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Golf officials say walking part of game

The Casey Martin trial resumed Tuesday with the testimony of two golf officials who say a cart provides an unfair advantage

By Alex Pond
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Two high-ranking golf officials reiterated the PGA Tour's stand that allowing Casey Martin to ride in a motorized cart during PGA and Nike Tour events would give him an unfair advantage over other golfers as the Martin trial resumed Tuesday in Eugene.



The trial had been on recess since last Thursday afternoon.

The 25-year-old Martin is suing the PGA Tour for the right to use a cart during its events because he has a rare circulatory disorder in his right leg that makes it painful to walk.

Tim Finchem, commissioner of the PGA Tour, and Judy Bell, immediate past president of the United States Golf Association, were the last witnesses called to testify against Martin's argument, which invokes the Americans with Disabilities Act.

During his testimony, Finchem was asked about the idea that the rule requiring PGA Tour players to walk is there because of tradition and is not essential to the game.

"That is just not correct," Finchem said. "Walking is a fundamental part of competition. It's what separates PGA Tour golf from all other levels of golf."

Finchem added that he did not know "for certain" how much of a competitive advantage golfers would gain riding in a cart instead of walking.

"I know it can be an advantage on certain courses for certain golfers," he said.

Finchem went on to testify that any type of an advantage could make a big difference in a sport where the little things count.

He pointed out that the top 100 golfers on the PGA Tour in 1997 finished within two strokes of each other for every 18 holes, on the average, and the top money winner, Tiger Woods, earned \$2 million last year while the 100th finisher earned \$250,000.

Billy Andrade finished 31st on the money list in 1997, \$5 out of 30th place, Finchem said. The difference meant Andrade did not automatically qualify for the U.S. Open, the Masters or other top tournaments.

Bell was the first witness called Tuesday and, like top golfers last week, testified that walking is a fundamental part of the game and allowing Martin to ride a cart would give him an unfair advantage.

But under cross-examination from Martin attorney William Wiswall, Bell acknowledged that the USGA adopted additional rules last year to allow disabled golfers to compete against able-bodied players. For example, if a player in a wheelchair hits a ball into a sand trap, that player would be allowed to drop a ball rather than venture into the trap.

Reading from the preamble to the rules, Wiswall noted that there is no mention that they should not apply to any golf competition, but Bell disagreed.

"I would have to say they apply to recreational golf," she said, explaining that at the professional level there is a premise that everybody is playing under the same rules.

Lawyers for both sides are expected to make their final arguments Wednesday in front of U.S. Magistrate Thomas Coffin, who could rule immediately on the case.

— The Associated Press contributed to this report



Alina Wygonowska works on her returns during practice Tuesday evening.

Immediate IMPACT

Alina Wygonowska, UO's No. 1 singles player, enjoys Oregon's apples as much as its tennis

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It didn't take long for Alina Wygonowska to adjust to life in the United States.

She was too busy leading the Oregon women's tennis team from the No. 1 singles position.

Three days after Wygonowska arrived in Eugene from Gdynia, Poland, she was battling the best players in the Pacific-10 Conference at the 1997 Indoor Championships in Seattle.

The fact is she did not have time to pay much attention to a change of scenery. Besides, tennis is tennis whether it be in Europe or North America — and Wygonowska is fluent in that international language.

Wygonowska, a sophomore, came to Oregon in January 1997 after growing up in Poland. She had been to the United States just once before to attend a tennis camp in South Carolina for a few weeks when she was 18.

Why was she so eager to come to a country she had seen but once? For foreign athletes, of which the collegiate tennis ranks are becoming increasingly full, American colleges offer a rare opportunity.

"The United States is the only country where you can both play tennis and study," Wygonowska says. "I wanted to do both, so I decided I wanted to go to the states."

Second-year head coach Jack Griffin says Wygonowska is "definitely" the most important recruit he has had in his short career here. She was highly regarded as an amateur in Europe, playing with various Polish national teams and reach-

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Women having some trouble making the grade

After two tests of how the Oregon women should handle the loss of their leading scorer and rebounder in the second half of the conference season, they receive a B-

Well, how about a D- for their ugly play against UCLA on Friday and an A- for their second-half domination of Southern California on Sunday.

The Ducks folded like a deck of cards in the second half of their 82-54 loss to the Bruins in Los Angeles. They were down just five at the half, but could not find it in them-

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by Ryan Frank

selves to stay with the deeper and very balanced Bruins after the half.

To the Bruins' credit, they were hitting two of every three attempts from the field in

the second half, but the Ducks didn't do much to stop them.

It is hard to say just how much the loss of Brianne Meharry, who suffered a season-ending knee injury against Arizona State on Jan. 24, had an effect on that game, but it would be hard to say that her absence had no effect.

When the Ducks were struggling to put the ball in the basket in the second half, when they hit just eight attempts from the field, that's exactly when Meharry would have and could have helped.

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Others pick up slack as Madden deals with slump

Oregon's three-game win streak gives the team an unexpected .500 record with only seven games remaining in the season. That the win streak has come while team-scoring leader Henry Madden has been in a five-game slump is shocking.

Madden, averaging 12.4 points per game, was the team's savior in the Ducks' first 15 contests.

When Oregon played Washington and Washington State at McArthur Court a month ago, Madden had the best back-to-back games by a Duck player this season, scoring a combined 43 points.

Since then, Madden has scored only 29 points in five games — eight against Arizona, four against Arizona State, six against Oregon State, eight against UCLA and

three against Southern California.

Madden's slump hasn't been nearly as noticeable because Oregon has been getting the most balanced offensive attack it has had in years. Players like A.D. Smith and Donte Quinine have been playing very good at the forward spots coming off the bench. Both players had career games against USC on Saturday.

"So many guys on this team have stepped up that we no longer need one guy to carry the load for us," Kent said. "I still think Henry Madden will win some more ballgames for us before this is all over."

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