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Pac-10 Conference Championships



Courtesy Washington State Media Services

Pac-10 women's scores

1. UCLA	160
2. USC	157
3. Stanford	121
4. Ariz. State	89
5. WSU	85
6. Oregon	67
7. Arizona	59
8. California	44
9. Wash.	36

Pac-10 men's scores

1. Stanford	151
2. Oregon	125
3. USC	103 1/2
4. Ariz. State	103
5. Arizona	99
6. UCLA	91 1/2
7. WSU	71
8. Wash.	49
9. California	22

Adam Kriz won the Pac-10 hammer title with a three-foot season-best Saturday. Kriz was one of five Oregon men to win individual Pac-10 championships.

Oregon women 'step up' into sixth place

■ The Oregon women improve to their best finish at the Pac-10 Championships since 1999

By Hank Hager
Oregon Daily Emerald

It wasn't a top-five finish, and it didn't gain the Ducks any national notoriety, but Oregon's sixth-place finish at the Pacific-10 Conference Championships in Pullman, Wash., was its best effort since 1999, when they placed fifth.

And as expected, it was Oregon's field squad that pulled it through.

Paced by the field squad, which earned 53 of Oregon's 67 points, the Ducks were able to hold off Arizona.

"It was a great meet," head coach Tom Heinonen said. "It was another step up for us. We had a lot of athletes who far exceeded expectation and scrapped for points."

UCLA, last season's Pac-10 champion, took this season's version with 160 points, barely holding off 2001 NCAA champion USC. The Bruins won the final event, the 4x400, en

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Courtesy Washington State Media Services

Junior Jenny Brogdon set a personal record in the high jump on Saturday, earning second and propelling the Ducks to a sixth-place finish.

Men take second in Pac-10 finals

■ The Oregon men surprise the Pac-10 by finishing second — the Ducks' best finish in six years

By Peter Hockaday
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The race for the Pacific-10 Conference men's track and field title ended up being a distance contest.

The distance races are where Stanford is most proficient, and that's where the Cardinal edged the Ducks in the final standings.

But the Ducks shocked the entire conference over the two-day Pac-10 Championships in Pullman, Wash., by winning five individual titles on their way to second place in the team race. Stanford won the conference title with 151 points, while Oregon notched 125 points. It was the best finish for the Ducks since they finished second in 1996.

Two of Oregon's five individual championships came on Sunday's final day of competition. Senior Simon Kimata ran to one conference title in the 800-meter race while sophomore Brandon Holliday leaped to another in the 400 hurdles.

"The team has been so supportive through everything," said Kimata, who has been plagued by injuries that forced him out of the postseason this past year. "I wanted to do it for them."

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Despite late rally, Oregon golfers miss NCAA cut by three strokes

Senior Aaron Byers finishes eighth but loses the playoff round and the chance to compete in the NCAA Championships

By Adam Jude
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To know disappointment is to be the Oregon men's golf team.

After dropping to 16th place Thursday after the first round of the NCAA West Regional in Albuquerque, N.M., the 11th-seeded Ducks bounced back Friday to shoot a 292 — the second-best round of the day — to sit in 12th, with the top-10 teams and two individuals from the region advancing to the NCAA Championships.

But on Saturday, the final round at the Championship Golf Course, Oregon finished tied for 13th, just three strokes shy of earning its first trip to the NCAA Championships in three years.

In another disappointing result for the team, senior Aaron Byers lost a playoff that would have sent him to the NCAA Tournament as an individual.

The Ducks were near par during much of their round Saturday but finished with a 5-over 293 for a three-round total of 885, tying them with

UCLA at plus-21. Tournament host New Mexico and Washington tied for the team title at 872.

Byers ended his collegiate career with his best performance at an NCAA Regional. He shot an even-par 216 to tie UCLA's John Merrick and San Diego State's Mark Warman for eighth place, but Merrick and Warman advanced after the playoff.

After shooting a 2-under 70 in the first round Thursday, Byers finished the tournament with consecutive 73s Friday and

Saturday. The Albany native had three birdies in the final round but was hampered by a double bogey on the 12th hole.

Junior John Ellis was the only other Duck to finish in the top 30. His three-round total was 220, tying him for 29th. Chris Carnahan tied for 90th with a 227, Mike Sica tied for 99th with a 228 and senior Brandon Harnden finished his career with a 229.

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