

Oregon golf squads stay on West Coast

The Oregon men's golf squad heads to California while the women go north for a tournament in Tacoma

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The Oregon men's and women's golf teams will stay on the left coast Monday, as each enters its second tournament of the fall.

The men's team will play in the two-day, 54-hole Club Grove Intercollegiate at Saticoy Country Club in Somis, Calif.

The Ducks are coming off a seventh-place finish in the Windon Memorial Classic, where a final-round 304 dropped them two spots.

Once again, senior co-captains Chris Carnahan and John Ellis will hold the top two spots, respectively.

Redshirt freshman Kyle Johnson will play in the third spot, while junior Mike Sica is No. 4. Redshirt freshman Justin St. Clair makes his collegiate debut in the No. 5 spot.

"This is our second event of the year," Oregon head coach Steve Nosler said. "And we've changed our lineup a little bit again to get a look at a couple of the younger guys and I think that's typical of what you will see from us throughout the fall."

Like the men, the women's team won't travel far as they compete in the three-day Edean Ihlanfeldt Invitational at the Tacoma Country Club in Tacoma, Wash.

The Ducks will feature three freshman and a sophomore among the starting five.

The Ducks are coming off a fourth-place finish at the season-opening Shanico Invitational Sept. 16-17.

"I'm very pleased with how we started the season," Rouillard said. "I'm excited to see what we can do at this tournament because we have a chance to beat some teams we need to beat to get into regionals."

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UO tennis awaits draws

The Ducks men's and women's teams are waiting to see who they face in the qualifying rounds of their tournaments

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Oregon tennis standouts Oded Teig and Sven Swinnen couldn't get past their opponents this weekend in the pre-qualifying singles rounds of the 2002 Icy Hot/ITA Men's All-American Championships in Chattanooga, Tenn.

The Ducks still have 63rd-ranked sophomore Manuel Kost and the Teig/Swinnen doubles team awaiting their draws.

Baylor's Benedikt Dorsch knocked out Teig in the first round in straight sets (6-1, 6-2). Dorsch has since won all of his matches in straight sets as he looks forward to the pre-qualifying finals.

Swinnen won his first match 6-2, 6-4 against Scott Green of Ohio State on Friday. On Saturday, Swinnen drew another Buckeye, Paul Warkentin, and handled him 6-3, 4-6, 6-4. Texas' Pete Stroer dashed Swinnen's singles hopes by beating him 6-2, 6-2 early Sunday morning.

Both Teig and Swinnen are still awaiting their draw for the doubles portion of the Icy Hot and will begin qualifying-round play tomorrow. They are vying for one of the eight main-draw spots still available.

Kost will begin his first play of the tournament Tuesday in the singles qualifying round. His draw will be determined later today.

The Oregon women's tennis team will begin its 2002-03 season Tuesday with singles and doubles matches in the Riviera/ITA All-American Championships at UCLA. Daria Panova, ranked 44th

in the nation, and No. 37 doubles team Courtney Nagle and Davina Mendiburu are in the same boat as Kost, Teig and Swinnen as they await their pairings for the qualifying-singles round.

The women's tournament is headlined by No.1-ranked Vilamaria Castellvi of Tennessee, Southern California's fourth-ranked Jewel Peterson, No. 6 Sara Walker of UCLA and Stanford's 7th-ranked Erin Burdette on the singles side. In doubles play, Vanderbilt's Aleke Tsoubanos and Sara Riske are ranked first in the nation and considered the favorites to win the Riviera. The No. 2 team of Peterson and Tiffany Brymer from USC will also be heavy favorites.

Stanford has won the most Riviera singles and doubles championships, with eight victories.

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five straight 100-yard rushing games, tying a school record set by Bobby Moore (now Ahmad Rashad) in 1971.

"(Smith) was a wild man tonight," quarterback Jason Fife told The Associated Press.

In his inaugural Pac-10 start, Fife rebounded from a mediocre first half to throw for two touchdowns in the second half. On the first play of the fourth quarter, Fife hit freshman Terrence Whitehead in the end zone for a nine-yard touchdown, the final score of the game.

"Jason matured in this game," Bellotti said. "His decision-making improved — he was a little hesitant early on but he threw the ball very accurately and very well."

Senior wide receiver Keenan Howry grabbed his first touchdown

of the season on a 33-yard strike from Fife with six minutes to play in the third quarter.

Meanwhile, Arizona's Bobby Wade, the Pac-10 leading receiver, torched Oregon freshmen cornerbacks Aaron Gipson and Charles Favroth for 151 yards on 12 catches.

Wade's 16-yard touchdown reception from Arizona quarterback Jason Johnson with 1:53 left in first quarter gave the Wildcats a 14-7 lead.

"We played hard," Wade told the Associated Press. "Oregon is a great team. They know how to win. When the other team knows how to win like that, a little adversity means nothing to them."

Smith scampered into the end zone for a 10-yard score midway through the second quarter to tie the game at 14.

The Ducks took their first lead on a career-best 53-yard field goal by

sophomore Jared Siegel with 39 seconds left in the first half.

For Arizona, Johnson completed 23-of-41 passes for 302 yards, but was intercepted by safety Keith Lewis in the third quarter. Arizona redshirt freshman Mike Bell, making his first start in place of injured tailback Clarence Farmer, rushed for just 54 yards on 21 carries.

"We went toe-to-toe with the No. 8 team in the nation for a long time," Johnson said. "It's just one play here or there. We feel like we're close."

In the rankings, the Ducks jumped to No. 7 in The Associated Press poll Sunday. Oregon's next opponent, UCLA (4-1, 1-0), which defeated Oregon State 43-35 Saturday in Corvallis, is ranked No. 25 in the coaches' poll.

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midway through the third quarter that included Smith runs for nine, six and eight yards, and a Fife pass to tight end George Wrihster for 19 yards. The touchdown play was a Fife pass to Keenan Howry — the senior receiver's first touchdown all season — over the middle for 34 yards. On that play, Fife stepped up into the pocket and bought himself enough time to get Howry open downfield.

"Jason did a great job today of feeling the pressure, stepping up and utilizing the pocket," Bellotti said.

The second drive was a long, 12-play affair at the end of the third quarter and beginning of the fourth that ended in a five-yard Fife touchdown pass to end the scoring at 31-

14. The drive included a crucial fourth-and-one conversion — the Ducks' fourth conversion in four fourth-down attempts this season — by Smith that kept the drive alive.

On the other side of the ball, the Oregon defensive line dominated Arizona's rushing attack, forcing the Wildcats to go to the air offensively.

"We got pressure on him, got a bunch of sacks," Bellotti said. "We did take the run away, and I give credit to the front seven, they did a great job."

The Ducks sacked Wildcat quarterback Jason Johnson five times for a loss of 27 yards and held the Arizona rushing attack — already depleted with the loss of star running back Clarence Farmer — to 30 net yards on the evening.

The Ducks went into the week-end ranked second in the Pac-10 in rushing defense and held up

that reputation Saturday.

"We were down three defensive ends today," Bellotti said. "So I was really pleased with that group of defensive linemen. I can't say enough about those kids, and our depth there is amazing."

The Ducks will need to keep up their run-stopping pace to have a chance against UCLA at the Rose Bowl on Saturday. The Bruins ran for 247 yards at Reser Stadium on Saturday, as redshirt freshman Tyler Ebell broke out for 203 yards. UCLA quarterback Cory Paus also threw for 378 yards in the offensive spectacle.

"From what I saw, their offense was pretty unstoppable today," Bellotti said. "But we just have to take care of business."

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