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Oregon men 'in the hunt' after 36 holes

The Ducks shot a combined 735 in the first two rounds of the Pac-10 Championships on Monday to claim fourth place heading into today's third round.

By Tim Pyle
Sports Reporter

After playing 36 holes at an unfamiliar golf course Monday in the Pacific-10 Conference Championships in Orinda, Calif., the Oregon men's golf team finds itself in fourth place entering today's third round.

Oregon head coach Steve Nosler described the 6,352-yard, par-72 Orinda Country Club as "tight" compared to the more open courses his team is used to playing in the Pacific Northwest.

"It's about the opposite from what we normally play," Nosler said. "It's a real fitness-type golf course."

Ben Crane led the Ducks by shooting a 72 and 73, respectively, in the first two rounds for a one-over-par 145. Crane, who is ranked

No. 61 in the most recent MasterCard Collegiate Golf Rankings, is tied for 10th individually with five other competitors.



"He just played a steady, even-par round this morning and missed a short little putt on his final putt of the day to keep himself from having another 72," Nosler said.

On the team leaderboard, host California is a first-place surprise with a four-under-par 716. Arizona, which is ranked No. 4 nationally, trails the Golden Bears by three strokes at 719.

Stanford is four strokes ahead of Oregon in third place with a 731 to the Ducks' 735. Oregon shot a 370 in the morning's first

round and a 365 in the afternoon's second round.

"We played sort of mediocre this morning and a little better this afternoon," Nosler said. "Even in this afternoon's round, we probably gave back about four shots on the last hole and had a little trouble there. But we played pretty good and kept ourselves in the hunt."

Dan Arroyo of California leads the individual leader board with an eight-under-par 136. Washington's Brian Nosler is one stroke behind in second place, while the nation's No. 1 player, the Wildcats' Rory Sabbatini, is tied for fifth with a one-under-par 143.

Leaders

■ OREGON:	
Crane	145
■ INDIVIDUAL:	
Arroyo, Cal.,	136
■ TEAMS:	
1. California	716
2. Arizona	719
3. Stanford	731
4. Oregon	735
5. ASU	737

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Cavs force Pacers to put away brooms

Cleveland won its first home playoff game in five years to avoid being swept out of the first round of the NBA Playoffs

The Associated Press

CLEVELAND — There was no way Shawn Kemp was going home to Indiana for another miserable offseason.

He made sure Monday night that the young Cleveland Cavaliers get to play another game.

In a determined performance that kept Larry Bird from sweeping his first playoff series as a head coach, Kemp scored 31 points as the Cavaliers got their first home playoff win in five years, with an 86-77 victory over the Indiana Pacers.

"I just felt in my heart that Shawn did not want to see this thing end tonight," said Cavs head coach Mike Fratello, who improved to 2-11 in the playoffs with Cleveland. "I think he was determined to do everything possible not to let this series end."

Asserting himself so ferociously that even courtside fans were pointing and screaming, "Give it to him," Kemp sealed the victory with a 16-foot jumper that made it 84-77

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Johnson, Jones will compete in Pre Classic

Olympic and World champion Michael Johnson and World champion Marion Jones have entered the Prefontaine Classic, meet officials announced Monday.

Johnson, who holds the world record in the 200-meter dash for his 19.32-second performance in the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta, will run that event during the Grand Prix meet May 31 at Hayward Field.

