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Oregon hits the road to prepare for the Rainbows

■ TOURNAMENT:

The Ducks hastily put together preparations for their NIT game

By Chris Hansen
Sports Reporter

The good news is that the Oregon men's basketball team will be playing in a postseason tournament for the second time in three years.

The bad news is that because Oregon will be playing its first-round game against Hawaii in Honolulu on Wednesday night, that leaves very little time to prepare for an unknown opponent. Not to mention the hassles of getting everyone to Hawaii.

After a short afternoon practice on Monday, the Ducks left for Portland where they spent the night.

The plane for Hawaii departed at 9 a.m. That leaves just about 27 hours for the team to get adjusted to the two-hour time difference, get a couple practices in and review enough film of the Rainbows before Wednesday's 7:30 (Hawaii time) tip-off.



"We know that we leave early in the morning, and we will be flying all day and then will have to practice later on, so we're just going to have to deal with the circumstances and take it from there," Oregon's Jamal Lawrence said prior to leaving Eugene. "I think we will be ready

anyway just because of the excitement of playing again."

And as of Monday, most of the players were still unfamiliar with their opponent, the Western Athletic Conference's Pacific Division first-place team.

"I still haven't watched any film on them or heard anything about them," Lawrence said. "This is going to be a new experience for all of us. But then again, they probably don't know who we are or the stuff that we do."

That is true, but then the Rainbows don't have the burden of traveling five hours across the Pacific Ocean either.

Oregon Men's Golf

UW leads after soggy Day 1

■ **GOLF:** The Ducks are in position for their second win of the season, and three individuals are in the top eight

By Ryan Halvorsen
Sports Reporter

A steady downpour cut short the first day of the Oregon Invitational Monday at the Eugene Country Club.

Originally 36 holes were scheduled to be played Monday, finishing up with 18 today, but soggy greens and fairways that resembled lakes prompted organizers to cut out a round of play.

LEADER BOARD

■ INDIVIDUAL:

Charles Kingsbaker
OSU, 70
Brad Cannon
ASU, 72
Joel Stock
Unattached, 72
J.J. Astorquia
UO, 73
Derek Croskrev,
UO, 73

■ TEAM:

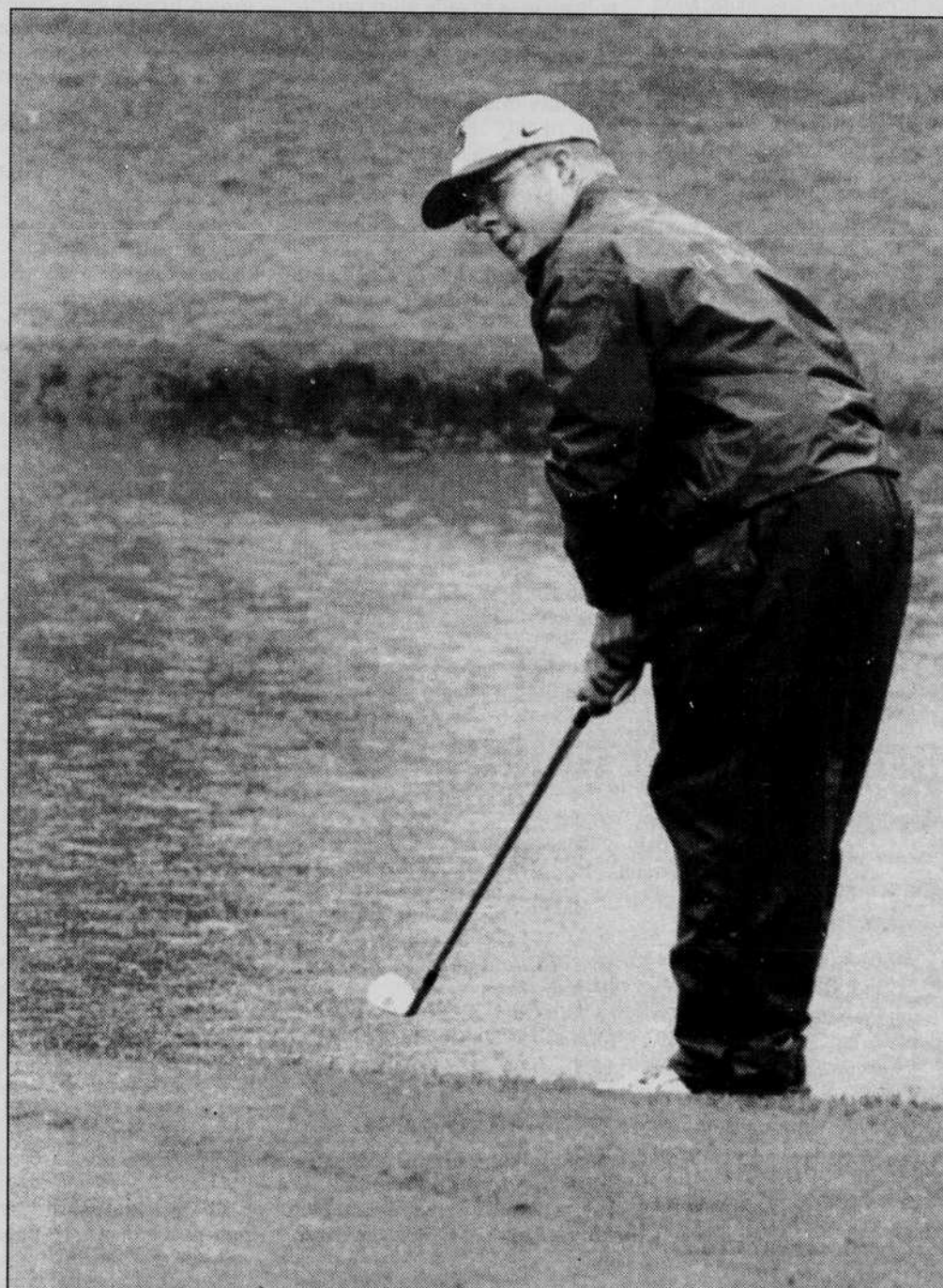
Washington, 296
Oregon, 297
Oregon State, 303
Southern Cal, 303
BYU, 305
Fresno State, 310
Pepperdine, 310

