

Ducks open Pac-10 golf with a 299

As expected, two-time defending NCAA champion Arizona State took an early lead on Monday during the first round of the Nike/Pacific-10 Conference Women's Golf Championships in Corvallis.

The Sun Devils fired a 286 on the Trysting Tree Golf Course, carding four of their five golfers in the top 10, including Wendy Ward and Linda Ericsson tied for fourth and Heather Bowie tied for sixth place.

Oregon was in fourth with a 299, behind Stanford at second with a 295 and UCLA at 297. Arizona stood in fifth with a 300, followed by USC at 301, Washington at 306, host Oregon State at 314 and Washington State in ninth at 322. California does not field a team women's golf.

Arizona's Heather Graff carded a four-under par 68 to hold a one-stroke lead over USC's Jennifer Biehn in the individual race.

Oregon's Susie Roh paced the Ducks with a 72, putting her in a tie for sixth place with four others. Karly Mills was 11th with a 73 and Shannon Hare was tied for 13th with a 74. Christel Tomori carded a 79 while Leigh Casey shot an 81.



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The Oregon men's and women's crew team took home first place honors in all but one of their eight divisional races last weekend.

Oregon crew teams splash competition

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Last weekend's sunny skies and warm weather made Dexter Reservoir the place to be if you live in Eugene. It was also the place to be to watch some of the top crew teams in the Northwest battle it out for regional bragging rights.

The Oregon men's and women's crew teams made a mockery of the competition on Saturday, taking home first place in all but one of their eight divisional races. The only team

that didn't win their division was the women's varsity four who were disqualified moments after having won their race for colliding with Seattle Pacific's racing team at the start.

"We creamed them," Oregon varsity four-rower Zohar Abramowitz said after Saturday's competition. "We had had a rough week in practice so we are certainly pleased with our performance this weekend."

In its first year, the competition at the Covered Bridge regatta was less than spectacular.

Oregon cruised to first places in the men's and women's light four, novice open four and novice eight competitions.

In one of the days closer events, the Oregon men's varsity four team squeaked by the second-ranked Seattle Pacific squad for first place outright and a surprising upset. The men's open eight team also took first place in its division.

"We are definitely improving," Abramowitz said. "With only three regattas left this season we have a couple of teams

that look to be headed toward nationals. The women's lightweight four and men's varsity four teams have a shot to race in nationals. The men's and women's novice eight teams really beat up the competition this weekend. They both won by significant margins."

Nationals will be held this year in Cincinnati, Ohio in early June. The Oregon crew teams' next event will be the Cascade Sprints this weekend in Tacoma, Wash. where they hope to have a repeat performance.

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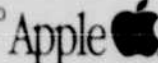
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