

# Ducks stumble to 14th place

No. 19 Oregon struggles with conditions and a tough field at ASU

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The goal for the Oregon women's golf team was to finish in the top 10 at the Ping/Arizona State Invitational last weekend.

But neither the weather nor the opposition cooperated much with the Ducks' plan.

No. 19 Oregon concluded play Saturday with a 14th-place finish. The Ducks faced some of the best golfers in the country at the three-day event held in Tempe, Ariz., including seven of the eight top-ranked teams in the nation. They also endured the worst weather conditions that Duck head coach Renee Baumgarnter said she had ever experienced on a golf course.

On Saturday, the final day of

competition, the Ducks shot a 310, which brought their total score to 950.

Host Arizona State, currently ranked No. 4, claimed the team title at the 17-team event, recording a combined score of 884. Duke finished in second, 20 strokes behind the Sun Devils with 904.



Arizona and Texas Christian came in third and fourth place with scores of 915 and 918, respectively.

Individually for Oregon, sophomore Jerilyn White turned in the Ducks' best performance. She came in 40th, with an overall score of 235.

The next closest Oregon finisher was Karen Bristow. The senior finished with a good third day, shooting a 75 to bring her

overall score to 219 for 49th place.

Arizona State's Grace Park won the individual title, as she recorded a combined 219.

Georgina Simpson of San Jose State finished second with 221. The Sun Devils' Jody Niemann and Duke's Beth Bauer finished tied for third place with a 223 mark.

Other Oregon players in action at the event included junior Pam Snowden, who finished in a tie for 57th with a combined mark of 239. Angie Rizzo, another Ducks junior, scored 240 and came in 61st, while sophomore Dawn Berry wound up tied for 84th at 254.

Oregon junior Claire Hunter competed individually and got off to a fast start in shooting a 76 on day 1, but she cooled off during the next two days. She finished in a tie for 78th with a total of 249.

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long jump (third, 23-8) and triple jump (fifth, 46-4 3/4).

And although freshman John Bello may just be killing time until spring football begins, he continues to post some impressive marks in the shot put and the discus. Bello recorded personal bests in both events on Saturday, finishing second in the shot put (52-2) and sixth in the discus (165-10).

Sophomore Rian Ingrim rounded out the career day with a fourth-place finish in the shot put with a personal record of 50-1 3/4 and a fourth-place finish in the hammer throw (176-1).

For some athletes, the 42-degree day interfered with their performances but did not entirely shut them out. Sophomore Kyle Johnson finished in first place in the high jump with a 6-6 3/4 mark but said he was not completely satisfied with his marks.

"I didn't compete as well as I was hoping to," Johnson said. "I wanted to get up around 6-9 or 6-10. I had a good weekend at Stanford and I expected it to carry over, but it didn't go as planned because of the weather."

Also contributing some high-scoring performances was the 4x400 quartet of Jermaine Hanspard, Richard Girvan, Ross Krempley and Howard Moore who finished in first place with a time of three minutes, 14 seconds.

Girvan also placed second in the 800 behind Washington State's Bernard Lagat. Lagat, an eight-time All-American at Washington State, dominated the running events, winning the 1,500 and the 3,000.

Oregon's top distance runners, Matthew and Micah Davis as well as Oliver Wirz, did not compete on Saturday while resting for the upcoming Hayward Relays. In their absence, Lagat's strong finishes clearly had a big impact on the meet's outcome.

But in his first dual meet as Oregon's head coach, Smith said he was pleased with the team's competitive effort, adding that as a team, Oregon had some very nice breakthroughs.

## Women

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"We need to be tons better than we are," Heinonen said. "We need to get a few people healthy, and there are a few others who need to be better than they are now."

The Ducks competed without sprinter Endia Abrante, who is out with a hamstring injury. Also, Maureen Morrison and All-American Karis Howell will redshirt this season.

However, Oregon showed progress in overcoming its health problems on Saturday. Heidi Fisk won the shot put with an early throw of 45-5, despite playing on a sprained ankle from a week before at the Stanford Invitational. Fisk's winning mark was just two inches shy of her personal best.

In the discus, Fisk was edged to third place on her 151-4 throw, and she finished fourth in the hammer.

"I didn't expect to win any events because my ankle was holding me back," Fisk said. "I was shocked to win the shot put; the Washington State girls should have competed better than they did."

Fisk's competition status had been questionable throughout last week. The decision for her to compete was made Thursday by Heinonen, throwing coach Sally Harmon and assistant trainer Allison Shepherd.

"I was hesitant to go because I hadn't practiced, and I didn't know how I was going to do," Fisk said. "When the decision was made for me to go, I thought I would just make the best of it."

In other field events, Hilary Holly finished third in the long jump with an outdoor personal best of 19-0 3/4, and Stacy Robson topped her personal record by one inch to finish fourth after leaping 18-9 1/4.

Tish Henes posted a solid time of 56.32 in the 400 to finish second, and Katie Crabb finished third in the 800 with a time of 2:13.19 and third in the 3,000 at 10:08.49. Heather Hill placed fifth in the hammer by throwing 146-5.

Oregon will compete at home for the first time in four weeks on Saturday at the Hayward Relays. The Ducks will compete against Colorado, Iowa, Minnesota, Oklahoma State, Stanford and Washington State.

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