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Men recover, but it's not nearly enough

The Ducks improved by 16 strokes over their dismal first-round performance but could not make the cut for Round 3

By Tim Pyle
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It was too little, too late Thursday for the Oregon men's golf team.

After a dismal first round Wednesday that left them last in the 30-team field, the Ducks would have needed supernatural intervention in the second round of the NCAA Championships to ascend into the top 15 in the team standings and thereby make the cut for the third and fourth rounds of the tournament.

And despite the fact that Oregon was playing at the Championship Golf Course in Albuquerque, N.M., no aliens made the trek from Roswell to help the Ducks con-

tinue their season.

Oregon shot a one-under-par 287 to escape dead last, but the Ducks' 15-over-par 303 first-round score kept them from rising above a tie for 27th at 590.



"When you only have a 36-hole cut and are against teams of the caliber that are here, you don't have make-up time," Oregon head coach Steve Nosler said. "If we go out and had played yesterday the way we played today, we'd have been right in there."

UNLV, which is ranked No. 1 in the Mas-

terCard Collegiate Golf Rankings, lived up to its lofty billing by shooting a 19-under-par 269. The Runnin' Rebels, with a 23-under-par 553 combined total, were able to forge a five-stroke lead on second-place Georgia Tech.

"Right now, the way [the Runnin' Rebels] are playing, they will definitely be one of the teams in the hunt," Nosler said. "They can't sit back and have a cake walk, but I would have to say that somebody has to beat them."

Texas Christian's J.J. Henry, who was in a three-way tie for first after the first round,

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Symposium to address state of track

USA Track & Field CEO Craig Masback will announce new plans to revitalize the sport

By Alex Pond
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Track and field fans can count on two things that are certain to descend upon Eugene late each May.

One is the Prefontaine Classic, which will take place Sunday at 12:15 p.m. and bring numerous world-class athletes to Hayward Field.

The other is the inevitable discussion about the deteriorating state of track and field and the future of the sport in the United States.

The latter will be the topic of the first annual U.S. Track and Field Symposium at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Valley River Inn.

Craig Masback, CEO of USA Track & Field, will offer his views on the current state of the sport in the United States, unveil his vision for the future and announce significant new initiatives to revitalize the sport.

Earlier this week, Masback said at least part of the plan he is putting together to revitalize the sport will include "starting to rebuild a series of meets both indoors and outdoors, so people have a chance to see the best athletes in the world compete."

Masback said he feels the problem with the perceived lack of interest in the sport in the United States is a direct result of the fact that there simply aren't many events featuring elite athletes that fans can attend.

"At the Atlanta Olympics they sold out the stadium twice a day for nine days for track and field — primarily to Americans," Masback said. "So Americans will go watch track and field if they're offered a good product. They just haven't been offered a good product."

In addition to Masback, key figures in track and field will take part in the symposium's panel and offer their views about the future of the sport in the United States.

Panelists include Craig Silver, coordinating producer of college football and track and field for CBS Sports; Tom Jordan, director of the Prefontaine Classic; three-time Olympic Gold Medalist Jackie Joyner-Kersey; Steve Holman, the top American 1,500-meter runner who is running in the mile Sunday; and Mary Slaney, the 1,500-meter American record holder and participant in Sunday's 5,000.

Rick Burton, director of Oregon's Warsaw Sports Marketing Center, will serve as moderator.



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Sophomore Karis Howell is one of 10 Ducks, and seven women, to qualify for next week's NCAA Championships.

Ten Ducks earn trips to NCAA Championships

Seven Oregon women and three men were named to the field, the NCAA announced Thursday

By Rob Moseley and Alex Pond
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It didn't quite mirror the fanfare of CBS' men's basketball tournament selection show — in fact, the information was released on the World Wide Web — but the participants in this year's NCAA Track & Field Championships were announced Thursday evening.

The Oregon women and men will be well represented in Buffalo next Wednesday through Saturday, with seven women and three men in the list of entrants.

Marie Davis will be the top-ranked Duck in New York, as she is the fourth-ranked woman in the 21-person 3,000-meter field.

Davis enters the championships fresh off a second-place finish in the 3,000 at last weekend's Pacific-10 Conference Championships. She finished that race in

nine minutes, 33.25 seconds, behind only Stanford's Monal Choksi's time of 9:23.92.

However, Davis was running with a foot injury that forced her to miss the 5,000 meters last Sunday. She recently stepped back onto the track after working out in a pool earlier this week.

"She did a short workout today," Oregon women's head coach Tom Heinonen said on Thursday. "Her foot was a little sore. We're trying to balance rushing it with getting some work done."

Heinonen said he doesn't want to rush Davis' progress so much that she aggravates the injury, but he also doesn't want to take the rehabilitation so slowly that she isn't in peak condition for the NCAA's.

The other Oregon woman with a top-10 qualifying mark is Jennifer Thomas, who is ranked ninth in the heptathlon after finishing second in the Pac-10. Conference champion Tracie Lawyer of

Stanford is ranked first in the nation.

In the field, sophomore Karis Howell is the 12th-ranked javelin thrower in the country, while freshman Karina Elstrom is 15th in the pole vault.

Back on the track, Oregon's Katie Crabb is ranked 19th in the 1,500 meters, while senior Milena Glusac qualified 22nd in the 10,000 meters on the strength of her second-place finish in the Pac-10.

On the men's side, pole vaulter Piotr Buciarski will lead the trio of Oregon qualifiers into the NCAA Championships. Oregon's other qualifiers include Gregg Bleakney in the triple jump and Micah Davis in the steeplechase.

Buciarski is tied for third in the nation with his mark of 18-2 1/2 and placed eighth at last season's NCAA meet.

Bleakney ranks fifth in the triple-jump field with his hop, skip and jump of 53 feet, 9 3/4 inches at the Oregon Twilight on May 15 and is coming off a second-place finish at last weekend's Pac-10 meet.

Arkansas' Robert Howard is ranked first in the event, while Southern Califor-

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