Those teams used to more rain than sunshine fared better in the opening round of the 14-team competition. Washington finished the day out in front, shooting a 296, one stroke ahead of Oregon. Oregon State finished in third place, tied with USC, both teams shooting a 303.

"There's rivers on a lot of the fairways and all over the greens too," Oregon's J. J. Astorquia said. "We're used to some rain, but we're not used to playing in anything like this. It's a lot wetter than we'll ever come out and play in."

With nine of the 10 Pacific-10 Conference teams in the mix, the Oregon Invitational could be considered a preview of the league championship that will be played on the same course in May. Conference powers Stanford and Arizona State struggled with the conditions, finishing back in the pack. Stanford was 20 shots off the pace in ninth place, and Arizona State was 23 strokes behind Washington.

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WENDY FULLER/Emerald

Oregon's Derek Croskrev had a good opening round, finishing in a tie for fourth place at the Oregon Invitational. The final round continues today at the Eugene Country Club, starting at 7:30 a.m.

Why it isn't hard to say good-bye

The worst part of writing a story is always the first sentence. Now that it's out of the way, I can continue on.

This is my final column. I'll wait a few minutes now while you all celebrate.

I know that I have pissed a lot of people off with the things I have said in the past 18 months. I know this because I have heard it from a lot of people — co-workers, friends, strangers, professors — everybody.



Andrea DeYoung

I finally wised up in one way and quit putting my e-mail address at the bottom of my columns. Now it takes a little more brains to find it on the web.

But now, after a year-and-a-half of hell, I'm outta here.

I could finish off my career at the Oregon Daily Emerald with a lovely story on my time spent in the office in the EMU. I could say how much I have learned and grown as a journalist. I could talk about the invaluable experience this job has given to me.

But why do that? That's not me. I try to stay away from sentimental pieces. Plus, I am still bitter that I'm not lounging on a Hawaiian beach right now like I should be. So instead of listing all of the things that I will miss about the Emerald, I am going to point out everything I won't miss about it.

— Too many hours spent at the office.

— Too many hours spent in front of the computer.

— Too many nasty meals from the EMU Fishbowl.

— Too many nice days spent looking out the window in envy.

— Too many daytime talk shows missed.

— Too many games on the road

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ON DECK IN SPORTS

UO Basketball

Arianne Boyer was selected to the Pac-10 first-team for the second straight time Friday. Renae Fegent earned honorable mention honors and Jenny Mowe was named to the all-freshman team. Stanford's Kate Starbird was voted Player of the Year.

Men, Women on TV

The Oregon men's and women's basketball teams' postseason games will be televised live on the Oregon Sports Network. The men's game will begin at 9:30 p.m. on March 12, while the women's game will be on March 15 at 3 p.m.

McNall goes to jail

(AP) — Former Los Angeles Kings owner Bruce McNall went to prison Monday to begin a nearly six-year term for his role in a scheme to bilk banks, a securities firm and the NHL team of more than \$236 million.

College Basketball

(AP) — Jim Harrick, fired as UCLA basketball coach for lying about an expense report, has accepted the school's offer to settle the remaining four years of his contract and will not sue, athletic director Peter Dalis said./9A

College Football

(AP) — After more than a century as an independent, Army broke with tradition Monday and joined Conference USA. Army will begin conference play in 1998, giving the league eight teams./8A