

GOLF

Fall season starts for golf squads

By Steve Mims **Emerald Sports Reporter**

The Oregon men's and women's golf teams are preparing to begin their seasons with four tournaments each during the fall season.

The men welcome a new coach this season, Steve Nosler, a former member of the Oregon Golf Association executive committee.

"I wasn't hired for my golfing ability," said Nosler, who

played freshman golf at Oregon in 1955. "I have to do a lot of things to make sure the players have equipment and services available to improve their

Oregon lost four seniors to graduation but welcomed back six players from last year's squad. Senior Jeff Lyons, an honorable mention All-American last season, heads the list of returnees on a team that will be deep but young.

Doug DuChateau, an honor-

able mention all-Pac-10 selection, returns for the fall season to give the Ducks an added weapon. Junior Randy Mc-Cracken will return after walking on last season and contributing during the spring.

Three players who redshirted last year are back, including senior Cam Martin, whose game appears to be peaking after winning the Oregon Amateur this summer.

Sophomores Ted Snavely and Paul Regali also return after taking off the 1991-92 sea-

Six newcomers will join the team this year, including two transfers expected to contribute right away. Junior Jeremy For-ster from Columbia Basin in Washington and Chris Bensel from Miami are the most highly-touted of the newcomers. Bensel, a native of Bellingham, Wash., played at Miami (Fla.) but transferred when it dropped its golf program.
Other additions to the pro-

gram are Ronn Miyashiro from Hawaii, Bryce Ferrell and Randy Freedman from Canada, and Joel Stock from Sweet Home.

Oregon plays its first of four fall tournaments on October 5 and 6 at the Husky Classic in Seattle.

The Oregon women began their season early with a six-day trip to Japan that included a match against Keio University in Tokyo.

The Ducks and coach Renee Baumgartner bring back eight players from last year's team, which finished the season ranked 24th in the nation by Golfstat, Inc.

Senior Shannon Maier heads the list of returnees to a young Duck squad. Maier and junior Amy Eileff have been elected co-captains for the season and will be expected to provide leadership and strong play.

The two other seniors on this year's team are Anna Pianalto and Stacy Jo Smith. Smith, a native of Grants Pass, transferred to Oregon for her final

Juniors Cappy Mack and Leigh Casey are back after redshirting the 1991-92 season. Mack, who is the sister of Baumgartner, will play her first year for Oregon after transferring from Notre Dame.

Sophomores Karly Mills and Shannon Hare are back after sensational freshman seasons in 1991-92. Sophomore Becca Giersdorf also returns for the

Baumgartner said five freshmen have a chance to make the team this year, including Heidi Jane Booth, Susie Roh, Emily Snyder, Christel Tormeli and Leanne Wong.

The Ducks began their fall season finishing fourth in the Duck Invitational last week. Shannon Maier led the Ducks, placing sixth with a 13-over-par 231, one stroke better than teammate Leigh Casey. Tomori was the Ducks' most impressive newcomer, firing a 17-over-par

The three teams that finished ahead of the Ducks are all ranked in the top 20 including sixth-ranked UCLA, which won the tournament. Seventhranked Arizona State finished second, and No. 14 USC was third of the Ducks. The only other ranked team in the tournament, No. 20 Washington,



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