

SPORTS



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Crane playing well at championship, but not well enough

■ **GOLF:** Arizona State and UNLV probably won't make the cut today

By Ryan Halvorsen
Sports Reporter

The field of competitors at the NCAA Division I Men's Golf Championship at Conway Farms Golf Club in Lake Forest, Ill., played like true champions Wednesday, carving out low scores and leaving Oregon's Ben Crane in danger of not making the cut.

The Oregon sophomore played a good round, scoring a 4-over-par 75 on the difficult course, finishing the day tied for 81st, but the leaders are running away with rounds in the mid 60s, leaving all competitors in the dust.

"Ben played very well today, actually,"

Oregon head coach Steve Nosler said. "He kept the ball in play well and hit most of the greens. He'll have to play [his] lights out to have a chance."



Jason Gore of Pepperdine set the tone for the day, carding a 6-under-par 65 to lead all scorers. Nineteen golfers shot under par in the first round.

The big surprise of the day was No. 28 Northwestern taking the overall team lead with a 2-under-par score of 282. No. 8 North Carolina was one stroke behind with 283 while No. 2 Oklahoma State, No. 30 Texas A&M and No. 14 East

Tennessee State are tied for third with 286.

No. 6 Arizona State, last year's national champion, is on the verge of elimination in 27th place overall with a score of 301. Top-rated UNLV is in the same boat as the Sun Devils, tied for 23rd with 300. Four top-10 teams, including Arizona, are all in danger of not making the cut, which will include the top 15 teams.

USC is the top Pacific-10 Conference performer after the first round. The Trojans shot a 289 to tie for seventh place.

Play resumes today with the top-15 teams and top-nine individuals not on one of the top-15 teams making the cut and advancing to the final two rounds.

NCAA TOURNEY

■ **CRANE:**
4-over-par 75

■ **TEAM LEADERS:**
Northwestern, 282
North Carolina, 283

■ **INDIVIDUAL LEADER:**
Jason Gore, Pepperdine, 65

scoreboard

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

NBA PLAYOFFS

Miami 87
Chicago 100

American League

Chi. White Sox 3	Cleveland 10
Boston 5	Kansas City 3
Baltimore 8	Anaheim 14
Detroit 1	Oakland 10
Milwaukee 1	Texas 0
Minnesota 3	Seattle 5
NY Yankees 6	
Toronto 4	

National League

Chi. Cubs 1	Philadelphia 0
Pittsburgh 4	Cincinnati 2
NY Mets 7	
Montreal 0	

Jake Plummer charged with felony sexual abuse

PHOENIX — Jake Plummer, who led Arizona State to the Rose Bowl before being drafted by the Arizona Cardinals, was charged Wednesday on four felony counts of sexual abuse stemming from an incident in a nightclub.

The charges were announced by Maricopa County Attorney Rick Romley, who has said a settlement Plummer reached with three accusers didn't free him from prosecution.

The alleged incident occurred last March at Club Rio in suburban Tempe.

Plummer, a four-year starter at quarterback for Arizona State, was a second-round pick of the Cardinals.

Three women claimed Plummer reached under their clothes while they danced. Last week, the women reached a civil settlement with Plummer and said through a lawyer they didn't want to pursue criminal charges.

Romley said that an alleged fourth victim came forward later and made similar allegations against Plummer.

Plummer also was charged with one count of misdemeanor assault, according to the criminal complaint.

Mourning, Rodman fined \$5,000 for Game 4 scuffle

NEW YORK — Dennis Rodman of the Chicago Bulls and Alonzo Mourning of the Miami Heat were fined \$5,000 each today by the NBA for their fourth-quarter scuffle during Game 4 of the Eastern Conference finals.

Mourning and Rodman became entangled with 8:14 to play in Miami's 87-80 victory Monday and tumbled to the floor. Replays showed Mourning tapping Rodman on the head before Heat coach Pat Riley separated the players.

A double technical was called, extending Rodman's streak of technical fouls in every one of the Bulls' playoff games.



Olympian Mary Slaney is one of four panel members at the "Women in Sports: At the Crossroads," symposium today in the EMU Ballroom at 4 p.m.

Slaney to speak at EMU

■ **SYMPOSIUM:** The four-woman panel will feature representatives from the WNBA, ABC Sports and Nike in the second annual event

By Ryan Frank
Sports Editor

Olympic runner Mary Slaney and four prominent figures in women's sports will be part of the second annual Women in Sports Business Symposium today in the EMU Ballroom at 4 p.m.

Donna Lopiano, executive director of the Women's Sports Foundation, will moderate the panel for the forum entitled "Women in Sports: At the Crossroads."

The panel includes Slaney, Kelly Krauskopf, director of basketball operations for the WNBA, Terri Wagner, marketing director for ABC Sports, and Sandi Bittler, from Nike's women's sports marketing division.

The panel will discuss the future of women's sports over the next 25 years, what it will take for professional women's basketball to succeed, how the changing image of women as athletes will affect society and the media and endorsement and sponsorship opportunities for women athletes.

Lopiano was listed No. 46 in *The Sporting News*' "The 100 Most Influential People in Sports," and was No. 22 on *College Sports* magazine's "The 50 Most Influential People in College Sports."

Before joining Nike, Bittler worked for the NBA where she marketed the 1992 Dream Team and the 1996 Olympic women's basketball team.

It's the NBA playoffs; let's get ready to rumble

The 1997 NBA playoffs have seemed almost like USA's Tuesday Night Fights at times.

Tensions have flared to the point where a game without a minor scuffle is a rare occurrence.

But I assure you, there are some great bouts out there, so let's fight.

In the red corner, weighing in at 894 pounds, it's the Houston Rockets. In the purple corner, weighing in at 821 pounds, it's the Utah Jazz.

Round 1: Matt Maloney vs. John Stockton. Based on the fact that Stockton is widely considered the

dirtiest player in the game, so he pulls out a lead pipe and beats Maloney to the ground. Point: Utah.

Round 2: Clyde Drexler vs. Jeff Hornacek. No contest here. Drexler went after Hornacek in Tuesday night's game but was restrained. A quick left hook by Drexler completely disfigures Horny's nose and sends him crying into the locker room. Point: Houston.

Round 3: Charles Barkley vs. Karl "The Mailman" Malone. Malone's got an advantage in the reach department, but Barkley's got too much raw strength for the Mail-

man. Point: Houston.

Round 4: Rudy Tomjanovich vs. Jerry Sloan. Rudy T's got a size difference and the intimidation factor. Sloan was a tough player in his day, but now he just whines to the officials. Tomjanovich learned how to fight from his altercation with Kermit Washington in his playing days. Rudy T by TKO. Point: Houston.

And your champion of Fight 1, the Houston Rockets.

Next, in the black corner, the

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OPINION



Ben Kwasey