Men's golf team takes seventh Hval leads team to NCAA appearance

The Oregon men's golf team finished seventh in the 54-hole regional qualifying tournament in Las Cruces, N.M. to earn its first berth in the NCAA men's golf championships since 1987.

The Ducks shot a one-over par 289 on the final day of competition Saturday to move from Friday's eighth place to seventh for the tourney. Tim Hval had a good final round for Oregon, firing a three-under-par 69 to finish in a three-way tie for ninth individually.

Oregon's Bob Rannow scored an even-par 72 Saturday with Cam Martin finishing at 73 for the day. Tom Smith, who was forced to withdraw from competition Friday due to illness, came back Saturday to shoot a three-over 75. Chris Holzgang added a four-over par 76 on the day. Nevada-Las Vegas took the team title with a three-day total of 832, just nine strokes ahead of Texas-El Paso. Arizona State, which led after two days of competition, finished third at 843.

Arizona and Southern California finished fourth and fifth, respectively, to join ASU and Oregon as Pac-10 teams making the NCAA meet.

Hub Goyen of UNLV took top individual honors with a threeday total of 201. Paul Stankowski of UTEP was second at 205 followed by Jim Furyk of Arizona, Phil Mickelson of ASU and Derin Osborn of UNLV tied for third at 208.

The Ducks qualified by five shots, with Stanford and Pacific tied for 10th at 864. The top nine teams in the regional qualifying tournament qualify for the NCAA meet.

Oregon forged into a tie for fifth place in the 18-team field on the first day of competition Thursday. Individually, Holzgang led the Oregon attack, shooting a five-under 67 on the day. Smith, Hval, Martin and Rannow had scores of 70, 71, 73 and 73, respectively.

Oregon fell to eighth on the second day at 570 despite losing Smith for the day. Hval was leading the Ducks at 141 followed by Rannow at 142 and Martin at 143.

Oregon will likely be represented at the NCAA meet — June 6-9 at Tarpon Springs, Fla. — by Hval, Smith and Holzgang, all seniors. Rannow, a junior and Martin, a sophomore will also join the team.

Pierce leads Benson to track championship

By Tracy Sumner

Last Friday and Saturday's U.S. Bank Class AAA Track and Field Championships in Eugene gave University of Oregon men's track coach Bill Dellinger plenty to be pleased about.

Dellinger, like the rest of the Hayward Field crowd of 7,500, watched an impressive performance by Benson Techman Lavon Pierce, the Oregon recruit who won the 200 meters, the 400 meters, and ran the anchor leg of Benson's 4x400 relay that won with a time of 3:16.82.

Dellinger, who will be entering his 19th season as Oregon men's track coach next season, couldn't have been more pleased with what he saw from Pierce.

"I think the outstanding athlete in this meet on the men's side has got to be Lavon Pierce," he said. "I'm happy to see him performing the way he is. He's just an outstanding athlete."

All totaled, Pierce had a hand in 36 of Benson's 52 meet points to lead the Portland school to its first state title since 1936. No award is given for the meet's outstanding athlete but if it were, Pierce would have won easily.

But what really had Dellinger smiling was thinking about having Pierce on his team for the next four years.

Pierce had several reasons for choosing Oregon over a number of other schools, including Pacific-10 rival Washington State. Most notable for Pierce were the Oregon coaching staff and the atmosphere at Eugene's storied Hayward Field.

"I came here because I like the sprinting coach, George Walcott, and for the past three years. I've been interested in the UO program," Pierce said. "I'm familiar with the atmosphere of the track so I thought that would be the kind of setting that I would perform best in.

"I love the crowd here," Pierce said. "They're very loud and very supportive."

Pierce said being close to home made Eugene an especially appealing place to continue his track career.

"It's close to home so if I had any kind of homesick-ness, I could just drive right up the road 112 miles and be home if I wanted to," he said.

Oregon football recruit Heath Howington, who will also compete in track for the Ducks, managed to win his third straight title in the shot put with a throw of 58-3½ despite losing 25 pounds over the last two weeks because of mononucleosis.

The Roseburg senior also took second in the discus.

"He didn't compete the way he would like to compete because he was sick," Dellinger said. "But he did get second in the discus and he won the shot. We think he's going to be a good addition for us next year."



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