

# Golf: Oregon to play Stanford next

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mate, Kyle Kovacs, also finished in the top five for the Gauchos by tying for fifth with a 214 total.

Oregon's Ben Crane and Adrian Burtner tied for 50th place as the Ducks' highest individual finishers. They both shot a 225 total that was 14 strokes off Takemoto's high.

Crane, who is ranked No. 56 in the nation, shot a final-round 77, while Burtner completed play with an 80 in the last round. Burtner was tied for 22nd and Crane tied for 43rd heading into Tuesday's round.

The other Oregon participants were Chris Cone,

Ryan Lavoie and Nick Davey. Cone and Lavoie tied for 61st, one stroke behind Crane and Burtner, with a score of 226. Davey tied for 95th by shooting 237.

Other Pacific-10 Conference teams in the tournament were Washington, California and Stanford. The Huskies tied for third with an 876 total, the Golden Bears finished eighth with 879 and the Cardinal ended up in 15th with a team score of 895.

The Ducks will seek redemption when they fly south to play in the U.S. Intercollegiate Tournament at Stanford beginning Saturday.

# PSU: Ducks shut out Vikings in Game 2

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is an opportunity.

"[The Ducks] are twice the team they were last year," Mariani said. "They are strong defensively and have greatly improved their hitting. We hope we can hit the ball better than we did in our first meeting and give ourselves a chance to win."

In its first game against the

Ducks on March 13, Portland State (16-15) tallied just three hits and one run off Cook, while committing five errors on defense. In Game 2, the Vikings were shutout. These statistics show Oregon's defensive improvement this season, Mariani said.

The Ducks hold a 66-49 series lead against the Vikings, including a pair of lopsided victories at Howe Field last season.

# Augusta honors Nicklaus' 40th Masters

A plaque listing Jack Nicklaus' achievements will be placed at Augusta golf club

By John Diamond  
The Associated Press

AUGUSTA, Ga. — Clad in a green jacket, basking in applause, Jack Nicklaus choked back tears Tuesday as Augusta National Golf Club honored his 40th appearance in the Masters.

It was, perhaps, the only choking he has done over this rolling landscape.

"The Masters was not just a golf tournament. It was really something special," Nicklaus said as Augusta National chairman Jack Stephens displayed a plaque summarizing the Golden Bear's exploits here. "My wife, Barbara ..." Then he stopped, his voice cracking.

The scene was Augusta's practice chipping green, just to one side of Magnolia Lane, and a thousand or more spectators, many of them Augusta members in their own green jackets, choked back their own tears as they watched. Nicklaus stood at the lectern as his wife, Barbara, Stephens, and announcer Pat Summerall sat to one side.

"This doesn't happen very often in a lifetime, to be able to share something like what is happening to me at Augusta," Nicklaus said. Still the words wouldn't come. He grabbed a glass of ice water from Stephens — "Thank you, Jack — is there anything in

this?" he joked. "I didn't realize I was this sentimental."

In fact, Nicklaus isn't terribly sentimental. He looks at video tapes of his stirring 1986 Masters triumph not to bathe in nostalgia but to pick up swing keys. And rather than announcing the end of his major championship career ahead of time and making it a walk down memory lane, he says that he'll retire when he feels he can no longer contribute or compete.

Augusta loves sentiment and tradition, and so Nicklaus' plaque will be placed by a water fountain between Augusta's 16th green and 17th tee.

Stephens said the Masters committee members had a hard time deciding where to place the plaque because "every hole on this course has been enhanced by his remarkable achievements."

A seven-paragraph summary on the plaque offers only the briefest summary of Nicklaus' Augusta record: his scoring records, his six victories framed by his first championship in 1963 in which he became the youngest Masters winner and his latest in 1986, when he became the oldest.

The words of Masters founder Bobby Jones describing Nicklaus' record-setting performance of 1965 are engraved in bronze.

"Jack is playing an entirely different game — a game with which I'm not familiar," Jones said. Stephens added as an aside that the world is now quite familiar with Nicklaus' game, "but we're no less amazed."

Tiger Woods, 22, has since become the youngest Masters champion.

"I can't even fathom being, you know, that old," Woods said of the 58-year-old Nicklaus. "He's played here 40 years now. That's almost twice my life."

Indeed, Nicklaus was a three-time winner in the 1960s before Woods was born.

Woods and Nicklaus hold much in common. Both players revolutionized the game with their length, making carefully placed hazards obsolete. And both forced Augusta organizers to make changes in the golf course designed to hold the long bombers in check.

"With my length, the hazards weren't there," Nicklaus said. "I hit it over everything, same as he does."

Nicklaus was hitting more around than over things in a practice round with Arnold Palmer on Tuesday. Neither played particularly well. Palmer four-putted the 11th green and Nicklaus made no one-putt birdies. But he did lace 2-irons onto the par-5 13th and 15th greens, shades of his younger self.

The bronze plaque has an air of permanence about it, appearing to mark the end of the Nicklaus era, and that, Nicklaus conceded, may have been one reason for the emotions. But, Stephens said, "We have taken the precaution of leaving a little extra space at the bottom of the plaque, just in case."

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Knight takes first in heptathlon

Oregon freshman Nashira Knight held on to her heptathlon lead, while Lane Community College's Bill Pappas utilized a second-day surge in the decathlon to capture wins at the Oregon Heptathlon/Decathlon at Hayward Field on Tuesday.

In the heptathlon, Knight made it a clean sweep with wins in each of the seven events, including wins in the long jump, javelin and 800 meters. She finished with 4,132 points.

LCC's Amy Werner and Allison Solarz finished second and third with 3,497 and 3,219 points, respectively.

Knight, who is redshirting during the 1998 track and field season, competed unattached in her first heptathlon at Oregon.

In the decathlon, Billy Pappas finished with 6,192 points and improved from his second-place standing after Day One with wins in two of Tuesday's five events — the 110-meter hurdles and the javelin. First-day leader Ben Logan of LCC no-heighted in the pole vault, then withdrew from the 1,500 meters, the final event.

Oregon's Chris Holzgraf led the Ducks with a third-place finish, scoring 5,350 points.

Oregon's Cody Howell finished fourth with 5,184 points.

### Oregons adds third volleyball recruit

Oregon volleyball head coach Cathy Nelson announced a third member of the Ducks' 1998 recruiting class on Tuesday.

Nicole Allen, a 6-foot middle blocker from Colorado, joins Julie Gerlach and Monique Tobaggi as this year's recruits. Gerlach and Tobaggi both signed letters of intent in February.

Allen, an all-state selection as a senior, led Boulder High School to a runner-up finish in the 1997 Colorado state tournament. An all-around athlete, Allen also led the Boulder basketball team to a conference championship and was the high-point scorer on the women's track team.

"Nicole is a Pac-10 caliber athlete who has the size and strength to make an impact in our program," Nelson said. "She has not been playing volleyball too long, so it may take her some time to adapt, but she has the ability to be a dominant force."

Oregon has three scholarships remaining for the 1998 season after losing six seniors to graduation this season. The volleyball signing period runs through August 1.

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