

Ducks end season with 16th place finish at Regionals

■ **GOLF:** Oregon missed the cut for the NCAA Championships

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The Oregon women's golf team's streak is over and so is its season as the Ducks could not pull above 16th place at the NCAA West Regionals last weekend.

To make it to the NCAA Championship tournament for a fourth-straight year, Oregon would have had to place in the

top 10 at the tournament. The Ducks, however, could not extend their streak, finishing 14 strokes away from the final cut with a team score of 974.



Freshman Kylie Wilson and senior Christel Tomori paced the Ducks with individual three-day scores of 242, good for a tie for 54th place. Sophomore Paula Patterson and freshman Karen Bristow tied for 67th

with a combined score of 245, while senior Susie Roh tied for 85th with a score of 254.

Oregon was in 16th place the whole way, battling harsh weather and stiff competition during the 20-team, three-day tournament in Omaha, Neb. The Ducks best round was Thursday, when the team shot a 320. But a 331 in the second round and a 323 on the final day weren't enough for Oregon to advance.

Arizona dropped into third place on

Friday, the second day of the tournament, but raced back to capture the West Regional title by shooting a 299 on Saturday.

Freshman Marisa Baena, Arizona's top player, took the individual competition with a combined score of 215, four strokes ahead of Tulsa's Lisa Penske.

This spring the Ducks graduate Tomori and Roh — two key golfers the past two seasons — but welcome back the rest of their squad for next fall's competition.

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Women: Thomas comes from behind

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conference championships, Woods was glad to be able to run in preparation for next weekend.

"It's nice not to have to think about scoring," Woods said. "The hard stuff is pretty much over. We're just going to focus a lot of attention on the relay teams [at the conference championships]. We have a really strong chance. It's the survival of the fittest next weekend."

All of the field events took place on Saturday, and Oregon got a big throw out of sophomore Christine Cvitanich, who scored an NCAA provisional distance in the hammer throw.

Sophomore Jennifer Thomas and freshman Tish Henes spent the weekend at UCLA for the Pac-10 multi-event competition. Thomas came from sixth after the first day, but passed up four competitors, including Henes, to take second place. With 5,280

points, Thomas is on the list for NCAA provisional marks. The mark also gave her a lifetime best and moved her up to fourth on the all-time Oregon list.

Henes finished in seventh place with 4,902 points, despite winning the 800-meter run with a time of 2:16.90.

With a strong finish from Thomas, the Ducks will make the trip to Los Angeles next weekend to compete against the best in the Pac-10.

Men: Livingston takes second in Pac-10

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get some consistency in the last meet of the season. I feel pretty confident going into the Pac-10s next weekend."

Sophomore Jody Mortimore got an emotional boost from the enthusiastic crowd of 3,902 en route to winning the long jump competition. Mortimore won the event with a leap of 24-3 1/2 while his teammates sophomore Anouxa Vixathep and sophomore Gregg Bleakney finished second and third, respectively.

"It was kind of nice how the crowd got behind me," Mortimore said. "This is my last meet of the year [at Hayward Field], so it was pretty exciting."

In other field events, senior Jim Lile moved up the NCAA provisional ladder with a toss of 225-2 in the javelin and sophomore Ryan Cole won the discus competition with a heave of 168-5.

Other strong Oregon performances included junior Patrick Khoo winning both the 200- and 400-meter dashes, senior Rick

Cantwell's 14:10.06 winning time in the 5,000-meter run and LaMont Woods' and DeWayne Ingram's two-three finish in the 100-meter dash. Down at the Pac-10 multi-events, senior Ray Livingston placed second and junior Paul Pappas came in sixth.

Livingston scored 7,543 points, good enough for a provisional NCAA mark, but considering an automatic mark is at 7,550 points, there is a strong chance that he will be back in Eugene for the Championships.



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