

Astorquia leads pack, Duck golfers in third

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Oregon's J.J. Astorquia shot a 3-under-par 69 to take the individual lead in the first round of the Oregon Duck Invitational Monday at the par 72 Eugene Country Club.

Stanford, led by Tiger Woods and Notah Begay's first-round scores of 70, jumped out to an 8-stroke lead in the team standings with a 289 after the first 18 holes.

Astorquia is playing as an individual and is not counted in the Ducks' team score. Oregon claimed third place after Monday's abbreviated action with a 299, 10 shots behind the front-running Cardinal. Washington was two strokes better than the Ducks with a 297 to occupy second place.

Ted Snively led the Duck team participants with a 1-over-par 73 followed by Jeff Barney's 74, Joel Stock's 75, rounded out by Andy Scheidt and Paul Regali's 77 a piece.

Former South Eugene standout Casey Martin shot a 2-over-par 74 for Stanford in his return to Eugene.

Monday's opening action was delayed due to frost and only 18 of the scheduled 36 holes were completed. Weather permitting, the second round is slated for completion at the Eugene Country Club Tuesday with the final 18 to be played at Emerald Valley in Cresswell. If there is frost again on Tuesday, the final round will be played at Emerald Valley and it will only be a 36-hole tournament.

DUCK INVITATIONAL

RESULTS AFTER ONE ROUND

1. Stanford	289
2. Washington	297
3. Oregon	299
San Jose St.	299
5. Oregon St.	300
USC	300
UCLA	300
8. Boise St.	302
California	302
10. Portland St.	304

Oregon moves up to No. 25

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Oregon returned to The Associated Press Top Twenty Five this week after notching a home sweep of California and former No. 20 Stanford over the weekend.

The Ducks squeaked their way back into the 25th and final slot on this week's poll after falling out on February 20. The Ducks impressed the voters with an decisive win over California on Thursday and an 89-80 thriller over Stanford on Saturday. As a result of getting swept in the Beaver state, the Cardinal fell out of this week's poll.

UCLA stayed on top as the Bruins garnered all but one first-place vote this week. With wins over Washington and Washington State, the Arizona Wildcats remained in the No. 12 slot with an overall record of 23-6. Arizona State dropped three spots from 15th to 18th to round out the Pac-10 contingent.

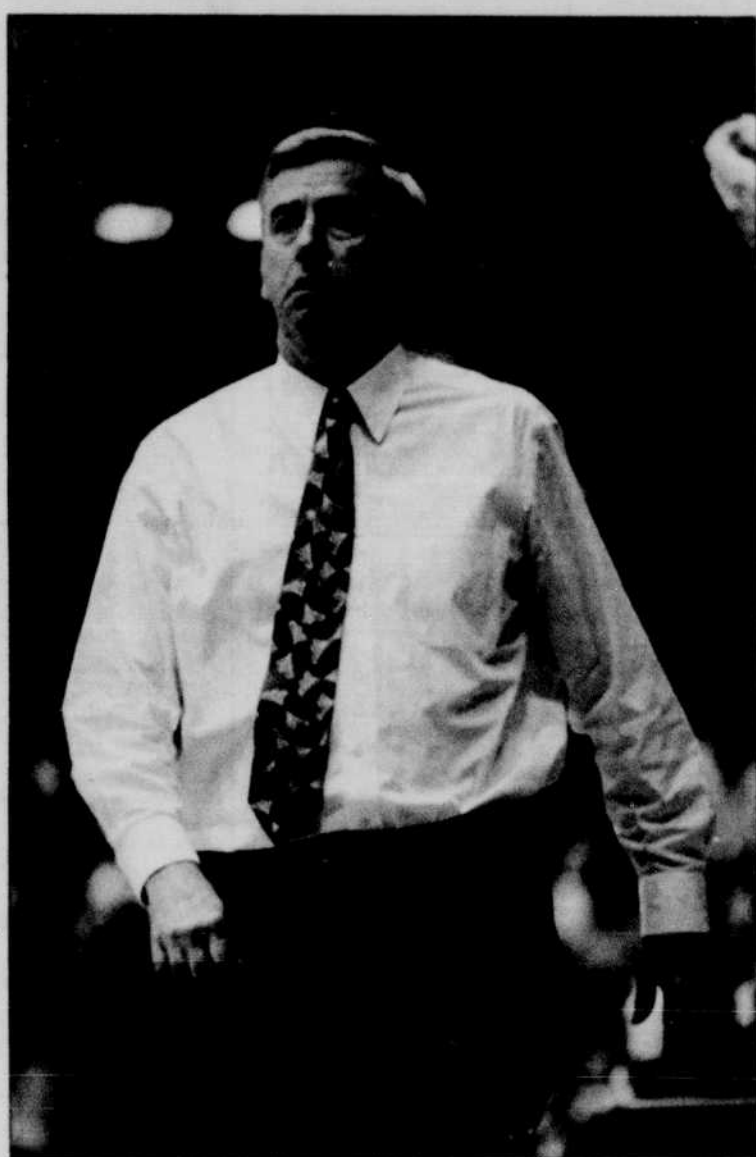
After an 11-1 start to the season, the Ducks entered the AP poll for the first time since 1977 earlier this season and spent six weeks among the best 25 teams in the nation before dropping out after a crushing home loss to Washington State.

