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Men's golf tied for third at STRATA after day one

Oregon's
Brandon
Harnden paced
the Ducks with a
round of 146 to
end the day tied
for ninth

By Matt O'Neill
for the Emerald

After the first 36 holes of the STRATA Intercollegiate golf tournament, the Oregon men's golf team is tied for third place.

The Ducks shot a morning round of 292, followed with an afternoon round of 299 for a combined 595. They finished the day tied with UC-Santa Barbara (295-300). Host Pepperdine (588) is in second place, behind Texas A&M (585), who finished ten strokes ahead of Oregon.

Oregon was paced by sophomore Brandon Harnden (146), who was tied for ninth place, with a morning round of 74, followed by a 72 in the afternoon.

Harnden was joined in the top fifteen by another Duck when redshirt freshman, Chris Carnahan finished the day tied for 11th with a score of 147.

"Both Brandon and Chris played very well for us today," head coach Steve Nosler said. "This the best they've played as Ducks."

Senior Ryan Lavoie had a disappointing day, finishing tied for 28th with a combined score of 152.

"Ryan isn't really playing badly," Nosler said, "he hit the ball well, he just didn't putt today."

Duck sophomore, Aaron Byers shot a morning round of 73 followed by an afternoon round of 77 for a combined 150 and finished the day tied for 19th.

Redshirt freshman, Geoff Horton (154) finished the first day's competition in 39th place, with a morning and afternoon

rounds of 77.

While Nosler is pleased with his teams play, he feels that the team will still have to play better as a whole if the Ducks are to be in contention for the win. He feels that the team will have to post an under par score in order to be in the hunt.

"We'll need play a little better than we did today," Nosler said. "Texas A&M is reachable, with a little help. We'll have to play very well, and they'll have to come to us a little. If we have a couple more guys play well, we'll be right there."

With the third through fifth place separated by only three strokes, Nosler feels there will be a tight race for the tournament in the second day.

The teams will finish the tournament today with a round of 18, beginning at 7:30 am.



Leaderboard

After day 1 of the
STRATA
Intercollegiate

Team Totals

1. Texas A&M 585
2. Pepperdine 588
3. Oregon 595

Top Individuals

1. Sean Gilliland
Texas A&M 142
6. B. Harnden
Oregon 146

Warrick vilified for routine offer



Mirjam
Swanson

They're calling Florida State's best player a "Criminole." Referring to him as "Dillard's Dummy." Convinced that he's an arrogant thief. Seriously questioning his intelligence and blaming him for FSU's demise, although that hasn't exactly happened yet.

Media and fans nationwide are up on their soap boxes, condemning with all their might, aghast about another major college sports star getting in trouble.

On Sept. 29, Peter Warrick strolled into a Dillard's department store in Tallahassee, Fla., with two of his buddies, including former Florida State wide receiver Laveranues Coles — known to teammates as "Trouble."

The trio browsed, found some items they liked and got a specific 19-year-old clerk to assist them with the sale. She did, and in the process hooked them up with a nice 95 percent discount.

They paid \$21.40 for \$412.38 worth of designer clothing.

And they got busted for it.

Thefts valued at more than \$300 are considered grand theft, an automatic felony. By law, Warrick's discount is such a theft.

So Warrick — previously a leading Heisman Trophy candidate, arguably the most exciting collegiate player in the nation and soon-to-be multi-millionaire NFL player — has been suspended from No. 1 FSU indefinitely, depending on whether his legal counsel can get the felony charge reduced to a misdemeanor.

He has dates with the criminal justice system, the FSU athletic department and the university's student judiciary process, the latter of which could expel him from school entirely.

