

## Sports

# Women golfers host invitational

Starla Yamada posted a top 10 finish to lead the women's golf teams at the three-day Oregon Women's Invitational at Royal Oaks Country Club in Vancouver, Wash.

Although the 54-hole tournament was held in Vancouver Monday through Wednesday, it was a home match for the Ducks, as they hosted it.

Yamada, Oregon's low scoring leader last season, fired a 233 for the tournament to finish 10th overall. Oregon's gold squad finished fifth overall with 971 strokes. The Ducks had two teams in the tournament, with Oregon's green team placing ninth out of nine teams with 1,032 strokes.

San Jose State won the team title with 901 strokes while UCLA was second (917) and Arizona State finished third (928).

UCLA's Jean Zedlitz won the individual title, firing a 220. The Spartans won the team race with second and third place finishes from Pat Hurst and Ninni Sterner respectively.

Diana Lewton and Nancy Crawford also played well for the Ducks gold team. Lewton was 20th overall with a 239 while Crawford finished 25th, firing a 247.

Pacing the Oregon green team were Anna Pinalto who tied for 30th at 251 and Shannon Maier who tied for 34th, hitting a 252.

# Washington St. coach confident

PULLMAN, Wash. (AP) — Washington State coach Mike Price isn't worried about his team's nationally televised clash with No. 11 Southern Cal on Saturday. The first-year coach of the undefeated No. 19 Cougars thinks the Trojans should be worried.

"I don't mean to be bragging when I say this, but I think we have to adjust our mental framework," Price said this week as he preached his brand of positive thinking. "I think USC has got to come in here and beat us. I don't think we have to worry about beating USC."

"We don't have to worry about beating anybody; people have to come in and they have to beat us."

The Trojans usually do. Washington State's 34-14 upset victory in 1986 is the Cougars' only victory in 18 meetings with USC since 1957. The teams did not play last year when USC won its second consecutive conference title and Washington State finished third, helping the Trojans by upsetting then-No. 1 UCLA 34-30.

The Cougars, preseason picks

to finish in the Pac-10 basement, are 4-0 and trying to match their 5-0 start of 1981. They were 6-0-1 that year before USC humbled them 41-17, but Price insists this year can be different.

"If we don't think we can win, we're never going to win," Price said.

If Washington State prevails, Price wouldn't view it as an upset and wouldn't want his team labeled giant-killers. He'd rather regard it as evidence that the Cougars are becoming one of the giants, although he downplays the importance of any single game.

"This is the biggest game we're playing this weekend," he said. "This game is no more important than the other six conference games we have left; the other ones just don't have the hoopla."

Price hopes eventually the big-game hoopla will crank up because the Cougars are playing, not because they're facing a USC or UCLA.

"But it's going to take time and we've got to prove it on the football field," he said.

Iowa State coach Jim Walden said he "fought that battle for

nine years" as Washington State coach to get the program the respect it deserved. Walden, who left after the 1986 season and recruited this year's group of seniors at Washington State, said no one should be asking if the Cougars are for real.

"I don't know how real they have to be, they're 4-0," he said. "They went 9-3 last year and beat Houston in a bowl game, but then they lost their coach and lost their quarterback and everybody thought they were going to the dogs."

Price was asked on his weekly television show for his response to a comment by former UCLA coach Dick Vermeil, who reportedly said on ABC's telecast of the Ohio State-USC game that the Washington State game would be "a gimme" for the Trojans.

"He'll be all right after he sobers up," Price quipped.

USC coach Larry Smith, who has taken the Trojans to the last two Rose Bowls, isn't among those questioning whether Washington State is for real.

"I know the Cougars will be sky-high going against us," Smith said.

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