

Golf team travels to California for Pac-10 tune up

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It's back on the road for the Oregon women's golf team as the Ducks travel to Stanford for the second time in five weeks for a two-day tournament.

Oregon will be using Saturday and Sunday's Stanford Intercollegiate tournament as a primer for the Pacific-10 Championships on April 24-26.

"This tournament, because it's just two 18-hole rounds, is more or less a filler tournament before

the Pac-10 so that we didn't have such a gap before the Pac-10," Oregon coach Lara Mack Tennant said. "This is just to kind of keep us on our toes for competition."

The second-year coach will take seven members of the golf team to California to compete with some of the nation's finest programs. Shannon Hare, Christel Tomori, Karly Mills, Leigh Casey and Susie Roh will make up the Oregon squad while Becca Giersdorf and Paula Patterson

will be playing as individuals to get the duo some more experience.

"I think that Shannon has been our most consistent player so she will play well," Mack Tennant said. "On the other hand, the other four in all sincerity have had 73 and 74s in tournaments just recently. I think that anyone of those four could really come out strong [in the Stanford Intercollegiate]."

The Ducks' competition includes Stanford, UCLA, USC,

San Jose State, San Diego State, Long Beach State, Washington, Washington State, Oregon State, San Francisco and Santa Clara.

"UCLA, Stanford and San Jose State are in the top 5 in the country," Mack Tennant said about the top tournament contenders. "I think finishing fourth and beating out USC would be a good finish and a realistic finish for us."

Such a finish would put Oregon in a good position heading into the Pac-10 Championships

in Corvallis next weekend. The Ducks have planned all year to be playing their best at this time of the year and it appears their coach feels confident the team has met that goal.

"I think we have steadily improved this spring and we're in a good position right now to start turning in some consistent, good scores," she said. "Our team is playing with much more confidence. I certainly think we're on our way to peak when we want to."

CLUB NOTES

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Sporting an impressive 5-3 overall record this spring, the men's Lacrosse team will travel to Washington for two pivotal league games. The Ducks will battle Whitman on Saturday and the Washington State Cougars on Sunday.

Oregon has hit the skids lately, losing its last three games, including a 9-4 loss at the hands of the Eugene Men's Club in its last home game of the year a couple of weeks ago.

"We have not been playing our best lacrosse," Oregon player/coach Ian Haight said. "We look to this weekend's games to get us back on the winning track."

Oregon lost its first spring league game 11-1 last weekend on the road versus Linfield College. The Ducks' 3-1 record puts them near the top of the Northwest Division and places special emphasis on this weekend's games.

The women's lacrosse team will travel to Washington this weekend for two games, Saturday against Washington and Sunday versus Western Washington.

The Ducks kicked off their season last weekend in Santa Cruz, Calif., with for games.

"This season is all about experience for our team," Oregon player/coach Amy Wilson said. "We didn't have enough real-game experience last weekend, and it showed in the four losses. We are very excited and optimistic for this weekend's games. We've shown improvement in each practice and game thus far."

The Oregon men's volleyball team will host a tournament this weekend in Gerlinger Annex. The games will begin Saturday morning at 8:30 and be played all day.

Ohio's Trent to take his act to the NBA and skip senior year

ATHENS, Ohio (AP) — Gary Trent, the three-time Mid-American Conference player of the year, announced today he will give up his senior season at Ohio University and enter the NBA draft.

"I feel confident in my decision and I feel like I've accomplished all I can at the collegiate level," the 6-foot-8 junior forward said.

Trent led the conference in scoring and rebounding and was chosen as its MVP for the third consecutive time in the 1994-95 season. Dubbed "The Shaq of the MAC" by *Sports Illustrated*, he also was the MVP of the Preseason NIT, scoring 33 points — on 12-of-12 shooting from the field — and adding 20 rebounds in the championship game.

The 84-80 overtime victory over New Mexico State in the title game vaulted the Bobcats into the national rankings for the first time in 25 years. With Trent leading the way, they got as high as 14th.

Trent averaged 22.8 points and 12.9 rebounds for the Bobcats in 30 games, becoming the first junior and second player in conference history to score more than 2,000 points and have more than 1,000 rebounds in his career.

This season, he averaged 23 points, 12 rebounds, repeating as the MAC leader in both categories. He was 18th in the nation in scoring and third in rebounding.

"Gary's decision to put his name into the NBA draft is one I agree with," coach Larry Hunter said. "He's not only going to be a player but a special player at the next level."

Both Arkansas junior forward Corliss Williamson and Arizona State junior center Mario Bennett have said they intend to declare for the NBA draft. Maryland's Joe Smith, The Associated Press player of the year, is expected to announce he will turn pro on Friday.

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the 400-meter dash during her redshirt season a year ago.

Other returning champions will be Eastern Washington's Joyce Rainwater, Felicia Harris and former Simon Fraser standout Michaela Colluney.

Rainwater is the defending champion in the 100 and 200 meters while Harris topped the 100-meter hurdles. Colluney captured the 400-meter hurdles in 1992 and 1993 before finishing third in last year's 100 hurdles race.

Peters could very well be the matriarch of the invitational, claiming six titles in seven appearances since first winning the 3,000-meter run while representing Montana State in 1985. Peters returns after a three-year sabbatical in an effort to repeat her 1991 triumph in the 10,000-meter run.

For those missing their Kelly Blair fix in the year after the Oregon standout's graduated departure, she will compete in the 100 hurdles, high jump and

long jump events.

The distance events will provide the biggest push for current Oregon athletes, as the Ducks have battled injury and inexperience due to comeback efforts all season long.

Peters and Wisconsin's former two-time NCAA champion Claire Eichner should provide ample encouragement for distance hopefuls Rosy Gardner, Kaarin Knudson, Melody Fairchild and comeback-of-the-year candidate Jenna Carlson.

The schedule for Saturday's action is divided into two sections.

The developmental portion of the meet gets underway at 9:30 a.m. with the running of the 10,000 meters and concludes with the women's hammer throw at 3 p.m.

The featured portion of the Oregon Invitational for the women begins with the short relay at 4:30 p.m. and concludes with the long relay at 7 p.m.

Saturday's action should be a pleasant refresher as Oregon prepares for its stretch run toward the Pacific-10 Conference and NCAA championships.

That run begins when Oregon hosts the Pepsi Team Invitational next Saturday. Competing with the Ducks will be three top track and field programs in Michigan, Nebraska and Washington State.

The outcomes of the Pepsi Team Invitational events should provide a good barometer for where Oregon stands in this early season.

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