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UO golf teams struggling

■ The Oregon golf teams face adversity on day one of their tourneys, but both may have hope for their final rounds

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It is a familiar situation for Jerilyn White.

She is carrying her team, again. She shot a low first-round score, again. She slipped in the second round, again. She still managed to finish in the top-20 golfers, again.



White is leading the Oregon women's golf team at the Verizon "Mo" Morial in Houston, Tex., after one day. White stands 11th,

while the Ducks are ninth of 17 teams.

White shot a two-over par 72 to open the tournament at the Pine Forest Country Club, then shot a 79 in Monday's afternoon round.

Oregon's Dawn Berry shot a combined 157 to finish 27th, while Kathy Cho shot a 163 to finish 55th, Lacy Erickson finished 57th, Julia Smith finished 65th and Megan Heckerth finished 71st.

The Ducks will play a final round of 18 holes today.

Men rained out

The Oregon men's golf team's round was cut short when rain clouds appeared at the Cleveland Golf Classic Monday.

The Ducks were tied for 11th out of 15 teams at the tournament in Westlake Village, Calif., when the rain shortened the day's play

from two rounds to one. The teams are scheduled to make up the round today, but continuing storms may cancel the tournament altogether.

Oregon senior Matt Genovese led the Ducks Monday with a two-over par 74, good enough for 13th place. Oregon's Aaron Byers finished 21st, while Brandon Harnenden finished 38th, Chris Carnahan finished 66th and T.J. Duncan finished 80th.

The Ducks are trying to repeat their performance at the Taylor Made/Waikoloa Invitational last month, where they finished fourth overall.

"I would rather have our guys come out and fight and play their way through this," Oregon head coach Steve Nosler said. "We don't deserve to get bailed out that easy [from the weather]."

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ting and private matters being aired out in the media when they had not been addressed on a one-on-one basis."

Moos, who is on a week-long fundraising trip in Palm Springs, said the Ducks had wanted to keep the meeting private.

"The players did not want coach Runge to know they were meeting with me," Moos said. "There was a certain degree of fear that they might be reprimanded if they had gone around her back."

Sunday's meeting was the latest in a series of dramatic incidents in-

volving the women's team this season. Most recently, Runge suspended star forward Angelina Wolvert for not shaking hands with UCLA players after the Ducks' loss against the Bruins, then lifted the senior's suspension when Oregon was down 20-8 two days later in a game at Southern California.

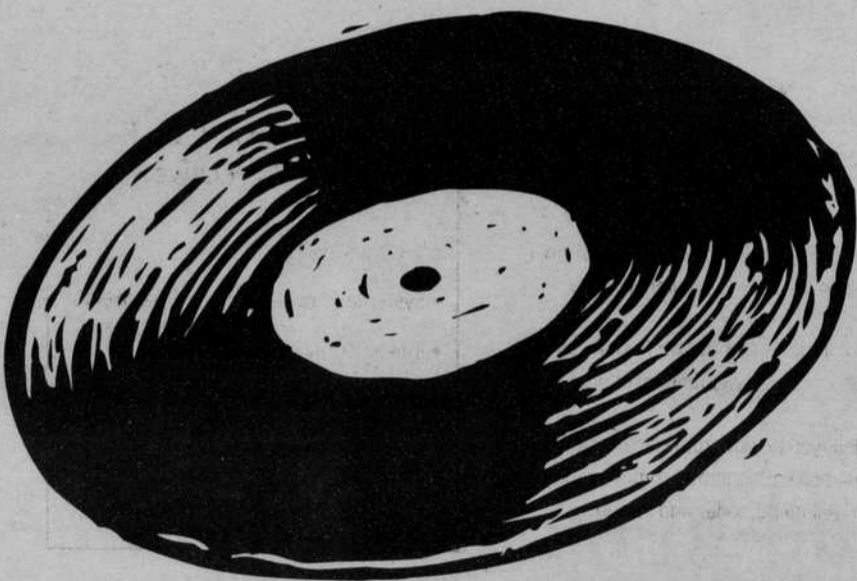
Earlier this season, Runge called in a team psychologist and wouldn't allow the Ducks to wear their uniforms at an early-February practice when the team was in a 1-7 slump. The coach also had a run-in with the media in January, when she didn't show up for her first weekly television broadcast on KEZI because of a contract dispute.

The players' meeting with Moos

comes at a time when the Ducks' season is starting to turn around. Oregon has won four of its last five contests — two against teams that were leading the Pac-10 when the Ducks knocked them off — and is on the verge of possibly making the NCAA Tournament for the eighth straight time if it can defeat the Beavers this Saturday.

Three nights ago, Wolvert said she had no ill feelings towards Runge.

"Everybody thinks that I'm pissed off about coach Runge and what-not," she said after the Ducks upset Arizona, 83-78. "But that's not the case. Things happen, it's done with, and I don't think it needs to be blown out of proportion any more."



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