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Ducks look to make the cut

The 30-team field will be split in half after the second round of the NCAA men's golf tournament

By Tim Pyle
Sports Reporter

Head coach Steve Nosler said the Oregon men's golf team has no time to get used to the surroundings in its first appearance in the NCAA Championships since 1990.

The Ducks begin play today at the 7,248-yard, par-72 Championship Golf Course in Albuquerque, N.M.

The 30-team field will be split in half after two rounds. In order to make that cut, the Ducks, who are ranked No. 35 in the MasterCard Collegiate Golf Rankings, need to be wide-awake and ready to play at their first-round tee time today at 7:15 a.m., according to Nosler.

"If you're shooting to be 15th, you probably aren't going to be 15th or better," Nosler said. "If we go out there and play the best we can, if it's going our way, let's just finish as high as we can."

"You don't have control over what the other people are doing, you don't get to play defense against them or anything. All you do is give it your best shot."

No. 1 ranked UNLV is the favorite in a field that includes 16 teams that appeared in the 1997 tournament. The Runnin' Rebels entered last season's tournament ranked No. 1, too, but did not make the cut after the first two rounds.

New Mexico, ranked No. 9, tied for the West Regional title with No. 10 Arizona State and has home-course advantage. No. 2 Clemson will be led by Charles Warren, who won the 1997 individual title, in its pursuit of its first team title.

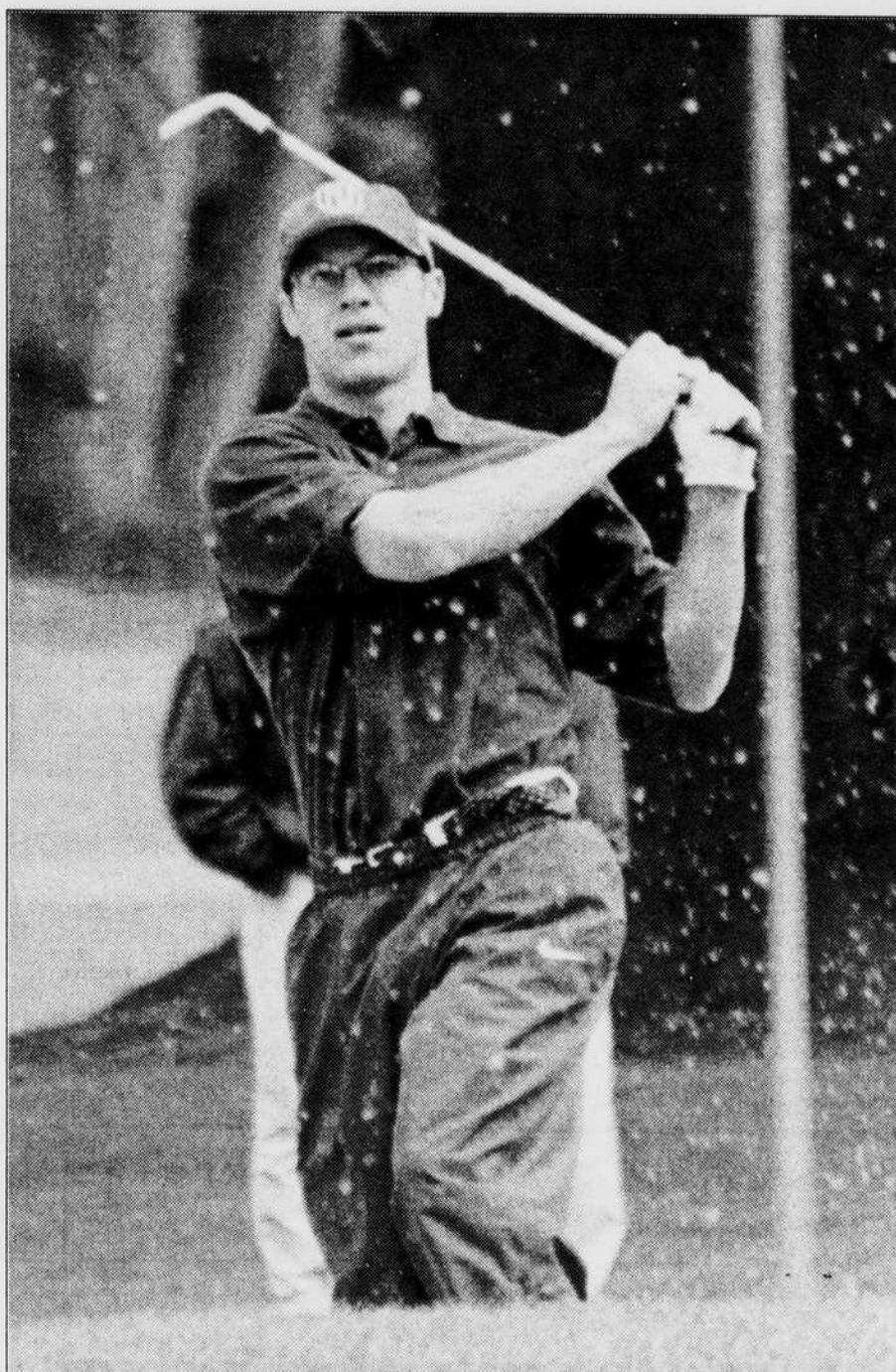
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Oregon men's golf team
- **WHAT:**
NCAA Championships
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Albuquerque, N. M.
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Today through Saturday

