

USC, Arizona should challenge Sun Devils for title

■ **GOLF:** ASU is the defending national champion, but USC remains the highest ranked Pac-10 team

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With seven of the Pacific-10 Conference teams ranked in the nation's top 50 golf teams, the conference championship at the Eugene Country Club should see some fierce competition for the title.

And defending champion Arizona State has no intention of giving it up.

The format for this year's tournament, which begins today at 8 a.m., will have six players competing on each team, with the top-five scores counting toward the overall team score. During the regular season, most tournaments allowed five players with four counting on the team score.

Arizona State should have no problems in the depth department with a strong roster from top to bottom. The Sun Devils are No. 6 in the nation and are the defending national champions as well as Pac-10 champions. They have also won four of the last five conference championships.

Chris Hanell is ranked second among individual golfers in the nation and is looking to improve on his fourth-place finish last year at the tournament. The Sun Devils' Darren Angel finished third at last year's national championships and, along with Scott Johnson, has been tough this year. Johnson was the runner up in last year's Pac-10 tournament. Both are ranked in the top 50.

USC, at No. 5 in the nation, is the only conference team ranked higher than Arizona State. The Trojans have been on a roll of late, climbing their way up the polls to their current position. Roger Tambellini, Chad Wright and Nick Webb will be the key golfers for USC. Tambellini is ranked No. 20 in the latest poll.

Arizona is the third conference team ranked in the top 10 at No. 8 and should be a strong contender for the title. Rory Sabbatini has had a strong year for the Wildcats, finishing in the top 25 in five tournaments. Ted Purdy will be another key for Arizona. He has five top-10 finishes this year.

Washington is the next highest ranked team in the Pac-10 at No. 33, five spots ahead of Oregon. The Huskies have already found success

this year at the Eugene Country Club, winning the Oregon Duck Invitational. Darren Slackman led the way for Washington with a first-place tie.

Oregon State is close behind Oregon, ranked No. 42 in the nation. The Beavers, led by Charles Kingsbaker, have played strong going into the Pac-10 tournament. Kingsbaker has also played well on the country club course, carding a 69 in one round of the Oregon Duck Invitational. Last year the Beavers finished fifth in the conference tournament.

UCLA is ranked No. 44 in the nation, but usually plays stronger than it is ranked. Steve Wagner and Brandon DiTullio will be key golfers for the Bruins if they are to sneak up on the rest of the pack.

Stanford is usually in the top 50, but has slid this year. Joel Kribel has taken over for Tiger Woods as the Cardinal leader. He is ranked No. 9 in the nation.

Longshots in this year's tournament will be California and Washington State. Last week Washington State lost to Washington and Oregon State in the Northwest Challenge.

Play begins at 12:30 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday and will continue at 8 a.m.

INDIVIDUAL FAVORITE



HANELL

■ **RANKING:** No. 2 in the nation, formerly No. 1

■ **1996-97:** Recorded five top five finishes including one tournament title

■ **1995-96:** Second team all-Pac-10 and fourth place finish in Pac-10 Championships

Sources say 76ers to hire Brown

■ **COACH:** Brown will become the 76ers sixth coach in the last seven seasons

The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Larry Brown will be named the head coach of the Philadelphia 76ers on Monday, The Associated Press has learned.

Team sources confirmed Brown, 56, has agreed to become the 76ers' sixth coach in the past seven seasons.

He will replace Johnny Davis, who was fired the day after the

team finished the season 22-60.

Vice president Dave Coskey said the team would have "a major announcement" Monday at 11 a.m. EDT, but declined to confirm it involves the hiring of Brown, who resigned as coach of the Indiana Pacers on Wednesday.

Brown did not immediately return a phone call to his Los Angeles home. Terms of the deal were not available.

Pat Croce, the president and part owner of the 76ers, acknowledged last week he had an inter-

view with Brown hours after he left Indianapolis following his resignation.

Brown later said he was coming back to Philadelphia for a second interview this weekend.

Although Brown wanted some say in the team's personnel decisions, sources indicated he will not have the general manager's job, which remains open following the dismissal of Brad Greenberg and Davis on April 20.

Still, it's believed Croce guaranteed Brown a significant say in shaping the team's roster.

Preview: Ducks did not finish below 10th all year

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In last year's Pac-10 tournament, Croskrey finished 27th, Barney 30th, Cone 42nd and Crane 49th. Astorquia didn't play.

Oregon, as a team, never finished below 10th place all year and picked it up in the final stretch of the season.

The Ducks finished sixth at the Stanford Invitational and won the Northwest Challenge over Oregon State and Washington.

If Oregon proves it can compete, its season will continue on to the Regional Championships and could possibly go as far as the national championships.

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