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## UO sees tournament as chance to relax

*Along with having some fun, Oregon will face some top competition*

By Scott Pesznecker  
*Oregon Daily Emerald*

This season has been an upward battle for the Oregon women's golf team.

They have had success — the Ducks won their first invitational in Portland, finished seventh at the Pre-NCAA in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and placed fourth at the Northwest Invitational in Corvallis.

Last weekend, the team stormed back from 15th place to finish eighth at the Stanford Invitational—a tournament that played host to 10 of the nation's top 25 teams.

But nothing has come easy for the women this year. Each success has been a learning experience.

This weekend, the Ducks can do something that they have not done all season — relax.

Oregon will travel to Vero Beach, Fla., to play at the Rolex Match Play Tournament from Oct. 31 to Nov. 2. The tournament has no bearing on the team's rankings or its season, but being invited to take part is quite an honor.

The tournament invites the top eight teams from the previous year to play. The Ducks did not finish in the top eight last year but were chosen as a wildcard pick due to their success this season.



"They invited us to come over some very good teams," Oregon head coach Renee Baumgartner said. "This is a huge reward and tribute to the team and our performance this season."

While this meet has no effect on the women's season, Baumgartner said the team could gain from the experience.

"I would like this tournament to show my team how good they really are," Baumgartner said. "We will play No. 4 USC and No. 2 Arizona, and I think we can beat those teams."

"I think the team will really step it up a notch," she added. "That will show [ourselves] that we are one of the best teams in the country."

Match play is scored differently from a standard golf tournament. Teams are paired up and individuals square off in pairs. The winner of each hole wins a point, and at the end of the round, the team with the most total points moves on to the next round.

The Ducks played in the Rolex Match Play tournament last year. From that squad, the only returning golfers are Karen Bristow and Pam Sowden.

Making the trip this year to Florida will be Bristow, Sowden, Jerilyn White, Claire Hunter and Dawn Berry.

"Last year, we said to ourselves, 'We've got to go there and win it,'" Baumgartner said. "This year, we're saying, 'let's just go and have fun.' I think that is a better way of approaching it because it puts a lot less pressure on ourselves."

## NBA lockout continues as talks move forward

*After days of bargaining, both sides see labor deal begin to take shape*

By Chris Sheridan  
*The Associated Press*

NEW YORK — After a busy burst of bargaining, the opposing sides in the NBA lockout took a breather Thursday to assess their progress and determine their next moves.

Owners and players spent four days and a total of about 24 hours talking since Saturday, developing a loose framework for what the next labor deal is going to look like.

So far, they know it will retain the Larry Bird exception, change the rookie salary system, include some kind of "tax" on the highest-paid players and increase minimum salaries for long-term veterans.

The biggest hang-up remains what percentage of revenues will be devoted to salaries by the time the new system has been in place for a few years.

The owners have moved off their insistence upon getting the percentage down from 57 percent to 48 percent, and the players have moved off asking for 63 percent, sources involved in the talks told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

"There's still a pretty wide gap that separates the sides. But at least we identified the sizes of the gaps between us," commissioner David Stern said early Thursday morning after an eight-hour bar-

gaining session ended.

Those gaps remain very large, and it will clearly take much more movement and compromise to get to a point where a deal can be done.

The sides spoke by telephone Thursday and agreed to speak again Friday. There are no bargaining sessions planned, and the owners who sit on the league's negotiating committee have returned to their home cities.

Over the next day or two, the other owners and the rank and file players will be briefed on what has been accomplished.

The sides are talking about a hybrid system incorporating aspects of each side's latest proposal. In the first two or three years, there will be a tax on any owner who signs a player to a high-end contract. The sides remain far apart on the threshold and rates for such a tax.

After those first two or three years, if the percentage of revenue devoted to player salaries fails to drop to an agreed-upon level, an escrow tax of 10 percent will be withheld from some players' paychecks. Both sides are widely separated on how many players would contribute to the escrow fund.

In those "escrow plan" years, the sides would determine at the end of each season how much revenue had been devoted to player salaries. If the targeted number had been exceeded, a portion of the escrow money would be returned to the owners.