

Sports

Men's Hoop AP Top 25

- 1. Cincinnati (65) 20-1
- 2. Stanford (3) 17-1
- 3. Duke 16-2
- 4. Syracuse (2) 17-0
- 5. Ohio St. 14-3
- 6. Tennessee 18-2
- 7. Connecticut 15-4
- 8. Michigan St. 15-5
- 9. Arizona 17-4
- 10. Auburn 17-3
- 11. Indiana 15-3
- 12. Florida 15-4
- 13. Oklahoma St. 16-2
- 14. Kentucky 15-5
- 15. Kansas 16-4
- 16. Texas 14-5
- 17. Tulsa 20-2
- 18. Oklahoma 16-3
- 19. Utah 16-3
- 20. Iowa St. 18-3
- 21. Temple 14-4
- 22. LSU 16-3
- 23. Oregon 15-3
- 24. Vanderbilt 13-4
- 25. Maryland 14-6

Women's AP Top 20

- 1. Connecticut (44) 19-0
- 2. Louisiana Tech 14-2
- 3. Georgia 21-2
- 4. Tennessee 16-3
- 5. Notre Dame 17-2
- 6. Penn St. 18-3
- 7. LSU 16-3
- 8. Iowa St. 15-3
- 9. Texas Tech 16-2
- 10. Rutgers 13-4
- 11. N.C. State 15-4
- 12. Duke 18-3
- 13. Auburn 16-4
- 13. UC Santa Barbara 17-3
- 15. UCLA 12-5
- 16. Old Dominion 14-3
- 17. Purdue 14-5
- 18. Boston College 17-4
- 19. Arizona 16-3
- 20. Mississippi St. 16-3

Senior should qualify for NCAA indoor nationals

Oregon's Marie Davis scored an NCAA indoor qualifying time of 9 minutes, 26.57 seconds in the 3,000 meters at the Terrier Classic in Boston, Mass. on Sunday.

The two-time All American's mark fell just short of an automatic qualifying time. Her effort, however, should earn her a spot in the NCAA Indoor Championships in the 3,000 on March 10 and 11, in Fayetteville, Ark.

Davis' mark was her first-ever NCAA indoor qualifying time at that distance. And it came after she had spent most of the race running in the lead pack. Three people passed her on the final lap, and the senior finished seventh in her section and 15th overall.

"It was a good race, but I feel like I didn't have enough left the last lap," Davis said.

Davis' qualifying time was the second of her final season for the Ducks. She notched an NCAA provisional mark of 4:47.65 in the mile last week at the San Diego State Indoor Games.

Best Bet

NBA
Los Angeles at San Antonio
5 p.m., TNT



Oregon struggles at tournament

After one round at the Ping Tournament, Oregon's individual play is not enough to rank the Ducks among the tournament leaders

By Peter Hockaday
for the Emerald

The first day of play at the Ping Arizona Intercollegiate Tournament yielded disappointing results Monday for the men's golf team.

The Ducks finished in the middle of the field in Tucson after the first 18-hole round. Host Arizona finished the day in first place, only a single stroke ahead of USC. The second round, scheduled for Monday, was cut short due to darkness but will resume today.

Head Coach Steve Nosler attributed his team's play to lack of mental toughness.

"We need to think positive thoughts," Nosler said. "A high percentage of success we're going to have is in the mental part of the game."

A few positive outcomes of the day came from two Ducks, who showed the resiliency the team needed. Senior Ryan Lavoie shot a 4-under par 67 to finish third overall after the first 18 holes. Senior Andrew Tredway, co-captain of the team along with Lavoie, finished in the top 20. Although no official scores are in for the second round, sophomore Aaron Byers played well, according to Nosler.

But the tournament is still a team effort. Four scores from each team count towards the total team score. Nosler said his team's play had nothing to do with the stiff competition they faced.

"If we aren't doing things to our own ability, there is something we can work on," Nosler said.

