

Today's crossword solution

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Stanford head coach Tara VanDerveer said. "This was definitely the most aggressive and physical game we've had all year."

Powell, who scored 37 points in the semifinals against Oregon State, was 4-for-17 from the field and committed six turnovers in 40 minutes.

"I think our defense definitely

2002 Women's All-Tournament Team

MVP: Nicole Powell, Stanford

1. Enjoli Izidor, Stanford
2. Melody Johnson, Arizona State
3. Amanda Levens, Arizona State
4. Felicia Ragland, Oregon State
5. Shaquala Williams, Oregon

wears people down," Turner Thorne said.

Powell was fouled while shooting a three-pointer with 0.02 seconds left in the first half. She sank the three free throws to give the Cardinal a 35-31 lead at the half.

Stanford played the tournament with senior guard Lindsey Yamasaki, the team's leading scorer who had surgery last week for appendicitis. She is expected to return for the start of the NCAA Tournament.

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Sports briefs

Oregon golfers in second after first day

The Oregon men's golf team wrapped up the first day of the Cleveland Golf Classic on Monday trailing USC by two strokes. This 16-team tournament is being held in Westlake Village, Calif., at Northranch Country Club and hosted by Southern California. Oregon shot a two-round total of 583, while the Trojans are on top leading with 581.

On top for Oregon is senior Aaron Byers leading the Ducks with a four over par on the first round and a two under par on the second round concluding to a total of 144. Byers is also tied for seventh individually.

Junior John Ellis is tied for 15th with a score of 147 and senior Brandon Harnden is tied for 17th with 148. Sophomore Mike Sica and junior Chris Carnahan are both tied at 27th with a score of 150 after the two-rounds of golf today.

USC leads the tournament with 581, Ducks in second with 583,

Washington is third with 586, and Fresno State is not far behind in fourth with a total score of 587.

The Cleveland Golf Classic will resume play today with a 7:30 a.m. shotgun start off the 1st and 10th tees.

Women golfers sits in 12th

Freshman Johnna Nealy shot a career-low 73 and tied for ninth in the first round of the Spartan Invitational played at the 5,938-yard, par-72 Corral de Tierra Country Club to lead the Oregon women's golf team. Nealy topped her previous low by three strokes and leads the Ducks at plus-1.

Oregon placed 12th of 16 teams after carding a 308 composite. California led the competition by five strokes after one round with a 289, followed by Pepperdine at 294 and Oklahoma State at 297.

California's Ria Quiazon took the first round lead with a 4-under 68, while fellow Bear Anna Temple tied for second three strokes behind Quiazon at 71 along with South Carolina's Kristy McPherson and Southern California's Becky Lucidi.

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through some rehabilitation and sees how it feels.

In Helquist's absence, more playing time will go to senior Mark Michaelis and sophomore Jay Anderson in the roles of backing up starter Chris Christoffersen, who can help the Ducks by staying out of foul trouble.

Pac-10 Tourney info

Oregon is the top seed in this week's conference tournament at

Los Angeles' Staples Center and will play eighth-seeded Washington at 1:15 p.m. Thursday on Fox Sports Net.

In other first round pairings, No. 4 USC plays No. 5 Stanford, No. 2 Arizona plays No. 7 Arizona State and No. 3 California plays No. 6 UCLA.

If the Ducks do get past the Huskies, which is no certainty given how well Washington has played against Oregon, the Ducks would advance and play either the Cardinal or the Trojans at 6 p.m. Friday. The championship game is set for 3 p.m. Saturday and will be nationally televised on CBS.

Tickets for the Pac-10 Tournament are still available and can be purchased through the UCLA ticket office at (310) 825-2946 or via the Pac-10 Web site at <http://store.fanonly.com/pac10tix>.

The Final Bracketology

Oregon has played itself right into where it wants to be.

In ESPN.com's latest "Bracketology," where the entire NCAA Tournament field is projected, the Ducks have jumped all the way to a coveted No. 2 seed in the West region.

Oregon is predicted to play McNeese State (19-8) on March 14 in Arco Arena in Sacramento. If the Ducks were to get past the McNeese State Cowboys, they'd face a likely second

round match-up with seventh-seeded Wisconsin.

Looking further in the bracket that ESPN's Joe Lunardi has projected, if Oregon were to win two games, it would stay in California and play in San Jose for the Sweet 16. Probable opponents for that match-up would be No. 3 seed Gonzaga or No. 6 seed Texas Tech, which is coached by none other than Bobby Knight.

And if the Ducks win that game? Well, then they could be facing off with the top-seeded Oklahoma Sooners for a berth in the Final Four.

But this is all fantasy talk right now. The conference tournaments take place this weekend, and a lot still can change.

Nobody will know for certain until the real bracket is released on the Selection Sunday show, which will begin at 3 p.m. Sunday on CBS. Fans are encouraged to come watch the show live with the Oregon team on big screen televisions at McArthur Court.

"The real celebration will be on Selection Sunday because I think that's a time where we'll celebrate the Pac-10 championship and have the fans experience that with us," Kent said.

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