Jerry Green's Ducks are hitting their stride just at the right time as more than likely all that stands in front of them and an NCAA tournament bid is a win at USC on Thursday.

"I figure one more win and there's no way they can keep us out," Oregon guard Kenya Wilkins said.

The Ducks haven't been to the "Big Dance" since 1961 and will need all the help they can get to sway the tournament selection committee.

"I think we're getting close," Green said about the chances of the Ducks making the tournament. "We've been in the top 30 for eight or nine weeks. If we can't get there, we're getting awful close."



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After a brief, two-week hiatus, the Ducks moved back into The AP Top Twenty Five on Monday after winning three of their last four games.

Coach Krzyzewski says he'll be back

DURHAM, N.C. (AP) — Mike Krzyzewski was back in Cameron Indoor Stadium on Monday and there was no way to wipe the smile from his face.

Sitting on a small stage at one end of the court that has seen so many exciting games in his 15 seasons at Duke, Krzyzewski held a news conference to let everybody know he's OK as he continues to recover from back surgery and that he'll be back on the sidelines next season.

"I missed coaching and it's really good to be back in this building," he told a group of 80 reporters sitting on the floor and 30 or so fans and students who were sitting in the upper level. "I am very impressed with how many people are here."

"I'm embarrassed a little to do this news conference because I don't have any earth-shaking news. I don't want to be a hot ticket. I just want to coach basketball."

He won't do that this week at the Atlantic

Coast Conference tournament because he won't even be in Greensboro for it. He will meet with the team Monday and plans to take part in practice Tuesday, but that's it — doctors' orders.

The last time Krzyzewski coached the Blue Devils was Feb. 4. He had undergone surgery for a ruptured disc in his back on Oct. 21 and rushed back to work, something that led to exhaustion and finally forced him from the coaching the rest of the season at the school he had led to seven Final Fours in the last nine years and national championships in 1991 and 1992.

His left leg collapsed during a test for his back and that led to the surgery, something he didn't want to have during the season. Then came the exhaustion and Krzyzewski, 48, admitted he was scared.

"I was very scared," he said. "I had never in my life not been able to just go at something but I was just so exhausted. I just didn't have any

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Basketball writers honor "O"

Orlando Williams was the lone Oregon Duck selected to the U.S. Basketball Writers Association's All-District 8 Men's Team on Monday.

Williams, who leads the Ducks with just under 19 points per contest in this, his senior season, was one of ten West Coast players honored.

UCLA forward Ed O'Bannon, who is averaging 20.5 points and just over eight rebounds a game, was named the player of the year and Bruins head coach Jim Harrick garnered the coach of the year award as the leader of the Bruins, the first team to clinch a tournament bid this season.

Joining O'Bannon from the top-ranked Bruins was guard Tyus Edney, who hits for just over 14 points a game.

Arizona guard Damon Stoudamire was the lone representative from the No. 12 Wildcats. Stoudamire, a National Player of the Year candidate along with O'Bannon, leads the Pacific 10 Conference in scoring.

Stanford's high-powered scoring duo of Brevin Knight and Dion Cross were also named to the District 8 list.

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The Top Twenty Five By The Associated Press

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through March 5, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote, and previous ranking.

	Record	Pts	Prv
1. UCLA (65)	23-2	1,649	1
2. Kansas (1)	22-4	1,556	3
3. Kentucky	22-4	1,479	5
4. North Carolina	22-4	1,419	2
5. Arkansas	25-5	1,321	7
6. Connecticut	23-3	1,304	4
7. Wake Forest	21-5	1,248	9
8. Massachusetts	24-4	1,202	8
9. Michigan St.	21-4	1,078	10
10. Maryland	23-6	1,074	6
11. Virginia	21-7	1,012	13
12. Arizona	23-6	983	12
13. Villanova	22-7	813	11
14. Purdue	22-6	759	17
15. Mississippi St.	20-6	740	14
16. Oklahoma	22-7	592	16
17. Missouri	19-7	496	19
18. Arizona St.	21-8	487	15
19. Oklahoma St.	20-9	457	18
20. Alabama	20-8	282	21
21. Syracuse	19-8	270	22
22. Utah	24-5	245	—
23. W. Kentucky	25-3	145	—
24. Georgetown	18-8	135	23
25. Oregon	18-7	121	—

Others receiving votes: Iowa St. 108, Stanford 95, Tulsa 64, Memphis 55, Texas 55, Utah St. 36, Xavier, Ohio 33, Minnesota 27, St. Louis 26, Penn 21, Georgia Tech 11, Tulane 10, College of Charleston 7, Georgia 7, Manhattan 6, Temple 6, Virginia Tech 5, Brigham Young 4, Cincinnati 3, Miami, Ohio 2, Murray St. 2, Providence 1.

ON THE TUBE

March 7

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TBS —

Senior

PGA

Golf, the

Senior Slam of Golf,

second round, at Club

Campestre de

Queretaro, Mexico

7:30 p.m. ESPN —

NCAA Basketball,

Midwestern Collegiate

Conference

Championship, at

Dayton, Ohio

8 p.m. TNT — NBA

Basketball, Phoenix at

Houston

9:30 p.m. ESPN —

NCAA Basketball, Sun

Belt Conference

Championship, at Little

Rock, Ark.