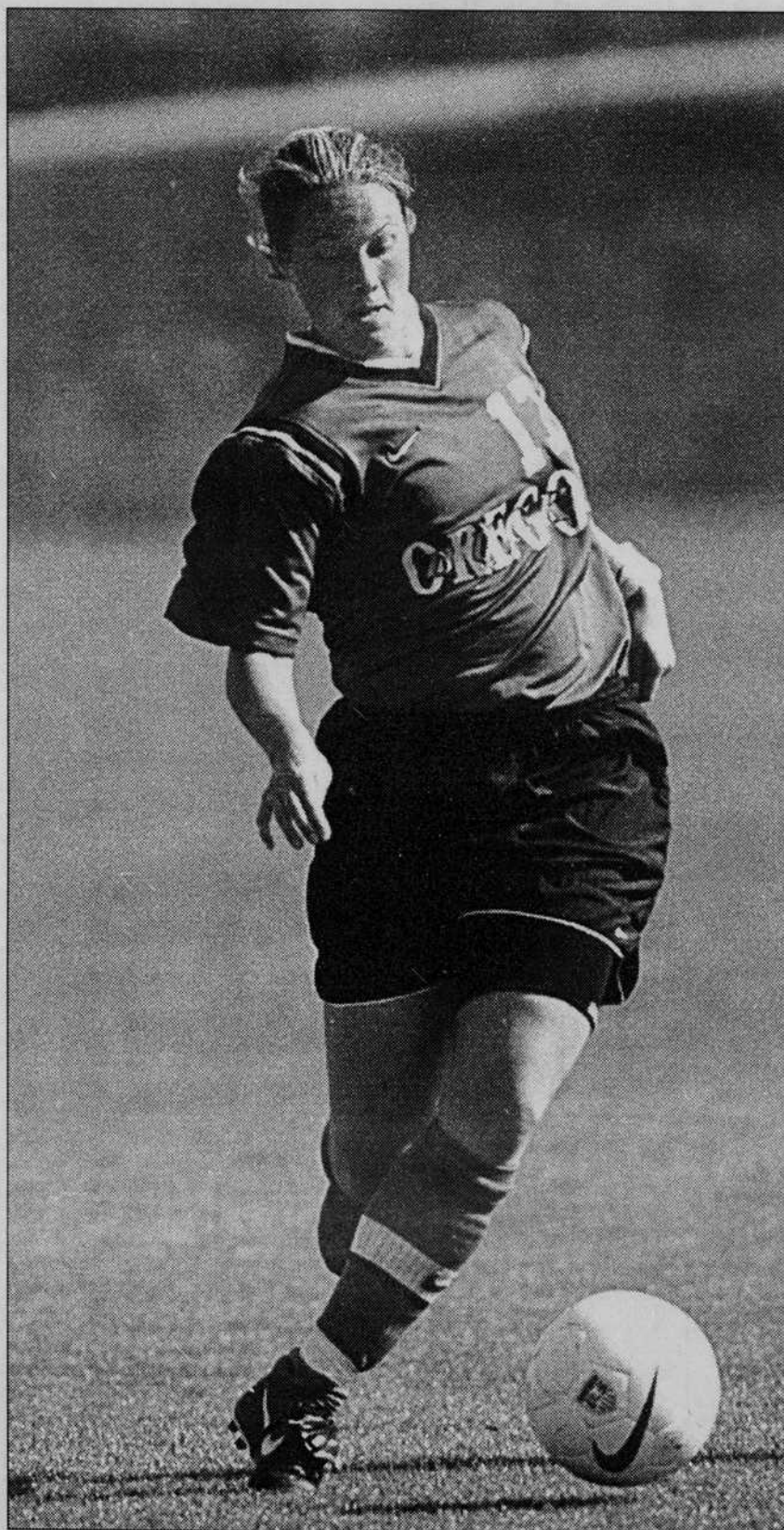
That wasn't the first time Warrick and his boys hit up that same department store for that same discount, the superstar reportedly told authorities.

Of course it wasn't.

You know it wasn't. You've done the discount thing too.

Maybe not to that \$300 extent, but you've gotten a free burger, 50 percent off a CD or something of that nature.

OREGON SOCCER



Midfielder Sierra Marsh entered the season as the Ducks' career leader in assists and game-winning goals.

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Once considered non-Pac-10 material, senior Sierra Marsh has flourished thanks to a rabid work ethic

By Brett Williams
Oregon Daily Emerald

As an incoming freshman at Oregon, women's soccer player Sierra Marsh didn't know what to expect. Besides the everyday chaos that a freshman goes through becoming situated at college, Marsh and her freshman teammates had the dubious task of building the Ducks' program.

Oregon, however, wasn't building a program back to respectability, but rather from ground zero.

"I had so many questions, and I had no idea what my role would be," said Marsh, who is one of 13 Oregon seniors who comprised the first recruiting class in 1996. "[The freshmen] had no idea what college soccer was all about, but we jumped in and had a great time."

Marsh has seen her class mesh and play as a solid group — a far cry from its first season with the Ducks.

"Skill-wise, we're a lot better technically," Marsh said. "Our first year, we were just thrown together."

"Now we've been playing together for four years, and we know each other's strengths and weaknesses."

Marsh's strengths cannot be ignored. The midfielder from Seattle entered the season as Oregon's career leader in shots, assists and game-winning goals. She recorded the game-winning goal against Arizona State last season, the Ducks' lone win against the Sun Devils in three meetings.

Former Oregon midfielder Melissa Sherman, who has lived with Marsh for the past year, witnessed Marsh's work ethic last summer.

"She plays with the most heart out of anyone on the team," said Sher-