Ben Crane, who tied for 57th at last season's NCAA Championships, leads the Ducks into the 1998 championships as the only Oregon player with nationals experience.

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Erwan Kergroach is the first Duck to compete in the NCAA Individual Championships since 1968.

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Kergroach ready for first round

Erwan Kergroach faces New Mexico's Jeff Williams, who beat Kergroach earlier this season, in the first round of the NCAA Individual Championships

By Tim Pyle
Sports Reporter

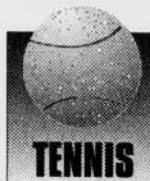
Before he returns to Paris, Erwan Kergroach hopes to leave the Oregon men's tennis team with one more memorable achievement.

In a first-round matchup today against New Mexico's Jeff Williams in the NCAA Individual Championships at Athens, Ga., Kergroach (20-10) will attempt to become the first Duck to win a championships match since Gundars Tilmanis won in the first round in 1968.

Kergroach, who is ranked No. 52 in the Rolex Collegiate Tennis Rankings, will be seeking revenge for a three-set loss to No. 54 Williams in the Oregon-New Mexico dual match March 2. At that time, Kergroach was ranked No. 92, while Williams was No. 27.

Ducks' head coach Chris Russell said Kergroach needs to be more aggressive than he was in his last meeting with Williams.

Russell said Kergroach has to dictate the game. "He's got to control the tempo of the match and stay in control. That's kind of what happened last time [when Williams controlled the tempo]. Erwan won the first set, but then he stopped [be-



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NBA suspends Indiana's Rose one game for leaving bench

Reggie Miller and Ron Harper received fines for their brief scuffle in Game 4 of the Eastern Conference Finals

By Chris Sheridan
The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Another debatable call in the Bulls-Pacers series.

The NBA on Tuesday suspended Jalen Rose of Indiana one game for leaving the bench area during a scuffle between Reggie Miller and Ron Harper.

Miller and Harper received fines — but not suspensions — for the fracas late in the fourth quarter of Indiana's 96-94 victory Monday,

which tied the series at two games apiece.

Rose will be barred from the United Center when the series resumes Wednesday night.

Chicago head coach Phil Jackson was fined \$10,000 for his comments about the officiating. He compared the refereeing to the 1972 Olympic gold-medal game in Munich, Germany, when the United States lost to the Soviet Union.

Rose was fined \$2,500, Harper was penalized \$3,500 for initiating the fight, and Miller was fined \$2,500 for retaliating by pushing Harper.

The lack of suspensions for Miller and Harper meant the league had determined no actual punches were thrown.

"I'm sincerely sorry Jalen was suspended since I thought that, while he was removed from the bench, he was [under the] control of our coaching staff and never entered the fray," Pacers president Donnie Walsh said.



Rose declined comment, and the Bulls had no immediate comment.

"There were no punches thrown," Miller said. "It was one of those things where everyone wanted to be macho, stick their chests forward, but nothing really happened. Typical NBA fight."

The moment in dispute happened as the Pacers, trailing 94-93, were getting three chances to pull out the victory.

Jordan blocked a jumper by Derrick McKey with 6.4 seconds left, and Scottie Pippen then stole the ensuing inbound pass after it was deflected by Harper.

Harper yanked Miller by the arm, sending him tumbling into the Chicago bench, and Miller lunged at Harper as he got up.

League rules mandate a one-game suspension for throwing a punch or leaving the bench during an altercation, and Rose was punished for the latter violation — running along the sideline toward midcourt before Indiana assistant coach Rick Carlisle pulled him back.

Pacers head coach Larry Bird claimed Rose was merely heading to the scorer's table to

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