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## UO golf team disappointed with finish in California

**■ MEN:** Oregon finishes in seventh place against respectable competition

**By Ryan Halvorsen**  
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The Oregon men's golf team got back into the swing of things Monday and Tuesday in Industry Hills, Calif., at the Corey Pavin-Pioneer Invitational and finished a respectable seventh-place against relatively tough competition. The 11-team tournament featured seven California schools, Texas-El Paso and Washington.

The Ducks were 30 strokes off the pace after the first two rounds, putting them in eighth place after day one of the tournament. UTEP led after shooting a scorching two-round total of 607, five shots ahead of

second-place Washington. UTEP held on to the lead despite a Washington comeback in the final round and won by three strokes. UCLA's gold team finished third.



discouraged."

J. J. Astorquia paced Oregon with a 79, 75 and an

80 on the par-71 course and finished tied for 13th with three other golfers. Jason Semeisberger from UCLA came back from a three-shot deficit to edge Rob Manor of UTEP for the tournament championship. Semeisberger shot a nine-over par 222 for the three rounds.

Ben Crane finished in a four-way tie for 17th place, one shot behind Astorquia, shooting an 81 followed by two rounds of 77. Jeff Barney shot an 81, 82 and a 77 to finish five shots behind Crane, Chris Cone shot at 78, 84 and a 78 to tie Barney's final score, and Derek Croskrey shot an 83, 86 and a 77.

# The Midseason Report



The women's basketball team enters the second half of the Pacific-10 Conference schedule with a 6-3 conference record. Holding a 13-5 overall record, the Ducks are in position to make an NCAA Tournament bid with nine games remaining.

**By Mark McTyre**  
Sports Editor

Improvements may be needed, but not many.

The Oregon women's basketball team has successfully completed its first round of Pacific-10 Conference competition and now awaits the second course of the schedule, which begins Thursday at Washington. Head coach Jody Runge is pleased with her team's overall progress and feels it is in position to make a run for an NCAA Tournament berth. But the Ducks must show that recent losses to Arizona and Southern California were not indicative of the level they can play at.

"I think we have to win and recap the losses we had to Arizona and USC," Runge said. "[We must do that] in case they were to have a very good run; those are games that we have to show we can win."

Oregon's third conference loss came at the hands of nationally ranked Stanford.

Turning back a year ago, the Ducks, then holding a 4-5 conference record, did not have the look of a tournament team. However, they were able to win six of their last nine games and receive a tournament berth. Runge claims her team's slow start last season had much to do with the game schedule.

"Last year, we started off with three games on the road before coming home; and then we were coming home to face Stanford," Runge said.

While the Ducks opened this year's Pac-10 season with three favorable home games, they now are in the middle of a four-game road trip that will then be followed up with a homestand against California and Stanford.

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**FRED LITZENBERGER**  
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**JODY RUNGE**  
UO women's head coach

Photo Illustration by MARK MCTYRE

## Despite their attempts, Van Gundy, Karl can't bait Jordan

Here's a little advice for NBA coaches and players — don't piss MJ off! Last Sunday's Chicago-Seattle game was a perfect example of why no one should feel the need to fuel Michael Jordan's competitive fire.

A few days before the Sonics were to host Chicago on national TV, Sonics' head coach George Karl was quoted as saying that Jordan has stopped attacking the basket in order to stay away from injury; and instead has moved his game to the outside

**OPINION**



**Ryan Frank**

Sunday's loss. No one Karl threw at Jordan could stop the four-time MVP as he

and the jump shot.

"You have Michael looking like he could get hurt," Karl said in Feb. 4 issue of *The Oregonian*. "It looks like he is protecting himself more than in the past."

Maybe Karl was a little too busy watching Jordan "protect" himself in

torched Seattle for 45 points, on 19-of-28 shooting from the field, and seven rebounds.

Karl's Sonics, on the other hand, combined to make six more shots than Jordan during the 91-84 loss.

That's right, six. Jordan: 19-of-28. Seattle: 25-of-69.

Maybe instead of telling the press how Jordan is protecting himself by staying outside the key, Karl should have been teaching his team how to shoot the three-point shot. The Sonics were 6-of-22 from behind

the three-point line.

Jordan's efforts in Seattle seem to be just the latest chapter in a lengthening novel.

New York Knicks' head coach Jeff Van Gundy was quoted as saying Jordan befriends members of the opposing team, and then proceeds to embarrass them on the court.

"He saddles up next to guys, smiles at them, pats them on the butt, then goes out there and kicks their butt," Van Gundy told

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