

## Golfers hit streak, head for Pac-10s

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The Oregon men's golf team hopes to continue its hot streak next week when it travels south for the Pacific-10 Conference championships in Santa Barbara, Calif., May 20-22.

The Ducks are coming off consecutive team victories in California last week, which raised their total victories to three this year. The last time Oregon won this many tournaments was 1985 when it won four events on its way to a second-place finish at the Pac-10 tournament.

"I am absolutely ecstatic," Oregon head coach Steve Nosler said. "If I had written a script before the season we could not have followed it better than we have. You always want your team playing its best at the end of the season, and we are."

The Ducks began the spring season with a win in the Duck Invitational last month and picked up their second win at the Western Intercollegiate last week. Oregon led wire-to-wire at the Western Intercollegiate, beating host San Jose State by three strokes.

Oregon followed the victory in Santa Cruz, Calif., with a comeback victory at the U.S. Intercollegiate in Stanford, Calif. The Ducks shot a 3-under-par 281 in the final round on Monday to pass Washington for the team title.

Senior Cam Martin is coming on strong at the end of his Oregon career, tying for first in each of the Ducks last two tournaments. Martin was seven shots

behind the leader heading into the final round at the Western Intercollegiate, but he shot a final-round 67 to tie Nobuito Sato of Nevada for the victory. Martin went on to win the playoff with a par on the third hole.

Martin was seven shots back heading into the final round once again at the U.S. Intercollegiate, but he shot another final-round 67 to tie for the individual title. Martin was 11 shots behind tournament-leader Mike Montgomery after six holes, but he had five birdies and an eagle on the final 12 holes to tie Oregon State's Kevin LaMair, who had beat Martin in the playoff, for the individual title.

"I was not thinking about winning either tournament at the start of the third round," Martin said. "At the Western I just wanted to finish with a good round. Then at Stanford I wasn't thinking about winning, but it was at the back of my mind. I just got hot in both rounds, and things went my way."

Martin got a lot of help from his teammates in both tournaments, particularly sophomore Ted Snavelly who finished fifth at both. Snavelly shot 71 in the first and third rounds at the Western Intercollegiate to tie two other golfers for fifth place. One week later, Snavelly fired his lowest round as a collegiate, a 5-under-par 66, in the final round to tie for fifth once again.

"Ted has played really steady for us," Nosler said. "He is developing into the player I hoped he would."

Senior Jeff Lyons, who leads

the team with a 73.71 stroke average, finished 33rd in Santa Cruz but came back strong at the U.S. Intercollegiate to finish in seventh place. Lyons combined to shoot 3-under-par in the final two rounds at Stanford to finish seventh.

"I'm happy with my play," Lyons said. "My putting hasn't been great, but it is getting better. I'm especially happy that the other players are playing so good."

Martin, Snavelly and Lyons have played steady at the top three positions for the Ducks, but the rest of the lineup has been plagued by inconsistency. Junior Randy McCracken, freshman Chris Benseal and either Paul Regali or Jeremy Forster will round out the Ducks lineup in Santa Barbara.

"I am satisfied with our top-three players," Nosler said. "I believe our top three can play with any other team in the countries best three players. Our team is no stronger than our fourth, fifth and sixth players, and we need help on the bottom."

The Ducks, who received five votes in the latest *Golf World* poll, will enter the conference tournament as the third or fourth ranked team in the conference. Arizona and Arizona State are both ranked among the top-five teams in the country and are the favorites entering the tournament.

"I haven't set any goals entering Pac-10's," Nosler said. "I hope we can go play as well and intelligent as we can and see how it comes out. We are going down there to win the tournament, not just to participate."

## Penn, Drake Relays await women runners

In search of tough competition and good weather, members of the Oregon women's track team will travel across the country this weekend to participate in two of the nation's most prestigious track meets.

Oregon will send six athletes to the Penn Relays in Philadelphia, Penn., and eight to the Drake Relays in Des Moines, Iowa.

At the Penn Relays, the emphasis will be on lowering the relay team's season-best time. The 400 meter relay team of LaReina Woods, Shawna Krasowski, Lisa Bedwell and Camara Jones will look to shave .06 seconds from its season best of 45.70 in order to reach the NCAA qualifying standard.

The busiest Oregon athlete will be Kelly Blair, who is entered in three individual events and is an alternate on two relay teams.

Among those looking for NCAA qualifying times in Iowa will be Nicole Woodward, who is running the 1,500-meter race for the first time this season. Woodward, who has already qualified for the NCAA meet in the 3,000 meters, will be looking to improve on her lifetime best of 4:33.4.

Erika Klein will have a busy weekend because she is entered in the distance medley, the 4x800 relay and the open 800-meter run. Klein took third place in the 800 at the Drake Relays as a freshman in 1990.

The Oregon distance medley relay team should be one of the favorites in the field.

Oregon has another favorite in the field in the form of javelin thrower Ashley Selman.

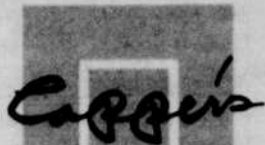
Julie Beck, who won both the discus and shotput events last week at the Oregon Invitational, will again be competing in both events this weekend.

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