

**NFL**

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Super Bowl MVP Kurt Warner had emergency surgery for an inflamed appendix Tuesday.

The quarterback was in good condition after the operation, which took about an hour, the St. Louis Rams said in a statement.

"He's not in any pain right now," his wife, Brenda, said. "He's eating clear fluids right now. He had some Jell-O. He's doing fine."

She said her husband was already up and walking around Tuesday evening. That was ahead of the schedule Rams coach Mike Martz expected.

"As far as his participation in the next minicamp, we'll have to wait and see," Martz said.

**Olympics**

LAUSANNE, Switzerland (AP) — Almost four years after the Atlanta Olympics ended, the International Olympic Committee said Tuesday it would continue an investigation into alleged wrongdoing in the city's successful bid for the 1996 Games.

In a statement, the IOC said the ethics panel was acting on a report submitted to Congress in September by former Attorney General Griffin Bell.

Bell's report detailed lavish gifts, travel, college scholarships, job assistance and other perks offered to IOC members and their families by the Atlanta bid team.

**Tennis**

ROME (AP) — Lindsay Davenport, who regained the top ranking two days ago, defeated Elena Dementieva of Russia 6-3, 6-2 today in her opening match at the Italian Open.

Another American, Kristina Brandi, also had an easy time against a Russian opponent. She beat 11th-seeded Elena Likhovtseva 6-2, 6-1 today to advance to the second round.

Brandi, who reached the fourth round at this year's Australian Open, had little trouble with the Russian, the fourth seeded player to fall in the first round.

In other matches, No. 9 Anke Huber of Germany downed Nathalie Zvereva of Belarus 6-4, 7-5; Corina Morariu of the United States outlasted Catalina Cristea of Romania 3-6, 6-3, 7-5; and Chanda Rubin of the United States routed Magui Serna of Spain 6-0, 6-2.

On Monday, Anne-Gaëlle Sidot of France stopped No. 10 seed Jennifer Capriati 6-3, 7-5, one of three top players to fall on the first day of the clay-court tuneup for the French Open.

Today, No. 1 Lindsay Davenport was to face Elena Dementieva and No. 5 Monica Seles was to play Magdalena Maleeva.



Head coach Renee Baumgartner consults with graduating senior Angie Rizzo at the Eugene Country Club. Baumgartner is in her last season as coach of the Ducks. Kevin Calame Emerald

## Ducks set sights on NCAA tourney

For the Ducks, the NCAA Tournament in Sunriver next week is the end of the season and the careers of five team members

By Peter Hockaday  
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**GOLF NOTES**

The regular-season tournaments are over, the Pacific-10 Championships are over, the qualifying tournament is over, and the No. 26 Oregon women's golf team has survived it all.

Now there's just one tournament left in the careers of four Oregon seniors and their coach, Renee Baumgartner, who's retiring after this season to take over responsibilities as assistant athletic director. That tournament is the NCAA Championships in Sunriver, which start in a little over a week.

"We're all going to be celebrating at the championships,"

Baumgartner said about her last season as coach. "In Oregon, which is even better."

The Ducks have never placed higher than seventh at the NCAA Championships, and have finished in the top 10 only once.

**Thank you, OSU**

Oregon State did the Ducks a favor by placing last at the West Regionals. The Beavers will still host the NCAA Championships, but since they didn't qualify to play, Oregon will be the home team.

The Beavers feel that way, at least.

"The Oregon State players came up and said, 'you're representing Oregon, play well for both schools,'" Baumgartner said.

**Home sweet Sunriver**

The Crosswater Resort Golf Course, site of the NCAA Championships, is not new to the Ducks.

In September, Oregon kicked off their season at the NCAA Fall Preview at Crosswater, which featured the top 21 teams in the country at that time. The Ducks placed seventh in that tough tournament and will play under almost the exact same conditions next week.

**The last blast**

The NCAA Championships marks the last tournament at Oregon for four seniors — Angie Rizzo, Anika Heuser, Kylie Wilson and Pam Sowden — and Baumgartner. All four players have been playing

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## Everything that needs to be said, in a nutshell



Mirjam Swanson

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Enough said.

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