

# Thunder

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get too choked up over the end of their Oregon careers, there is business to attend to. For the New Zealanders and fellow seniors Anika Heuser and Angie Rizzo, this marks their last post-season as Ducks.

"We'll see what happens," Sowden says, covering her bases on the subject of the Pac-10 Championships, which start on Monday at the Eugene Country Club. "The Arizona teams are among the best in the country, and then USC and Stanford are also pretty tough."

Despite Sowden's modesty, her manner masks a strong desire to win and a confidence in her teammates. The team has never been in a better position to perform well.

"We've been having tournaments all year," Wilson says. "But these are the finals — both physical and mental."

Head Coach Renee Baumgartner is in her final year as coach before she focuses solely on her assistant athletic director duties. She has a team, led by Sowden and Wilson, of mostly upperclassmen with plenty of experience under their belts.

Finally, as if the golf gods were shining on them, two of the three postseason tournaments the Ducks could play are in Oregon.

Besides the Pac-10 Championships next week, the NCAA Championships will be held at Sunriver May 24 through 27. The Ducks need to make the cut at the West Regionals in Tempe, Ariz. May 11 through 13, in order to play in Sunriver. It's a feat they should accomplish.

"We're just going to go out and play our game, and add it up at the end," Sowden says of the regionals, "and hope we get our tickets."

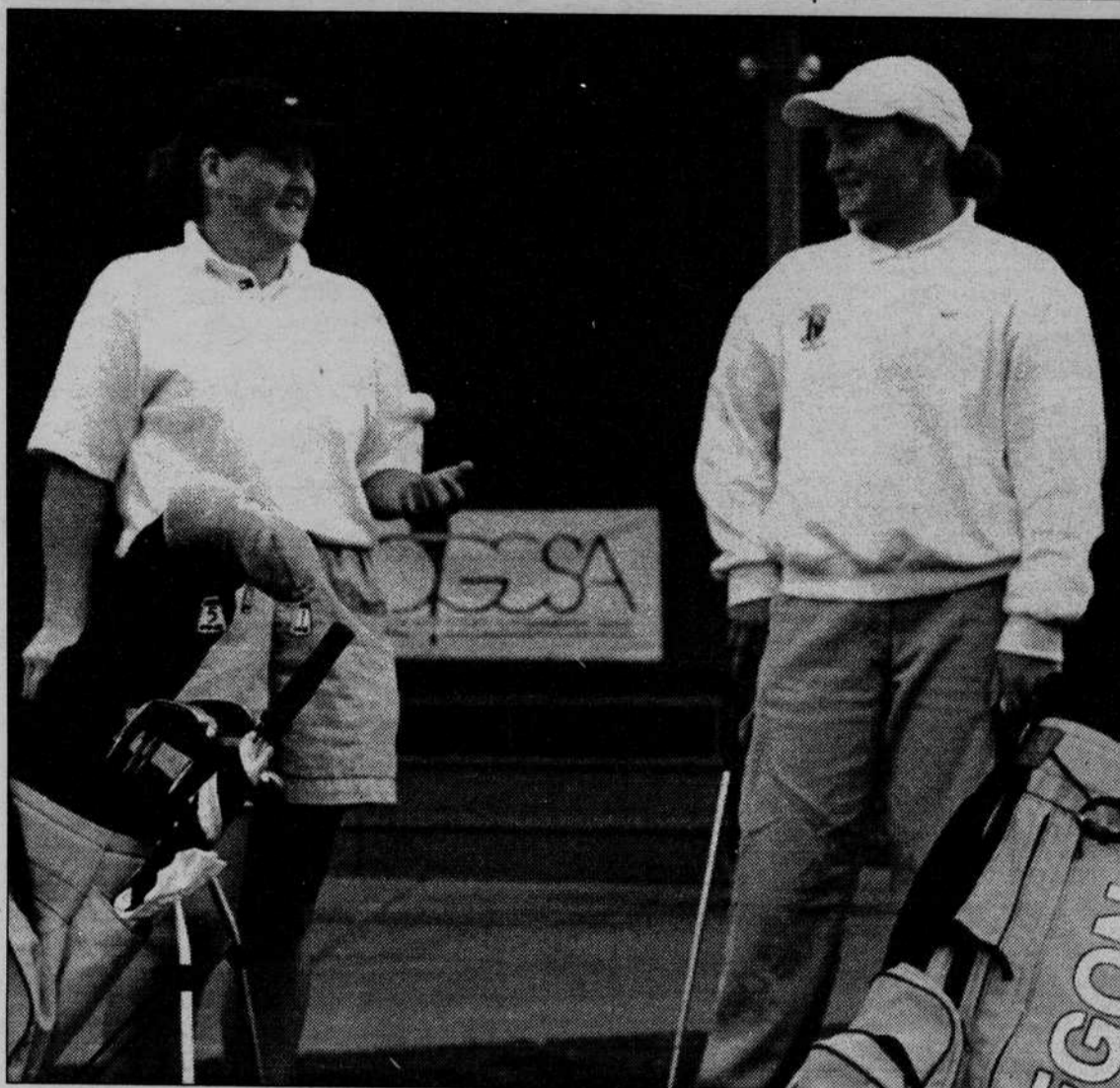
The Auckland natives represent two-thirds of the Oregon roster with NCAA Tournament experience, which will no doubt come in handy down the post-season stretch. Heuser is the only other Duck to have played in the NAAs.

