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Women golfers are in the hunt at nationals

LEADERBOARD

OREGON:

Karen Bristow, 74
Paula Patterson, 75
Kylie Wilson, 77
Anika Heuser, 77
Pam Sowden, 79

■ **GOLF:** The Ducks know there is room for improvement going into the second round today at the NCAA championships

By **Ryan Halvorsen**
Sports Reporter

The Oregon women's golf team is running with the leaders after the first day of the NCAA Division I Women's Golf Championship Wednesday in Columbus, Ohio. The Ducks are right where they wanted to be, in the top five, sitting in a tie for fifth place.

"I was really pleased," Oregon head coach Renee Baumgartner said. "They started out a little slow, but they really came on over about the last 12 holes

and I was really proud of them for that."

Karen Bristow led the way for Oregon, carving out a two-over-par 74 in the first round to put herself in a tie for 14th place overall.

Teammate Paula Patterson finished in second place for Oregon, tying for 21st overall with a three-over-par 75. Kylie Wilson and Anika Heuser were both tied for 39th overall with scores of 77.

"I had a bit of a rough day, but that's OK," Wilson said. "The wind picked up a bit in the afternoon, but we're in a good spot."

"None of them have ever played at the national championship before so they kind of were a little

more nervous than you would expect at the beginning," Baumgartner said. "They kind of just settled down and they really finished well so I was excited."

The Western teams are dominating the tournament with four Pacific-10 Conference teams placing in the top five. Arizona is leading with a 292, Arizona State is second with 297, San Jose State is third with 299, UCLA is fourth with 301 and Oregon is tied for fifth with Tulsa and Auburn at 303.

"We know it's a 72-hole tournament and there's three more rounds to be played, but we're in a good position and if we play well we could move up," Baumgartner said. "We're just trying to take it one day at a time, enjoy the experience and shoot a good score and see where that puts us at the end."



Riding their way to the top

Brothers Ryan and Erik Carlson are ready to take on the nation this weekend

By **Joel Hood**
Freelance Sports Reporter

At dusk, on a thin ribbon of highway that stretches through valleys and across state borders, rides one of Oregon's most dangerous cycling duos.

Dangerous because this ride is one of a hundred that Ryan and Erik Carlson will take during the season — a season that covers thousands of miles.

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Also dangerous because in their first full season of racing for the Oregon Club cycling team, the combination of brothers has qualified to compete against the nation's top young cycling talent in the national championships in Durango, Colo., this weekend.

"It's just such a thrill to have the chance to compete at nationals," Ryan said. "This is something that we've both worked very hard for all season. All of the training and intense preparation has paid off for us and it feels great."

The brothers are considered two of the top racers in the Northwest Collegiate Cycling Conference (NWCCC) and are



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Ryan Carlson
UO Club cycling

UO Club cycling team member Ryan Carlson (left) and brother Erik travel to Durango, Colo. this weekend for the national championships.

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YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

NBA PLAYOFFS

Utah 104
Houston 92

Runge named as assistant coach for national team

Oregon women's basketball coach Jody Runge was named an assistant coach on the 1997 USA women's R. Williams Jones Cup Team, USA Basketball announced Wednesday.

"It's a great opportunity and a great compliment," Runge said. "Obviously they're trying to put together the best coaching staff they can."

The R. Williams Jones Cup competition will be August 9-16 in Taipei, Taiwan.

Duke's Gail Goestenkor is the head coach of the team.

UO not pretending to be contender at Pac-10s

■ **WOMEN:** The Pac-10 title is not in Oregon's sights at this year's conference championship

By **Ben Kwasney**
Sports Reporter

Coming off consecutive second-place finishes at the Pacific-10 Conference Championships, the Oregon women's track and field team is not expected to contend for a title this weekend at Husky Stadium in Seattle.

The battle at the top should be between UCLA and last year's champion, USC. UCLA has some history on its side, though, with seven titles in the 10 years the women's Pac-10 meet has existed.

Oregon head coach Tom Heinonen said the Ducks will be among the middle teams in the conference, possibly fighting with Stanford and Cal to place in the top half.

The only time in meet history Oregon has failed to place third or better was in 1994, when the team was fifth. The Ducks have six second-place finishes and two first-places.

A redshirt season for sprinter Nicole Commissiong has hurt the Ducks' sprint corps this season. At the Pac-

10 meet last season, Oregon had a second-place finish in the 4x100-meter relay, third in 200- and 400-meter dash and fourth in the 100-meter dash.

This season, Oregon's 4x100 team has the slowest time in the conference.

Each team is allowed to enter three athletes who failed to qualify for their respective events.

Oregon will spend one of those wildcards on Stacy Hebert in the 400-meter hurdles. Hebert set a personal record of 1 minute, 3.39 seconds at the Oregon Twilight last week.

Oregon's only first-place finish at the conference meet last year was the 4x400-meter relay team. Tish Henes and Sue Morris return to the team, while Kaarin Knudson and Wallace round out the other half.

Heading into Saturday's competition the Ducks are already in second place with 11 points from last weekend's heptathlon. Jennifer Thomas' second-place finish scored eight points for Oregon, and Tish Henes' sixth-place finish was worth three points. Stanford is first with 22 points.



WOMEN'S TRACK

TOP COMPETITORS:

Vicky Fleschner, 800
Kaarin Knudson, 1,500
Marie Davis, 3,000
Katie Pearmine and Karis Howell, javelin
Jennifer Thomas, 100 hurdles, long jump and triple jump
Tish Henes, 400 hurdles