



Oregon's Jeff Lyons takes a swing at the Duck Invitational at Emerald Valley Golf Course.

Duck golfer prospers at invitational

□ Oregon's Jeff Lyons finds victory at Tuesday's tournament

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Emerald Valley Golf Course became the Lyons' den on Tuesday as Oregon's Jeff Lyons fired a 3-under-par 69 in the final round to win the Duck Invitational Tournament by four shots.

San Jose State used a final-round 6-under-par 282 to edge past the Ducks by five strokes for the team title.

Lyons led San Jose State's Sal Enriquez by one shot at the start of the day, but he quickly pushed that lead up to three with a birdie on the first hole while Enriquez bogeyed it. Lyons followed that up with bird-

ies on the fourth, sixth and seventh holes to take a six-shot lead after nine holes.

"I birdied the first hole, and I was off and running," Lyons said. "That is usually the toughest hole for me; after that I felt good."

On the 12th hole, Lyons separated himself from the rest of the field when he sank a 25-foot putt for eagle. He stumbled on the 15th hole when his tee shot landed in the water. He finished with a triple-bogey on the hole, bringing him down to his final score of 3-under par for the day.

Enriquez and his teammate Jeff Arneson tied for second with 2-over-par 218s. Oregon's Doug DuChateau was right behind them after firing a 1-under-par 71 on the day to finish at 219.

Brian Tucker's 5-under-par 67, the lowest round of the

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tournament, powered San Jose State through the final day. The team finished at 877 for all three rounds, just ahead of Oregon's 882. California-Irvine finished third at 885, followed by Long Beach State's 897.

"The course played so that if someone got hot they would be rewarded," DuChateau said. "I guess more guys from San Jose State did today."

Tuesday's round was hit with a one-hour frost delay in the morning, but the greens were mowed and play began at 9:30.

Lyons credited the pre-round mow with helping his score. "If the greens are good I should drain my putts," he said. "They were just mowed, so they are perfect."

The victory was Lyons' first career college win. This win, combined with three top-10 finishes in the fall, give the Oregon junior a shot at an All-American berth.

Individual Top 10

1. Jeff Lyons-UO — 74-71-69-214
2. Sal Enriquez-SJS — 73-75-70-218
2. Bob Arneson-SJS — 70-76-72-218
4. Doug DuChateau-UO — 75-73-71-219
4. Brian Tucker-SJS — 74-78-67-219
6. William Yanagisawa-UCI — 75-73-72-220
7. Mickey Miller-LBS — 73-76-72-221
7. Jay Poletiek-PSU — 75-77-69-221
7. Adam Horodyski-UCI — 73-75-73-221
10. Joey Sugar-UCI — 74-75-73-222

Other Oregon finishes —
Troy Tamiya — 73-75-77-225,
Mark Aldrich — 76-79-74-229,
James Chrisman — 81-74-77-232

Final Team Standings

1. San Jose State — 296-299-282-877
2. Oregon — 298-293-291-882
3. UC-Irvine — 298-295-292-885
4. Long Beach State — 301-298-298-897
5. UC-Northridge — 309-302-299-910
6. Washington State — 310-320-300-930
6. Boise State — 308-310-312-930
8. Oregon State — 321-303-313-937
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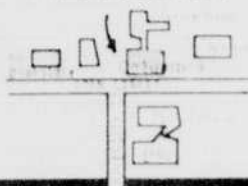
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