try to go too long. Then she lost her rhythm."

"She played well around the greens and on the greens but she had bad contact off the tee."

Soccer team wins pair

Oregon's Women's Soccer team earned wins over both Washington State (1-0) Saturday and Whitman College (2-1) Sunday. The team record now stands at 3-2-1.

Coach Duncan McLain attributed the victory over WSU to a much improved offense. "Our mid-field did a great job; the team really rallied behind the half-back play of Sid Holte," McLain said.

The game was scoreless until the second half when forward Sharon Refvem connected with the goal to give Oregon the advantage 1-0.

"We beat them to every loose ball," McLain said, "we won because we played clean, aggressive soccer."

Whitman jumped to an early lead in Sunday's game, scoring the only goal in the first half. The Ducks tightened up their game and managed to control the ball in the second half, keeping it deep in Whitman's territory. This positioning enabled Robin Lee to boot in the tying goal.

"We beat them on the execution of our set plays," McLain explained, "especially our corner and free kicks." One corner kick taken by Lee became the winning goal, when Linda Von Tassel headed the ball in past the goalie.

As if their own problems weren't enough, the course provided additional hassles for the Ducks.

"It was a shaggy course, somewhere in between American courses which are well trimmed and the uncut Scotland courses," explained the Oregon coach. "There was a lot of that and the fairways were lumpy and we're just not used to that."

The match in British Columbia marked the end of the fall campaign for Oregon golfers Leff and Wallo while Cooper and Henry will

participate in net weekend's Stanford Invitational.

"Mary Jo and Linda are at a stage where I thought it might be more crushing than beneficial," said Baxter of her decision not to send the two players. The Stanford course is rated among the 100 hardest in the country.

Cooper and Henry will be going however, and Baxter expects good things from the pair.

"As a two-player team they could finish third or fourth," she said.

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Duck booters sweep foes

Eric Zook punched in two goals to lead Oregon past Oregon State 4-1 in college soccer play Sunday at Autzen Stadium.

Scott Meiggs and Raimundo Infante added the other Duck goals as Oregon upped its league record to 4-2.

The j.v. soccer team also won as it rode Dan Rabin's three first-half goals to a 4-3 win over Linfield in McMinnville. Bill Sheldermine added the other Duck goal.

Volleyball squad wins tourney

The Oregon j.v. volleyball team whipped Southwestern Oregon CC, Chemekata CC and Central Oregon CC, to capture a tournament in Bend last weekend.



Oregon's leading scorer Susanna Randall will be among the Ducks in action today as the undefeated Duck field hockey team travels to Ashland to play Southern Oregon State College. Oregon is 2-0 in league play.

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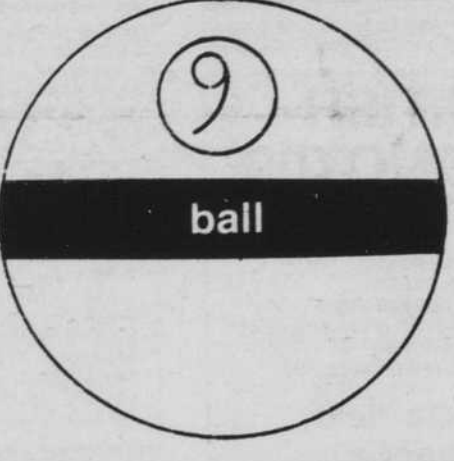
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