

Golf teams eighth in preseason tournaments

■ The Oregon women try to fight the rain in Washington, while the men can't find their rhythm down in California

By Peter Hockaday
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The Oregon women's golf team had its recent tournaments canceled by rain, disrupted by rain and shortened by rain.

Now the Ducks have suffered their first baseball-style rain delay, and the results were, once again, as

ugly as yesterday's gray skies.

After the first round of the Edean Ihlanfeldt Invitational in Redmond, Wash., the Ducks stand eighth of 17 teams. The tournament was delayed for almost three hours because of the rain.

Oregon's fight with mother nature has now stretched on for four tournaments. At the NCAA Championships in Sunriver last May, the Ducks dropped from third to 11th on the final wind-swept day. This season, the Ducks opened at the NCAA Preview in Florida and en-

countered Hurricane Gordon, which cut the tournament short and left Oregon with a 19th-place finish. The Mary Fossum Invitational two weeks ago in East Lansing, Mich., was also shortened, and the Ducks ended up ninth out of 15 teams.

Senior Claire Hunter and freshman Katharina Schallenberg lead Oregon. Both golfers are tied for 15th place.

The Edean Ihlanfeldt Invitational is being played at the Sahalee Country Club, the beautiful course that hosted the PGA Championships in 1998.

Meanwhile, the Oregon men's golf team is not fighting the storm clouds, but is fighting a tough field at the Pepperdine Intercollegiate.

The Ducks find themselves in eighth place after two 18-hole rounds at the Saticoy Country Club in Oxnard, California. Oregon had been in fourth after one round, but a second-round score of 302 dropped them down. If the Ducks don't crack the top-five today, it will be the first time in the young season that they failed to do so.

But Oregon continues to get strong

individual performances from different team members. After sophomore Chris Carnahan's win at the Northwest Classic and newcomer John Ellis' individual crown at the Husky Invitational, junior Aaron Byers could become the Ducks' third straight individual winner at the Pepperdine Intercollegiate. Byers is in sixth place, five strokes behind leader John Mallinger of Long Beach State.

The men will conclude their play today with one 18-hole round, while the women will play two rounds over the next two days in Washington.

N.Y. Mets are 'relieved' they aren't facing Atlanta

By Josh Dubow
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The New York Mets are providing a bulletin-board material for the St. Louis Cardinals.

The Mets aren't shy about expressing their preference for playing St. Louis instead of their nemesis, Atlanta, in the NL championship series.

"I was a little relieved," reliever Turk Wendell said of Atlanta being eliminated. "That is a team that mentally puts a lot of pressure on other teams. It puts pressure on guys to think that they have to be perfect."

New York has been far from it against Atlanta. The Mets are 14-29

against Atlanta the past three seasons, including a loss in last year's NLCS.

And while the champagne was spraying throughout the New York clubhouse Sunday after eliminating San Francisco in four games, the Mets were happy not to have to answer questions about why Atlanta spooks them.

"Nothing derogatory against them, but I'm glad to see them lose," first baseman Todd Zeile said. "This team has not had much success against them. But I don't think anybody really cares who we're playing, as long as we're there."

The Mets are 26-10 against the Car-

dinals, so it is easy to understand why the Mets are relieved they are opening the best-of-seven NLCS Wednesday night in St. Louis instead of in Atlanta.

Mike Hampton (15-11) is expected to get the start for New York against St. Louis' Darryl Kile (21-9).

There was some talk that a trip to the World Series would be cheapened for the Mets because they don't have to go through Atlanta to do it. The players don't buy into it.

"We can't control what other teams do," said Bobby J. Jones, who pitched a one-hitter to clinch the division series. "We control the New York Mets.

We've got a ballgame that we have to win and that we have to worry about. We go about it like that."

The New York-Atlanta rivalry hasn't died down even though Atlanta is out of the playoffs. Third baseman Chipper Jones, one of the most hated Atlanta players at Shea Stadium, said he didn't care who won the NL pennant — as long as it wasn't New York.

The Mets have similar opinions about Atlanta.

"We held up our end of the bargain," outfielder Darryl Hamilton said. "Anybody with any type of brain thought Atlanta was the team to beat. They may be. But we're still

going to play St. Louis."

The Cardinals head into their first NLCS in four years well rested, having swept Atlanta on Saturday. The Mets took an extra day to eliminate the Giants, but both teams have their pitching rotations set up perfectly.

St. Louis also has the momentum of a three-game sweep — all won in the final at-bat — against the Mets that started New York's September swoon.

"The Cardinals are not going to be pushovers," said setup man John Franco, who was injured during that series. "If they play us the way they play Atlanta, it will be a tough series."

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Horoscope by Linda C. Black

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Oct. 10). Use your intuition at work this year for a tidy profit. Don't tell all you know or guess in October. Keep secrets in November. Somebody else reveals too much in December. A loved one brings a pleasant surprise in February. A co-worker needs extra assistance in March. Compliments come from afar in June. More orders come from on high in July. Spur yourself to victory in September.

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 4 — Confusion today involves your work. You may be anxious to get started, but don't jump the gun. New information could change the way you do the job or even the job you do. Take those phone calls personally. You want to know.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 7 — The best intentions in the world won't make up for common sense. Your friend has loads of the former and not much of the latter. You could spot a bad deal in the making, so speak up! Don't assume everybody is as savvy as you are.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21) — Today is a 5 — Just when you thought things were settling down, something else flares up. The good news is there's a happy ending. The bad news is more work needs to be done first. Yes, it's only fair to get the one who made the mess to help clean it up.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) — Today is an 8 — Things are likely to turn upside down. Something that you thought wouldn't work will, and something that you thought would, won't. Luckily, love's on your side. With that going for you, who cares about that other stuff?

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 4 — Today's worse for gambling than yesterday — in the morning, anyway. Stand pat until the dust clears. Real estate or items for your home could be a good deal, but you'll make the better deal by waiting.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 6 —

You might find your forward movement thwarted, but don't give up. A recent difference of opinion may have shaken your confidence. Instead of worrying about who's right or wrong, find that kernel of valuable advice.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is a 5 — Postpone travel plans until later. Ask your friend to visit you, instead. You may have to work up to the last minute. It would be nice to relax with somebody you can talk freely with, later. Somebody who can keep a secret.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is a 7 — Somebody you care about might need a shoulder to cry on. You're great at that job. Your helpful advice ought to be right on target, too. This other person can't see the forest for the trees. For you, it's easy.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 4 — A lot of talk is going on, and you'll be tempted to participate. If you can control the urge, do so. Your better tactic is to find out what they know. Things may not be as you thought they were. Stranger things have happened.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 6 — You could run every which way, trying to keep up with a tough schedule. Your communications network should work well, so use it. Call a friend who can call a friend. Networking is a lifesaver today.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 5 — This isn't just a tough day for you; it's tough for everybody. Don't feel too sorry for yourself if you run short on funds. You still have plenty of love, and that's the more important commodity by a long shot.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 6 — Your biggest annoyances are the distractions. They could keep you from doing the most important thing. First, figure out what that is. Then, do it. After that, who cares? Actually, you may need the whole day to get it done.

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