

NCAAs: ASU's Park sets record at 14-under

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under-par 565 to top arch-rival and second-place Arizona's 578.

Arizona State freshman Grace Park set a 36-hole NCAA record with a 14-under-par 130 after shooting her second straight 65. Park has a four-stroke lead on Southern California's Jennifer Rosales. First-round co-leader Jenny Chuasiriporn of Duke fell seven strokes behind Park and into third place by shooting an even-par 72.

The Ducks' Karen Bristow shot

a 72 to pull herself into a tie for 36th individually. She set the all-time team record by tying for 16th at the last season's championship, where Oregon finished seventh.

"I hit a few more putts today, but I hit the ball as well as I did [Wednesday]," Bristow said. "I don't know why I like the front nine, but I sure play it well."

Both Bristow and Patterson shot two-under-par 34s on the front nine Thursday.

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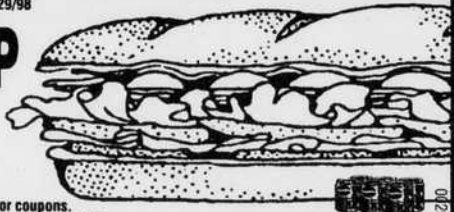


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Ryan Cole hopes to add 'probably a meter or a meter and a half' to his discus season best of 185-11 in order to secure a bid to the NCAA Championships. Cole currently is 22nd on the provisional list.

Men: Bleakney leads triple jump field

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Gregg Bleakney leads a strong triple jump field. UCLA's Mel Moultry (53-1 1/4), USC's Kedjelo-ba Mambo (53-0 1/4) and Washington State's Hilary Mawindi (52-2) are all expected to contend for the title.

It's the second season in a row that Bleakney has gone into the meet as the favorite, although he finished fourth last year.

"Last year was disappointing for me," Bleakney said, choosing his words carefully. "It feels like it was just last week, and I want a little personal redemption, I guess. The memory of the experience of last year is really strong in my head right now, and the last thing I

want to happen is to repeat that.

"I'm really looking forward to this competition."

Micah Davis is another Oregon favorite, leading the Pac-10 steeplechase field with a season best that is more than five seconds faster than the best mark of Washington's Christian Belz, who ranks second. Oregon's Konrad Knutsen ranks third.

Oregon's Jody Mortimore (25-2 3/4) leads the conference in the long jump going in but is still chasing that elusive NCAA provisional qualifying mark of 25-3 1/4.

Freshman high jumper Damian Olson leads the conference with a mark of 7-1, although that came indoors in February.

While Oregon expects to score well in the distances and jumps, points could be hard to come by in the throws.

"We're not going to score a lot of points in the javelin, shot and discus," Dellinger said. "Not because we don't have some good people, but this conference is probably the best in the country in the shot and discus. It'll be tough to score in those areas."

Ryan Cole is probably Oregon's best bet to score in those events, as he ranks eight in the discus with a season best of 185-11.

The meet begins Saturday and finishes up Sunday at Cobb Track and Field.



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