







Golfers finish fifth in Corvallis

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Just when it appeared the Oregon men's golf team members were positioning itself for a run at the Nike Northwest Classic championship, errors on the final few holes forced the team to settle for fifth place at the tournament in Corvallis Tuesday.

The Ducks entered the final round in fifth place, 15 shots behind tournament leader Boise State, but could not move up during the day. Sophomore Paul Regali was the only Duck who managed to shoot under par on the day, although three other players were flirting with a sub-par round throughout the day.

"This is very disappointing," Oregon head coach Steve Nosler said. "It looked like we were playing better early and I thought we were going to make a move, but we never did."

One of the few bright spots for Oregon on the final day was the play of Regali, a sophomore from Eugene, who birdied four of the first five holes on the way to firing a 2-under-par 70. Regali went on to bogey the seventh hole and finish the front nine with a 33. Despite a birdie on the back nine, Regali shot a 37 on the back side to finish at 70. Almost every Oregon player shot better on the

front nine than the back nine on Tuesday.

"I improved my putting,"
Regali said. "I made some early
putts and was under-par right
away, compared to the other
two rounds when I got off to
bad starts."

"Paul had it going good early," Nosler said. "He got off to a good start and did his best to hang on."

Senior Cam Martin enjoyed his best tournament of the year, leading the Ducks with a 4-over-par 220 to finish in a tie for seventh place. Martin shot back-to-back 74's in the first two rounds before finishing with an even-par 72 on Tuesday. Martin was 2-under-par on the front nine but struggled on the last few holes.

"I was hitting the ball better," Martin said. "I didn't putt well. I felt pretty good putting but I didn't make many. I played better than I did early in the year and made better shots."

Oregon shot a 299 in the morning round on Monday but improved on that score in the afternoon, firing a 296. The Ducks shot another 296 on Tuesday but remained in fifth place, the same spot they were in after the first and second rounds.

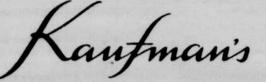
Sophomore Ted Snavely led the Ducks during the first two rounds on Monday, shooting a 73 and 72. Snavely struggled on the back nine on Tuesday before finishing with a 76, giving him a 5-over-par 221 for the tournament. Snavely's finish put him in 10th place, his highest finish ever in a collegiate tournament.

Oregon senior Jeff Lyons struggled in Corvallis, shooting a 74 and 73 on Monday before finishing with a 78 on Tuesday. Lyons was under-par with two holes remaining during the second round, but bogeyed the 17th and 18th holes to finish at 1-over-par. Lyons struggled throughout the day on Tuesday, culminating with a double-bogey on the 18th hole when he had to take a penalty stroke because his ball had an unfavorable lie.

Oregon freshman Chris Bensel had a rough time in Corvallis, shooting an 18-over-par 234, including a 79 in the final round. Junior Randy McCracken competed in the tournament as an individual and shot a 75 in each of the first two rounds before encountering putting troubles on Tuesday and finishing with a 79.

Oregon State, the tournament's host team, won the team title after firing an even-par 288 on Tuesday to move up from fourth place and edge out Pacif-

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