# New golf head coach already part of family

## By Andrew Scales For the Oregon Daily Emerald

Lara Mack was named the new head coach of the women's golf team during the off-season.

The script, however, for the 1993 women's golf team reads more like a family tree than a roster of coaches and players. That's because Mack, assuming her firstever coaching position, replaces her sister, Renee Baumgartner. "Renee really enjoyed her job."

said Mack,"and I now understand why. I am lucky to have this opportunity."

Baumgartner headed to USC to take over the Trojans' women's golf team.

In addition to replacing one sis-ter, Mack will coach Cappy Mack, another sister

"I'm very excited about the opportunity to coach Cappy." said Mack. "I might expect more from her because she is my sister, but I try to be her coach on the golf course and her sister off the links.'

Mack, a member of the Arizona golf team from 1984-88, brings All-America credentials and lofty goals.

As an All-American at Arizona, Mack led the Wildcats to two NCAA tournament bids. As a coach, she hopes to lead her team to the top of the Pacific-10 Conference.

We finished fourth in the Pac-10 last year." said Mack. "This year we want to finish in the top three. And we would like to improve on last year's NCAA performance by finishing in the top 10."

Last year, the Ducks finished 17th in the national tournament, which will be played at the Oregon Golf Club this year. The Ducks took the first step

toward improvement when they finished eighth at the Oregon Fall Preview last week, a tournament that brings the nation's top teams together at that year's site for the NCAA Championships. Oregon

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Renee Baumgartner GAME EXPERIENCE: Other sister, Cappy Mack, is on the team

**COLLEGE GOLF:** Played at Arizona from 1984-88 HONORS: 1987 All-American. led Arizona to two NCAA tournaments

shot 325 as a team in the second round, a 15-shot improvement from the first round, to finish at 665

Defending national champion Arizona State shot 638 to win the tournament, while Baumgartner's USC team finished fifth.

Cappy Mack led the Ducks with a two-round total of 159. tying her for sixth place individually. Wendy Ward of Arizona State won the tournament at 150.

Lara Mack continues to play competitively as an amatuer in the Oregon area. Last year she made it to the finals of the Oregon Amatuer Championship. Ironically, she had to defeat Duck golfer Becca Giersdorf in the semifinals, only to fall to Karly Mills, another team member, in the finals. It was a classic case of the student teaching the teacher.

Despite her rookie status, the optimistic Mack brings a positive coaching attitude to the team and the playing experience needed to iron out the team's golfing wrinkles

The Ducks were in fourth place at the Dick McGuire Invitational at Albuquerque, N.M., after the first round Monday.

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"We need someone to step forward and give us some low scores," Nosler said. "Ted is one of the players I think can do that.'

Senior Randy McCracken, junior Paul Regali and sophomore Chris Bensel are the only other players with significant playing time on the col-lege level. McCracken played in 11 tournaments for the Ducks last season and was the low scorer for the Ducks in their first tournament this sea-

Regali and Bensel competed in nine and eight tournaments, respectively, a year ago and should provide experience this season. Bensel is second among returnees with a 76.25 stroke average last year and was second among Oregon golfers with a 26 at the Tucker Invitational. Regali averaged 78.52 last year but struggled in the season-opening tournament in Seattle.

'We have some boys who have played together," Nosler said. "Last year Randy, Paul and Chris played in about two-thirds of our tournaments, and Ted played in all of them. I don't know what has been wrong this year, but we definitely shouldn't have jitters.

Nosler said the loss of Lyons and Martin may be hurting the team psychologically as well as on the course.

"In their minds they're used to thinking we've got Jeff and Cam to set the pace," Nosler said. "And as long as each player does OK, the team will be all right. Now we need every player to step forward and help the team.

Senior Jeremy Forster is Oregon's only other player entering this season who has played in more than one Division I golf tournament. Forster, who transferred from Columbia Basin Junior College last year, played in three tournaments for the Ducks late last year, and averaged 76.50 strokes per round. Junior Andy Scheidt is one

of only three players to compete in both tournaments for the Ducks so far this year. Scheidt finished second on the team at the Husky Invitational and third at the Tucker Invitational, where his final round 72 tied the lowest oneround score for the Ducks this vear

Senior Alex Nakajima only played in the Ducks' home tournament a year ago, but he won the team's first qualifier and competed in the Husky Invitational. Sophomore Brian Leong made his Oregon debut in New Mexico last weekend when he opened with a 2-over-par 74, before finishing at 235.

Redshirt freshmen Joel Stock and Ronn Miyashiro, and sophomore John Menor all return this year after spending last season practic-ing with the team.

Sophomores Jamie Hanson and Todd Couch have been added to the team this year. although Couch may have to sit out a season to gain residency before he can play.

This season's freshman class is made up of Jason Mattaini, Chris Cone, Mark Frischknecht, Allan Breaux

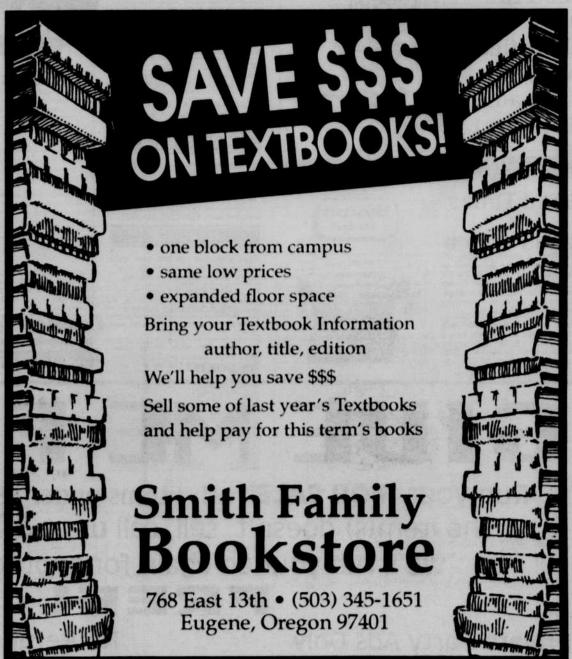


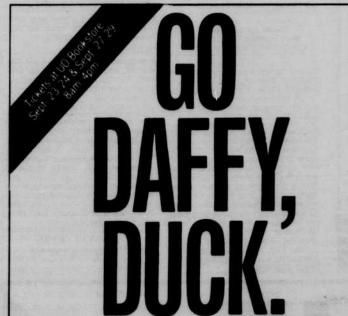
FILE PHOTO Junior Ted Snavely led the Ducks with a 7-over- par 223 at the Tucker Invitational last reekend.

and J.J. Astorquia. A few members of that group will probably redshirt, but Nosler said some of them may be ready to play immediately.

The Ducks will play six rounds of qualifying over the next two weeks to determine the lineup for their next tournament, the Nike Invitational at Oregon State on October 11-12. Oregon will play in two other tournaments in October and November before taking a four-month break from tour naments in the winter.

"We will change our lineup a lot this fall to find the five players we want to go with in the spring." Nosler said. "We proved last year that you can make it into the postseason despite having a mediocre fall season.'





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WASHINGTON STATE	Oct. 30	1:00 p.m.
STANFORD	Nov. 13	1:00 p.m.
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