

Men's golf aims to recover

■ After a stumble in the desert, Oregon hopes to right itself in its final tourney before the Pac-10 Championships

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The month of April has brought two extremes for the No. 23 Oregon men's golf team.

On April 3, the Ducks dominated the Western Intercollegiate and won their first tournament of the season — beating out second-place Washington by 17 strokes.

On April 14, however, Oregon stubbed its toe and finished tied for 19th at the Thunderbird Invitational - its lowest finish of the

Reason for concern? Nah, just a "hiccup," according to head coach Steve Nosler.

"I was tremendously disappointed in how poorly we played, but I don't think it's an indication of the overall ability of this team," Nosler said.

Which brings the Ducks to this weekend's U.S. Intercollegiate in the Bay Area at the Stanford Golf

The tournament will be Oregon's last tune-up for the April 27-29 Pacific-10 Conference Championships in every way, shape and form. The Ducks will not only compete in the same city and on the same 6,786-yard, par-71 course that the Pac-10s will use, but the field for this weekend also includes every Pac-10 team.

Of those 10, No. 4 Arizona State, No. 6 Southern California and No. 18 Arizona join Oregon as the only teams ranked in this week's top 25. The Ducks remained in the top 25 for the second straight week despite their poor showing last week in Tempe, Ariz.

"I feel our team matches up very

well with the Stanford Golf Course, probably better than the Karsten Course at Arizona State." Nosler said. "That's not to make an excuse for what happened last weekend."

The six-man team that will try to get the Ducks back on track includes senior Matt Genovese, juniors Aaron Byers and Brandon Harnden, sophomores John Ellis and Chris Carnahan and redshirt freshman Mike Sica.

"We've got some talent on this team, and I think we're still in great shape at the present time," said Nosler, who has led the Ducks to five NCAA West Regionals in his eight seasons at Oregon.

Last year, Oregon ended up in fourth place at the U.S. Intercollegiate with a score of 878. Oregon's only win at this tournament came

Action will begin Saturday with 36 holes and will conclude Sunday with the final 18 holes.

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cause of academic problems, she was unable to enroll as a Wildcat.

In two years at Southern Idaho, Martin tallied 796 kills and 439

blocks while leading the team to its seventh national championship in eight years. She was named the National Junior College Athletic Association Player of the Year last season in addition to garnering MVP honors in the conference, region and national tournament in 2000.

"Our number-one priority was to improve the physicality of our roster," Ferreira said. "I feel like teams had their way at the net with us last season. But Stephanie will be able to go eyeball-to-eyeball with any blocker in the con-

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SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is a 6 — With support from the one you love things.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Today is an 8
— You're becoming impatient, but don't rush forward. You need to head in the right direction. Once you're sure, proceed at full speed. Your enthusiasm spurs your whole team to vic-

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 6
— If you're due to receive extra money, make sure you get it. Early in the day, make time for a dear friend. Later on, you may get a new assignment that demands your full attention. Make sure you're compensated well for those efforts too.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21) — Today is a 6 — This isn't a good time to delegate. You can do the job better yourself — and faster. You have the experience the others lack, so don't waste time (theirs) or money (yours). Don't procrasti-nate, deviate, speculate or even contemplate.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) — Today is a 7
— A person who's been impossible is about to mellow out — but just a little, and just enough to have a sense of humor again. Don't hold a grudge. It's not worth the effort. Accept the apology even if it isn't made with words.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 7 - An early date with your sweetheart may have to be postponed. Why not set it up for after work in-stead? By then the hassles will be history. Take off on a weekend trip tonight, if you can. That would be perfect.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 6— There's plenty of mess to clean up. You didn't make this problem, so why should you care? Well, because you're good at cleaning up mess-es. It's a gift. And they can't figure out how to clean it up, so it's your show.

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LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct 22) — Today is a 6 —
Continued collaboration is an excellent plan.
You be the brains, and someone else can stand up and make the presentation — or the argument. This other person might start to Jook pretty darned good to you, and vice versa.
Consider it a fringe benefit.

With support from the one you love, things e starting to look possible again. Maybe not easy, but possible. Remember this lessop. No more trying to do it all by yourself. Family: That's where you get your power.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 7 — A recent setback could have you hus-tling to patch up leaks. Life is going to be a lot more fun soon, and not just because it's Friday. However, you're going to have to continue working over the weekend. It's more fun, but it's not all fun yet.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 7 — Somebody else's impatience could almost get you to lose your temper. You're actually quite an outspoken character, as this fool is about to find out. But be cool. It's more ef

AQUARTUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 7 — Don't let a silly rejection knock you off your stride. You're a long-distance runner, remember? You're in this for the long haul. Committed. Determined. Besides, here's a hint: You

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is a 7 Continue to stand up for yourself, even if you're scared. It's not heroism if you're not scared. Today is unlikely to be boring, but it's likely to be good for you.

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