

# Women golfers to head to Pac-10s

■ **GOLF:** Men finish 10th in Tempe with a hot final round; the women will travel to Tacoma

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The Oregon women's golf team will be hitting the road this week for the Pacific-10 Championships in Tacoma, Wash., starting today and concluding Wednesday.

The 54-hole tournament will be played on the par-72, 6,100-yard Tacoma Country Club and Golf Course.

The Pac-10 has proven to be the toughest conference in the nation this season with five teams in the top 12 and eight in the top 40. Arizona (No. 2) is the top-rated Pac-10 team followed by No. 3 Arizona State, No. 7 Stanford, No. 11 UCLA and No. 12 Oregon. Host school Washington is ranked No. 25 going into the tournament.

The Ducks dropped a spot in the latest poll, but Oregon individual Paula Patterson jumped up a spot to No. 23 in the nation. Two other Ducks, Kylie Wilson and Anika Heuser, are ranked in the top 70 in the nation. Wilson is No. 57 and Heuser is No. 70.

Expected to go for the Ducks at the Pac-10 meet this week are Patterson, Wilson, Heuser, Karen Bristow and Pam Sowden.

The Ducks started off strong this season, winning

four of their first five tournaments, but they have slowed down just a bit finishing fourth three out of the last four tournaments and third last week at Stanford.

The women have the Northwest Challenge April 28 following the Pac-10s to prepare for the NCAA Championships May 21-24.



The Oregon men nabbed one more top-10 finish, this time at the ASU Thunderbird/Savane Invitational in Tempe, Ariz. over the weekend. Oregon finished strong in the final round to jump up to 10th from 15th place.

Oregon shot rounds of 306, 297 and 284 to finish with a 287. Ben Crane and J. J. Astorquia led the way for the Ducks, both tying for 26th place with a five-over par 221.

Astorquia started off slow but came back with a four-under par 68 in the final round. Ryan Lavoie finished six-over par with a 222. His best round came on the last day with a par 72.

Chris Cone also had a strong final round, finishing up with a two-under par 70 to place 61st, and Jeff Barney was 15 over to tie for 70th.

Arizona State beat Arizona by five shots to take the team title with a score of 854. Jeff Mixon of Oklahoma took the individual honors with a seven-under par 209.

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just Bleakney's second of the season, as he has been hampered by hamstring injuries.

The Ducks also made some noise in the throwing events, with junior Ryan Cole leading the way. Cole threw a career-best 55-0 to finish second in the shot put and placed third in the discus with a throw of 164-11. Oregon's Dusty Carlson placed third in the shot put with a toss of 54-0.

In the javelin, Jared Vigna finished second with a season-best throw of 204-5.

Jeremy Robinson also recorded a season-best in the hammer,

placing second while tossing the ball and chain 196-9, one inch off an NCAA provisional mark.

While the Ducks shined in the field events, they didn't fare too poorly in the running events, either.

Senior Daniel Das Neves, fresh off an NCAA automatic qualifying time in the steeplechase at last weekend's Oregon Invitational, cruised to a relatively easy victory in that event again. Das Neves clocked 8:47.96, more than five seconds better than Indiana's Tom Chorny.

"I already had my qualifier, so just winning and scoring the points, that was the plan for to-

day," Das Neves said.

Oregon sophomore Micah Davis turned in one of the biggest surprises of the day in the 5,000-meter run, finishing second with a personal best 14:19.54.

Davis hung with Arizona all-American Bob Keino all the way before finally succumbing on the final straightaway. Keino finished first with a time of 14:17.55.

The Ducks' other highlights came in the hurdles. Will Driessen finished second in the 400-meter hurdles in 53.18, while Quincy Ruffin came in second in the 110-meter hurdles, clocking 14.76. Driessen finished third in that event.

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59.76 time and a win in the 400-meter hurdles.

"I wanted to get my steps right in this race and run fast," Henes said.

Henes also anchored Oregon's winning 4x400-meter relay team of Kaarin Knudson, Sue Morris and Aisha Wallace. Despite rainy conditions, the team recorded a season best of 3:44.47.

Amy Skieresz, the collegiate 5,000-meter indoor champion and cross country champion from Arizona, easily beat the rest of the 5,000-meter field with

a meet record of 15 minutes, 54.13 seconds. The time was an NCAA automatic qualifying mark.

Knudson surged to the win in the 1,500-meter run with a time of 4:27.97. Knudson said she wasn't focusing on a possible qualifying time, but rather wanted to win the race and score points.

For the sophomore Davis, it was the first time as a Duck that she has won a race at Hayward Field. Davis recorded a time of 9:35.45 in the 3,000-meter run.

Next up for Oregon is the Drake Relays in Des Moines, Iowa on April 25 and 26.

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