

Crawford selected for Orient golf trip

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Oregon golfer Nancy Crawford will not have a typical summer break from classes.

The sophomore from Elk Grove, Calif., will spend one month of her summer touring the Orient after being named one of the Pacific-10 golf all-stars last week.

Crawford, who was recently named Oregon's most valuable player for the season, is the first Oregon golfer to ever be named to the eight-member touring squad, now in its third year.

"It's just really exciting," Crawford said. "It's a real honor because it's so prestigious.

It's good for the school and for the team, especially since we're so young."

Crawford and her all-star teammates will be treated to a \$30,000 all-expenses paid trip through seven different countries. The U.S. golf representatives will leave Los Angeles June 30 for a month-long tour of Japan, China, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Korea, The Philippines and Singapore.

The U.S. team will play national teams from the various countries. If the area visited does not have a national team, such as Hong Kong, the all-stars will play the sponsoring organization, said Oregon women's golf coach Renee Mack.

Mack knows all about the trip through the Orient having coached the all-star squad for last year's excursion.

"It's the greatest trip of your life," Mack said. "You're treated like queens, and the girls get a chance to play on courses that women in those countries are not even allowed on."

Mack has a lot of confidence in Crawford's golfing ability, as well as her attitude away from the course.

"She's a great golfer. She's going to be one of the best in the nation next year," Mack said. "She has a good attitude about life."

Mary Mulflur, women's golf coach at Washington, is this

year's coach of the Pac-10 all-stars. Crawford will be joined by Tracy Nakamura of USC, Elizabeth Bowman of UCLA, Lynn Mikulas and Trish Konz of Arizona State, Jennifer Yockey of Washington, Audrey Wooding of Stanford and Paige Gilbert of Arizona.

"I'm just hoping to be able to compete with them," Crawford said.

If Mack's high praise is any indicator, Crawford should do just fine.

"She's the difference between us being a mediocre team to being a great team," Mack said. "This experience will also prove she's just as good as other top players in the Pac-10."

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had an easy time of it was Brian Wright in the 400-meter hurdles.

Wright won his heat in 50.64, his best time this season and the second-best time of his career to advance to Friday's semifinals.

Derrick Adkins of Georgia Tech had the day's top time at 50.40.

No other Oregon men competed Wednesday, but Rosie Williams, Stephanie Smith and Liz Wilson all qualified easily for Friday's competition.

Williams ran 23.96 in the 200 meters to qualify for Friday's semifinal heats. Carlette Guidry of Texas turned in the day's top time with a 23.12 clocking.

In the discus, Smith had only the sixth-best throw of seven competitors in her flight of the discus with a toss of 151-4, but did qualify for the finals.

The best discus mark was turned in by Pac-10 champ Tracie Millett of UCLA who threw 178-6.

Women's coach Tom Heinonen had originally planned to enter Wilson in only the 5,000 meters, but Wilson was entered in the 3,000, but didn't have to compete Wednesday because of a lack of competitors. The finals are Friday.

The 5,000 preliminaries are scheduled to run Thursday, but a meet official was unable to confirm at press time whether Wilson was entered in the 5,000, or even if a 5,000 qualifying round would be held.

One NCAA Championship meet record was broken Wednesday while the second-fastest women's 800 Pac-10 time ever was turned in.

World record holder Patrik Boden of Texas who threw 292-4 in March, wasn't expected to compete in the competition, but did throw 265-6 to break the meet record of former Longhorn Dag Wennlund who threw 258-9 in 1986.

Washington State's Celestine N'Drin posted the fastest time in the 800 with a 2:02.99 clocking. The mark trails only the 2:00.01 of USC's Michelle Taylor in Pac-10 history.

Three more Oregon men and possibly four Oregon women will compete Thursday.

Among the men, Scott McGee and Spencer Williams will go through qualifying flights in the hammer and triple jump, respectively, while Eric Peterson will be in the semifinals of the 1,500 meters.

For the women, Paula Berry and Kim Hyatt will have qualifying flights in the javelin while Stephanie Wessell will be in the 10,000-meter finals. Wilson may also compete in the 5,000.

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