

Women's golf makes Regionals

The Ducks get to stay in-state for the all-important Regional Tournament

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The Oregon women's golf team now knows its destiny, and that fate reeks of Beavers.

Because of a split-regional format that took effect this year, the Ducks were unsure whether they would play in Oregon, Indiana or North Carolina for the NCAA Regional tournament.

Then lady luck shone on Oregon, when the Ducks found out

Monday that they would be the No. 12 seed at the West Regional, held at Trysting Tree Golf Club in Corvallis. The tournament will take place May 10-12.

"It's a great opportunity to play in front of our own fans and families on a course we are familiar and comfortable with," Oregon head coach Shannon Rouillard said.

The Ducks need to place eighth or better at Regionals to make it to the NCAA Championships at Howey-on-the-Hills, Fla., May 23-26. The Ducks will have to contend with several other Pacific-10 Conference schools to make it to the NAAs.

Second-ranked Arizona headlines the West Regional field. Number four Southern California, No. 5 Stanford, No. 7 Tennessee, No. 13 Ohio State and No. 21 Ari-

zona State will also compete. Rouillard said the top-ranked teams aren't the ones the Ducks will set their sights on.

"All we have to focus on is beating the teams seeded eight through 11 to make the NCAA Championships, and only one of those teams is from the West," Rouillard said.

The coach was speaking of No. 17 Michigan State, No. 37 Washington, No. 25 Furman and Indiana, the 8-11 seeds at the West Regional.

Rouillard said her team is confident heading into Regionals.

"This is our biggest test yet, and we're playing our best golf at the right time of the year," Rouillard said. "If there is one thing you can count on, it's that Oregon always rises to the occasion."

Sports brief

Blazers fan tossed from game for 'Trade Whitsitt' sign

PORTLAND — She needs six more ejections to match Rasheed Wallace's total, but a fan was tossed out of Sunday's Trail Blazers playoff game against the Los Angeles Lakers for refusing to give up her sign disparaging Portland general manager Bob Whitsitt.

Katherine Topaz, who attended Game 3 with her 8-year-old stepson, held up a handmade sign that read "Trade Whitsitt," referring to the executive's series of questionable personnel moves that backfired on the Blazers this season.

Topaz was sitting in the 10th row, and her sign was in full view of Whitsitt, who was sitting next to owner Paul Allen on the other side of the Rose Garden.

During halftime of the game, which the Blazers lost 99-86 to get swept from the best-of-five series, a

security guard asked her not to show the sign. A second guard asked her to hand it over. When she refused, she and her stepson were escorted out by a group of guards.

"These players get ripped on all the time, and the general manager can't take a little joke? Come on," Topaz told radio station KFXB Monday morning.

Blazers spokeswoman Sue Carpenter said the team has the right to confiscate any sign it deems objectionable or not in good taste. About 10 signs were confiscated Sunday, Carpenter said, including one that read "Sha'q's a jerk."

Whitsitt referred questions about the incident to the team's marketing director and building personnel.

The Blazers finished the season losing 10 of their final 13 games, and Whitsitt joked that the sign should have suggested he be fired instead of traded.

"I don't think you'd get anything if you'd trade me," he said.

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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 — Do you feel like soaring but worry about a lack of funds? Don't let financial concerns cramp your style, but don't go into debt to get new toys, either. Your energy is high, so range farther afield. Find a job that nobody else wants. Stay in shape, and earn cash for new wings or wheels.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 5 — Somebody at home wants to boss you around. Are you going to stand for that? Sitting and talking might be a good idea, but don't expect a quick resolution. You two might not resolve matters until the day after tomorrow.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21) — Today is a 6 — You'll get much farther today with action, not talk. In fact, some of the people you're dealing with might not be on speaking terms. If you can't get the words out, don't worry. Do what needs to be done.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) — Today is a 6 — Arrange a conference with your team to review plans. No need to broadcast the news yet. Give yourselves plenty of time to think of all the consequences of your impending action — which happens sometime around Thursday, by the way.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 7 — You need to get out for some exercise. Staying cooped up is making you crazy, but what about your responsibilities? By volunteering to work overtime, you might make enough to buy some great new toys. Stick with it a little longer.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 7 — Others are pushing you to move quickly, but that could cause problems. Did you ever notice that in the race between the tortoise and the hare, the tortoise always wins? Heed a wealthy older person's advice, and not the advice of a foolish, frightened bunny.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is a 7 — So many invitations, so little time. Better turn down a date that would cause you to be out late. You won't get nearly as much attention if you have big bags under your eyes — not the kind of attention you want, anyway.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is a 5 — You've got a lot to do and a lot to think about. You're under pressure, but you're not alone. You have somebody who could understand, and help, nearby. Don't hide out; reach out.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 7 — You're raring to go, but you don't have the green light just yet. Is it because the time isn't right, or have you just not explained your concept clearly? Maybe it's a little of both. Don't get restless; this may take a while. Give it until Friday, at least.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 7 — Don't take a financial risk quite yet. There's more homework to be done first. The details are still coming in. The workload may change, too. A seemingly done deal falls through, and something better appears on the horizon.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 5 — You may feel as if you're dragging an anchor. Every answer you come up with leads to a new question. Every open door has a wall right behind it. Perhaps the universe is trying to tell you something. Chill.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 6 — Is there a chance you could curl up with a good book today? At work? It would be a good way to spend your time, but it might be tough to accomplish. There will even be distractions at home tonight. How long can you lock yourself in the bathroom without them breaking down the door?

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