

Golfers size up field as Northwestern leads

Oregon stands in fifth at the halfway point of the two-day Windon Classic in Illinois

Golf

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Senior Chris Carnahan and redshirt freshman Kyle Johnson led the Ducks to fifth place after 36 holes of the Windon Memorial Classic Monday at Glen View Club in Glenview, Ill.

Carnahan, a co-captain and three-time All-Pacific-10 Conference selection, fired a 2-under-par 142 and was tied for third with two other golfers, two strokes behind Northwestern's Tom Johnson. Carnahan finished with a 2-over 74 in his first round, but bounced back with the lowest round of the day, a 4-under 68 over the second 18 holes.

Johnson, who made his collegiate debut Monday, shot a pair of even-par 72s to end the day in a seven-way tie for ninth place.

"Chris (Carnahan) had a great afternoon," Oregon head coach Steve Nosler said. "Typical of what you would expect out of a fifth-year senior. And I'm absolutely ecstatic about how Kyle Johnson is playing in his first college tournament."

Host Northwestern took a first-day lead at 3-under 573. The Ducks trail by 11 strokes after carding a 584. Duke is in second and five strokes back at 578, followed by Stanford at 582 and North Florida at 583.

"We're not in bad shape," Nosler said. "We had a little trouble getting a fourth score in the afternoon, but I think we can make it up tomorrow."

Senior co-captain and two-time All-Pac-10 selection John Ellis was tied for 17th with a 2-over 146. True freshman Gregg LaVoie, who Nosler expects to be an "impact player right off the bat," was tied for 42nd after an 8-over 152. LaVoie was even-par after his first round, but struggled with a second round 80. Redshirt freshman Chris Dukeminier, a Sheldon High School graduate, was tied for 59th with a 13-over 157.

Oklahoma State, ranked 5th in the nation by the Precept Golf Coaches Association of America Poll, was in 7th.

Kent State, the only team among the field of 13 to win a Windon Memorial Classic tournament, doing so in 1993 and 1999, finished 12th.

The Glen View course measures 6,750 yards and is a par-72 with a course rating of 71.9 and a slope of 135. It was host to the first Western Open in 1899, the 1902 U.S. Amateur and the 1904 U.S. Open.

The tournament will conclude today with 18 holes.

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lot of us last year, and now they know we have a returning All-American and are returning (league) champions. We have a chance of repeating. We are in great shape due to (new conditioning coach) Manase Latu. He is a tremendous asset to our team, and without him I'm not sure where we would be."

How does an All-American improve?

"I can be a better team leader and read the field better," Kelly said. "I need to learn the game better. I don't think I deserved the (All-American) honor. A lot of girls on this team deserved the award as well, and they were overlooked."

Overlooked? As a team, it doesn't seem like Oregon will have that problem this season.

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Emerald

The Oregon women's rugby Ducks say they are ready for a 2002 season of high expectations. The team finished first in the Northwest region last year.

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came up with 15 followed by junior Heather Gilmore's 13.

"It was definitely a better balance," Closs said about Oregon's offense.

Freshman Jodi Bell, further showing the promise that she carried upon her arrival into the Oregon program, was credited with 36 assists and one service ace.

Defensively, the Ducks teamed for 62 total digs, led by Gilmore's 13.

Oregon started games 1 and 2 with four-point scoring runs only to be rebuffed by the Portland offense. In game 1, the Ducks and Pilots dueling to the end with Oregon outlasting Portland on the Pilots' serve and attack errors.

Game 2 proved to be even tougher for the Ducks to move ahead. Two four-point runs propelled Oregon to an 8-2 lead early on.

The Ducks would eventually make it 20-13 in their favor, but hit a roadblock on the way to the win. Portland reeled off five straight points to come within two and later pulled ahead 23-21 on Gilmore's attack error.

"Scoring runs allow separation,

that's basically how it works," Oregon head coach Carl Ferreira said. "In games 1 and 2, I think we got out to big leads and then they got scoring runs to get back. We were very fortunate to win game 2 because we had 14 hitting errors."

True to Ferreira's words, the Ducks struck back late in the game with a four-point streak, setting up a situation similar to the California match. After the score was knotted at 29, the lead changed hands four times, finally broken by senior Sydney Chute's kill.

"We're never surprised about how to execute in late game situations," Ferreira said. "They were able to draw back and gain strength (in the end)."

After falling to Portland in an even tougher game 3, Russell and Closs broke through the Pilot defense in game 4 to pull the Ducks to the victory. Russell chipped in with five kills during the frame and Closs had four.

"It was good to play somebody here at Mac Court and have our fans," Russell said. "It's so great to get a win here."

The match marked the seventh time this season Oregon has taken an opponent to four games or more,

Pac-10 Volleyball Standings

1. USC (10-0, 4-0 Pac-10)
2. Stanford (12-1, 3-0)
3. California (11-1, 2-1)
4. Arizona St. (6-2, 2-1)
5. Washington St. (11-2, 2-2)
6. Washington (10-3, 2-2)
7. UCLA (9-5, 2-2)
8. Arizona (6-5, 1-2)
9. Oregon (9-8, 0-4)
10. Oregon St. (5-7, 0-4)

and the Ducks improved to 4-3 in the situation.

After hard losses to California and Stanford over the weekend, Oregon recognized the need to get another win on the board, especially with rival Oregon State visiting Mac Court on Thursday.

"It was definitely a win we needed to have," Closs said.

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