California has been the surprise at the Ping so far. Unranked going in, the Golden Bears ended the day in third place, only five strokes behind USC. Stanford, New Mexico and Colorado are all tied for fourth, one stroke behind Cal.



Women, men searching for ranking respect



Recovering from post-concussion syndrome, junior forward Lindsey Dion is back practicing with the Ducks.

■ Pac-10 parity weakens the conference in the Ratings Percentage Index

WOMEN'S NOTES

By Mirjam Swanson
Oregon Daily Emerald

Obviously, the Oregon women's basketball team (14-4 overall, 5-2 Pacific-10 Conference) is looking for a win against No. 19 Arizona on Thursday.

Really though, it's a shame that it has to come against the Wildcats (16-3, 5-2).

You see, these days the Pac-10 is a rough, relatively even-matched conference. And while parity makes things exciting, it also makes earning national respect more difficult.

“The more we beat up on each other, the harder it is.”

Jody Runge
head coach

Two wins over ranked opponents last week doesn't give the Ducks the national respect they believe they deserve

MEN'S NOTES

By Brett Williams
Oregon Daily Emerald

Oregon (15-3, 6-1 Pacific-10 Conference) made a statement last weekend with two big wins at home against then-No. 23 Southern California and then-No. 20 UCLA. With victories over two formidable opponents, the Ducks put themselves in a position to place in the top 25 in both the Associated Press and USA Today Coaches' Poll.

Oregon — currently in a four-way tie for first in the Pac-10 — barely slipped into the AP Poll at No. 23 and was virtually ignored in the coaches' poll.

Apparently, the coaches around the nation have little respect for the Ducks, ranking Oregon 32nd.

Head coach Ernie Kent said he believes his team is worthy of better recognition.

"If someone looks at us and they don't think we're worthy of it, than we need to go out and show them a little bit more," Kent said. "These guys have worked hard enough and

played good enough basketball to deserve that national ranking."

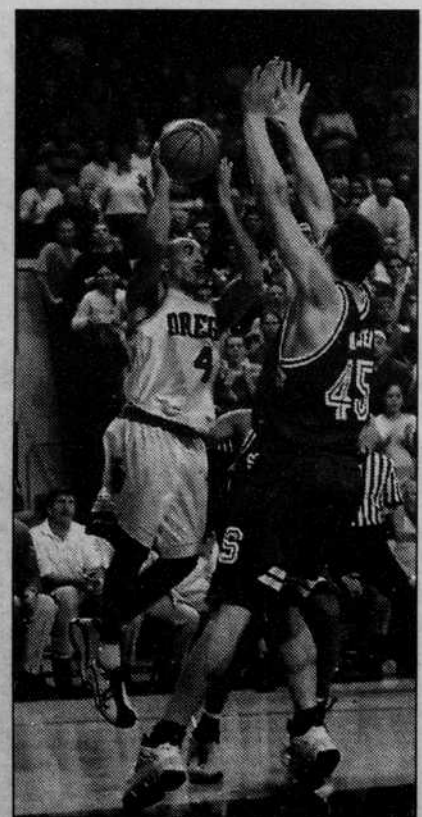
When asked if he felt the Ducks are getting the respect they deserve, forward Bryan Bracey just shrugged his shoulders.

"Not yet. We weren't in the USA Today poll, and I think we're supposed to be up in there," said Bracey, who is coming off a 18-point, seven-rebound performance against UCLA. "In the AP we're 23rd, but I definitely think we should be higher than that. I guess we just have to keep proving ourselves."

Point guard Darius Wright said he thinks the Ducks' losses to Hawaii and Cal-State Northridge might weigh down Oregon's cause with the voters.

"I think we should be higher, but we had some games that shouldn't have gotten away from us in the preseason that probably are hurting us now," Wright said. "We're going to keep playing through. If we don't get ranked, we don't get ranked. But we know we're one

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Darius Wright's in Saturday's 73-58 win over UCLA.

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