It wasn't all fun and sun for Oregon in Australia last summer.

When the Ducks traveled to New Zealand they played a number of teams, including the New Zealand National team, which Wilson and Sowden both played for before coming to America.

"It was good," Sowden says about playing her former team. "We were playing for the right team."

That about sums up the captains' views on Oregon. They may be a long way from home, but for the past four years Pam Sowden and Kylie Wilson have been playing for a team they love very much. The right team.



Sowden (left) and Wilson have combined for seven top-20 finishes this year.

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### Horoscope by Linda C. Black

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 20).** Ask for what you want this year, and you're liable to get it. Work through a partner, and your odds go up even more. You're lucky in May if you stick to the rules. Close friends close to home give you a boost in July. September's good for romantic commitments, and November's a good month for marriage. There'll be plenty of bills to pay in December, but plenty of good memories, too. Follow orders in February and keep a dear friend's secret in April.

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** — Today is a 7 — Money's coming in, and soon. You need to learn how to manage it wisely. You can make this last for a long time — generations, even. If you don't know how, ask for help. Somebody in your family would be glad to teach you.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** — Today is a 7 — A lot of planets are in your sign, and more are coming. That means you're strong and assertive. This is good because you have some tough competition. Don't give up, and you'll win this argument.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21)** — Today is a 6 — Figure out what you can do to benefit others. What you want for yourself is important, of course, but it's certainly not all there is. Your wisest investment now would be to do something that benefits somebody else. Those good deeds can pay off well.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22)** — Today is an 8 — Take advantage of the opportunity for some high-quality private time. You and your loved ones have some projects you've been thinking about. Don't get distracted by a casual acquaintance's demands. Your family comes first, of course.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** — Today is a 6 — You could advance in your career over the next few weeks. You'll have to pass a tough test, however. Don't let your feelings be hurt if you can't get everything you want. Dues need to be paid, too. Just do it, and you'll get ahead.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** — Today is a 7 — You get along with everybody now, even a

couple of people who don't understand each other well at all. They're liable to have you around; that's for sure. Help them set their emotions aside and get to the basic facts.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** — Today is a 6 — Finances are your major concern, especially if you want to buy yourself a treat. You need to pay bills and stash away a little for the future. Don't overlook your reward, however. You need to keep yourself motivated by getting one special goodie.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)** — Today is a 6 — In order to get your way now, and for the next several weeks, work through a partner. This can be frustrating, but it's good practice. Just think about it. Once you get this down pat, you'll get people to do things for you all the time.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** — Today is a 6 — You'll probably feel pushed today. You don't like that feeling, but it's normal for this time of the month. Next comes the phase when you get to do whatever you want. So, finish up the old business, just like you know you should.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** — Today is an 8 — You may be able to help others get along, which is good. You can be a serious person sometimes, but today you can see the joke. You've had to learn the hard way, so you can see the pitfalls ahead for a friend. Steer him around them if you can.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** — Today is a 6 — You may have a headache this morning, but don't despair. You'll feel better as the day goes along. Take it easy and let your friends take some of your load. You don't have to do everything all by yourself, you know. You don't get any extra points for that.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)** — Today is a 7 — Have you been thinking about taking a class? If you already know it all, have you considered teaching? Something that would benefit your career would be your best topic. Money and education are linked. Your first lesson: Find a way to make that work for you!

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