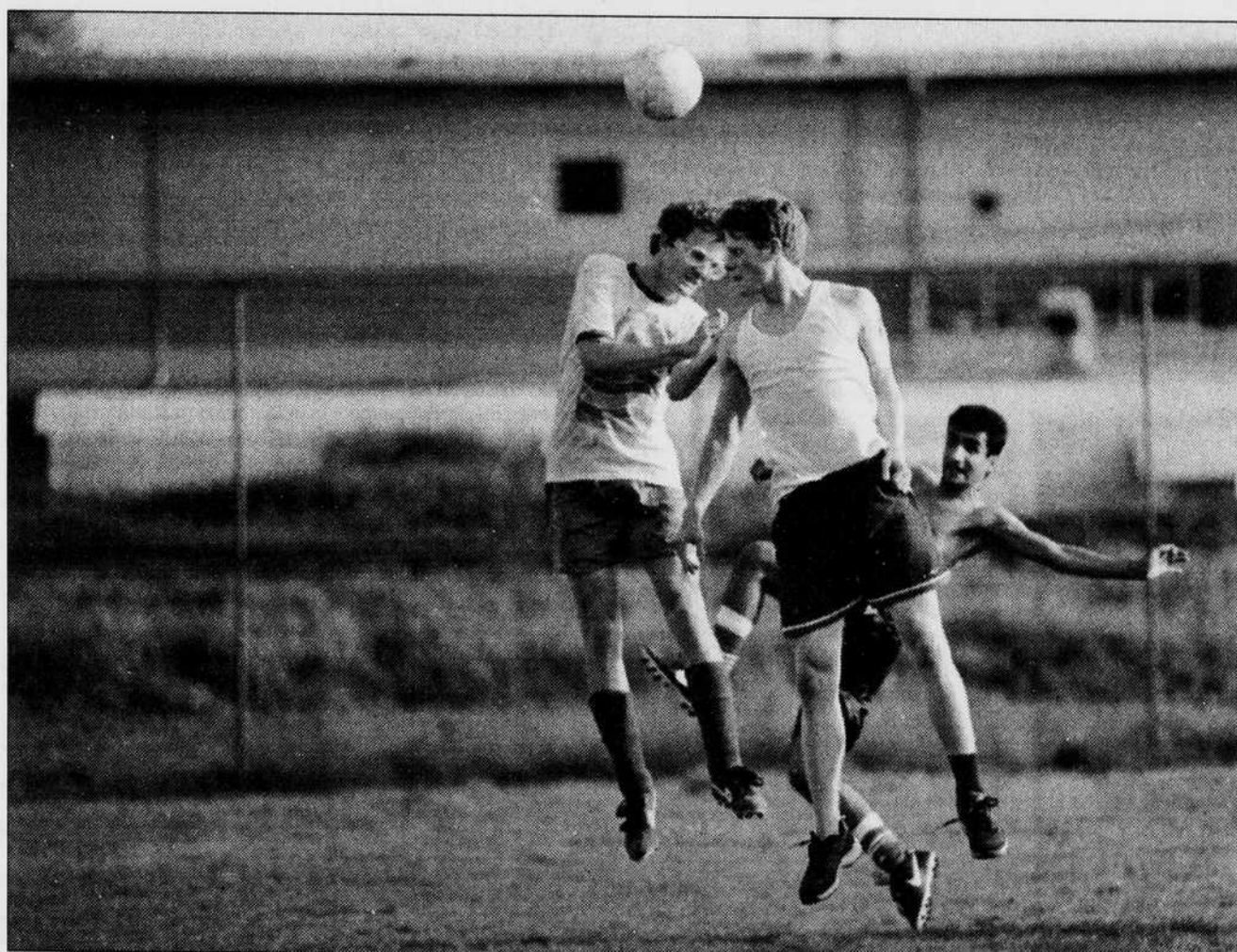
It will be the second straight Prefontaine Classic for Johnson, who easily won the 200 last year.

Jones, selected as the 1997 women's athlete of the year by Track & Field News, is expected to compete in either the 100-meter dash or the 200.

Jones won the gold medal for 100 meters during last summer's World Championships.

Johnson and Jones are the latest high-profile athletes to enter in a field which includes Maurice Green (ranked No. 2 in the world in the 200) and Bob Kennedy (ranked No. 1 in the nation in the 3,000 and 5,000 meters).

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Cory Fleming wins a header during practice Monday at Southbank Field for the Club Sports soccer teams. Fleming scored a goal in the "A" team's 7-2 win last Friday that boosted its record to 2-0.

Men's soccer 'A' team remains undefeated

Oregon's Jay Molde scored four goals in the Ducks' 7-2 win over Chronic United

By Eric Collins, Jeanette N. Diaz and Mirjam Swanson

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With a 7-2 win over Chronic United last Friday at Amazon Park, the Oregon Club Sports men's soccer "A" team remained undefeated in city of Eugene league play.

The "B" team wasn't as fortunate, as it lost 6-0 to The Tribe.

Oregon's Jay Molde was unstoppable as he racked up four goals, while Ben Ehler, Chad Wright and Cory Fleming each scored a goal.

Wright attributed the scoring outburst to a change in game strategy.

"We did a lot of switching around in the back, which kind of messed up our defense [in the first half]," Wright said. "But once we stayed stable on defense, we were able to concentrate on offense and got a lot more opportunities to score

goals."

Down 1-0 early, Molde blasted one in to tie the game at halftime. Fatigue was settling in on the Chronic as the better-conditioned Ducks pulled away later in the second half, coming up with six more goals.

Baseball

A seventh-inning, four-run surge propelled the Oregon Club Sports baseball team past Central Oregon Community College 12-7 Sunday at Civic Stadium.

Leading the Duck hitters was senior Scott Moore, who was one triple short of hitting for the cycle, going four for four with three runs batted in and a two-run homer in the seventh inning that sparked the Oregon win.

"This was probably the best game we've played all year," head coach Ryan von Klein said. "There were only a couple of guys who didn't have a hit."

Von Klein singled out the effort of starting pitcher Jarred Gainey, who only allowed four runs while striking out six batters in seven innings.

Sunday's game, the first for Oregon since spring break, evened the Central Oregon season series at two games. The Ducks had been swept by Central Oregon in the first two games of a weekend series in early March, but came back the next day of that weekend series to blow out the community college.

The Ducks will host a league playoff series this weekend at Civic Stadium.

Crew

Going into Saturday's Cascade Sprints in Tacoma, Wash., Phil Holmes, Oregon Club Sports crew teams head coach, expected nothing short of domination in the men's and women's events.

The Ducks weren't able to back Holmes' promises this year, but several boats earned first-place honors.

The men's lightweight eight continued

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