

Pair of wins boosts NCAA tournament hopes

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It wasn't easy, but the Oregon softball team wrapped up its regular season Wednesday by taking a non-conference doubleheader from Oregon State in Corvallis.

The Ducks won the first game 1-0 in a 2½-hour marathon that lasted 10 innings, and then took the nightcap 6-3 to finish the season on an eight-game win streak.

Oregon, now 35-21, has won 14 of its last 16 games, which might be good enough to earn the Ducks a second straight NCAA Tournament bid when bids are announced Sunday. The Ducks will also be helped by their No. 8 ranking in the latest national poll.

In the opener, the 10th inning started with Oregon's Bree Adams at second base under international rules to shorten games. Adams advanced to third on a groundout by Joely Eilers and later scored on a triple down the left field line by first baseman Julie Cavanaugh.

The game ended in the bottom of the 10th when Oregon pitcher Katie Wiese got Oregon State's Deana Vendegina to fly out.

Wiese went the distance in the opener, scattering seven hits while striking out three to improve her record to 24-10. It was Wiese's 30th complete game of the season and 14th shutout.

Cavanaugh had a good opening game at the plate for the Ducks, going three for five

while teammate Jeanna King went 2-5, but Beaver pitcher Patti Russell held the Ducks at bay for the first nine innings.

In the second game, Oregon pounded out nine hits and scored at least one run in four different innings for the victory.

The Ducks scored one run in the third and fourth innings, and then they added three more in the fifth and one in the sixth.

Oregon wrapped five extra base hits in the nightcap as Eilers had a pair of doubles and Cavanaugh, King and Gail

McNamara each had a triple.

Cavanaugh went one for three in the second game while King was 2-3 with two runs batted in.

With the two losses, Oregon State lost its 13th and 14th straight games to fall to 6-40.

Ducks take team title in Nike golf tourney

Oregon golfer Chris Holzgang had a three-round total score of 210 to take first place in the 54-hole Nike Northwest Collegiate Classic. This score allowed him to lead the Ducks to the team title in the tournament held Monday and Tuesday at Corvallis' Trysting Tree Golf Course.

Oregon finished the 12-team tournament with a team score of 875, just 19 strokes ahead of California. Host Oregon State was third, one point behind Cal at 895. Washington and Washington State rounded out the top five with scores of 899 and 911, respectively.

The Ducks finished at 891 last season, good for fifth place.

Holzgang, a senior who finished in an 11th-place tie in last year's Nike tourney, took the lead in the first round of the tournament and led the whole way, finishing two strokes ahead of Washington's Mike Combs for the medalist position. He shot an even-par round of 72 in the tourney's final round Tuesday.

Tim Hval, a senior from Beaverton, finished in a fifth-place tie for Oregon with a score of 221. Cam Martin finished at 223, good for a seventh-place tie with three other golfers.

Senior Tom Smith finished in an 11th-place tie, moving up from 13th after the second round. Smith's 11th place matched his 11th-place tie in

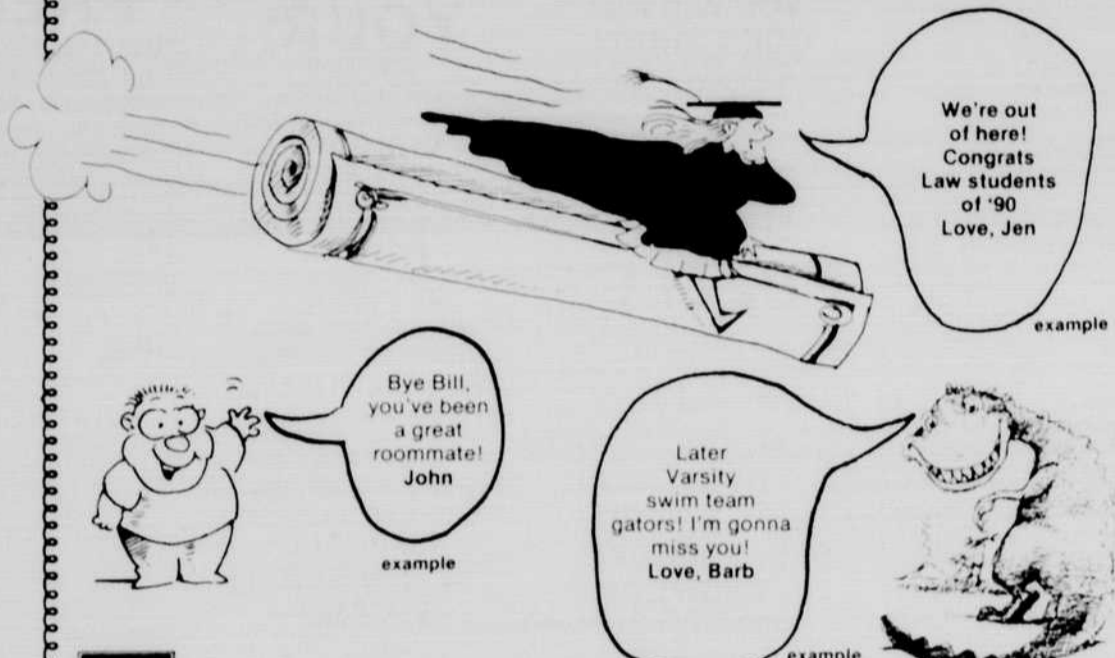
last year's tourney.

Oregon Junior Bob Rannow, who finished tied for 62nd in 1989, ended up with a score of 227, good for a 16th-place tie.

Oregon State's Warren Vickers, who was the medalist in 1989, finished at 223 for a seventh-place tie. Defending team champion U.S. International finished at 933 for the three rounds, well out of contention for team honors.

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The Ducks beat Portland Community College 12-7 and won by default of Portland State.

Liu and Carlson also teamed to take a doubles win against PCC. Bob Stephenson had two singles wins for Oregon while Richard Gu, Arnold Azala and Jai-Qi Liu each had one singles victory.

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