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PAC-10 GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS

Ducks lead by three strokes

PAC-10 LEADER BOARD

TEAM

Oregon	722
Arizona	725
ASU	725
USC	725
Stanford	728
Oregon St.	733
UCLA	736
California	737
Wash.	745
Wash. St.	771

INDIVIDUAL

Wright, USC	135
Ray, Stan.	141
Crane, UO	142
Kirbel, Stan.	142
Richardson, OSU	142
DeTullio, UCLA	142
Croskrey, UO	143
Sabbatini, UA	143
Hanell, ASU	143
Kingsbaker, OSU	143

OREGON

Ben Crane	142
Derek Croskrey	143
Jeff Barney	145
Ryan Lavoie	149
J.J. Astorquia	150
Chris Cone	150

SECOND ROUND

The second round of the Pacific-10 Conference Men's Golf Championships starts today at 8 a.m. at the Eugene Country Club.



Ben Crane led the Ducks to their first-day lead with a two-round score of 142, seven strokes behind leader Chad Wright of USC. Crane is tied for third with four other golfers after the first day.

■ **OREGON:** Ben Crane and Derek Croskrey pave the way to first place for Oregon at the Eugene Country Club

By Ryan Halvorsen
Sports Reporter

Spectators at the Pacific-10 Conference men's golf championship may think it's a surprise, but if you ask any of the Oregon players, they would tell you that they expected to be in first place after two rounds of play on Monday.

"We've known all year that we're one of the best teams in the country and that we can compete with the best teams in the country," Oregon's Ben Crane said. "It seems like everybody's coming together right now. Everyone's capable of throwing in some low rounds. It feels good; however, there are two more rounds left to be played and yet I don't think one of us on the team is surprised how well we're playing right now."

Oregon tore up the course in the morning session, shooting 358 as a team and trailing Arizona State by two strokes to take second place. Derek Croskrey led the way for the Ducks, shooting a two-under par 70 to place fifth overall.

"When you're doing this well, you feel like you belong out here," Croskrey said. "You feel like you've worked your tail off to get here, so it feels nice."

The rest of the Oregon squad was getting the job done too. The other four scoring players — J.J. Astorquia, Jeff Barney, Crane and Ryan Lavoie — all shot par 72s to keep up with Arizona State's high-powered arsenal. Oregon's other team member in the race was Chris Cone, who shot a disappointing 79 in the first round.

"It feels good [to be in first place], but that's what we came here for," Oregon head coach Steve Nosler said. "We're not jubilant about it. The way we shot this morning, I kind of expected it, and I expected a little more this afternoon."

The Ducks did drop off a little bit in the afternoon round as the wind picked up to make things trickier for everyone. But the rest of the field didn't improve enough to get

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■ **Southern California's** Chad Wright leads the way in the race for the individual title with a two-round total of 135/13

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scoreboard

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

NBA PLAYOFFS

Seattle	102
Houston	112

Signs point to agreement between Boston and Pitino

BOSTON (AP) — Rick Pitino said he will announce on Tuesday whether he'll leave Kentucky for the Celtics and a reported \$70 million.

WBZ-TV in Boston reported he already agreed to coach the Celtics for the first six years of a 10-year deal before becoming director of basketball operations for the final four. And a Boston TV station reported the agreement could make him the highest-paid coach in sports history.

Chuck Daly's credentials what Portland needs

The current cycle of NBA coaching moves has become a disturbing trend.

Consider all the coaching changes made this season. Eleven of the 29 teams have new coaches or are looking for new ones. Rick Pitino is reportedly close to a multi-year deal worth \$40 to \$70 million with Boston, and Larry Brown just jumped ship with the Pacers to sign a \$5 million a year deal with an awful 76ers team.

Former Portland head coach Rick Adelman just got the boot from Golden State, as did Dick Motta from Denver. The Hill brothers, Brian and Bob, both got pink slips in the middle of the season, and now Orlando may be looking to replace Richie Adubato with Phil Jackson.

Jackson's contract with the Bulls is up after they win the championship, and he can

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expect the same kind of money Pitino is being offered.

And no, Michael Jordan will not follow him wherever he goes. Jordan has said he doesn't want to move his family.

So this poses an interesting question for Blazers' fans: Will P.J. Carlesimo still be the coach after he meets with Blazers' General Manager Bob Whitsitt Tuesday or Wednesday?

This is difficult to answer because Whitsitt is so good at keeping his mouth shut.

The fact is, Carlesimo won 49 games this year with a young team full of new players. Portland acquired three new starters and made a couple other moves to shake things

up. But it was four and out against the Lakers.

However, based on the first-round disappointment, I don't think the coach is to blame for all of that.

As I've said before, the players play the game and make the shots. If Whitsitt can sign Rasheed Wallace to a long-term deal and keep the nucleus together, there's no reason Carlesimo won't be able to make the Blazers a championship caliber club.

Carlesimo proved himself in college, and the young make-up of this team should suit his coaching style.

It comes down to respect. If the players respect him as a coach, there are no problems. Now, if Wallace, Gary Trent and Jermaine O'Neal are reluctant to resign because of the coach, then Whitsitt needs to do something.

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