

Golfers head to Hawaiian paradise

Senior John Ellis leads Oregon into a 26-team tournament with some top competition

Men's golf

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After its worst finish yet in the 2002-03 season, the Oregon men's golf team travels to Hawaii today for its second tournament of the spring season.

The Taylor Made/Waikoloa Intercollegiate in Waikoloa, will take place at two golf courses over three rounds. The par-72, 6,594 King's Course and the par-70, 6,566

Beach Course will be featured. Oregon, which opened the spring portion of its season last week in Arizona, looks to rebound in the three-day tournament.

For the second-straight week, Oregon will face some of the top teams in the nation. Included in the 26-team field will be No. 3 Texas Christian, No. 12 UCLA, No. 18 Pepperdine, No. 20 Arkansas, No. 21 Georgia Tech, No. 23 Baylor and No. 25 Washington. Also of note are two-time defending Pacific-10 conference champion USC, Arizona State, Oregon State, Stanford and Nagora, a team from Japan.

The Ducks, who finished 14th in last week's Ping Arizona Intercolle-

giate tournament will send four of the same five members this week to Hawaii. Senior John Ellis, who tied for 33rd last week at Arizona, senior Chris Carnahan, junior Jimmy White and freshman Gregg LaVoie will be competing in their second tournament of the spring season, while junior Mike Sica will participate in his first tournament of the spring.

Ellis, Oregon's most consistent player this season, leads the team with an average 71.9 strokes per round, followed by Carnahan at 73.2. White isn't far behind with an average of 74.2, LaVoie is at 74.9 and Sica is at 75.0.

"I thought we had a pretty good

performance out of our seniors last week," head coach Steve Nosler said. "This is our longest trip of the year, and I think we have a pretty competitive group going to Hawaii."

The Ducks look to improve on what could have been their fifth-consecutive top-10 tournament finish this season in Arizona. They finished the first round four strokes out of a top five finish. However, the Ducks struggled in their last two rounds, finishing 14th out of 16 teams. Ellis finished tied for 33rd, while Carnahan finished in 38th and White at 47th.

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Sports brief

UO pitcher earns honor

Freshman pitcher Amy Harris was named the Pacific-10 Conference Pitcher of the Week on Tuesday for her performance in Oregon's Seminole Classic win last weekend.

Harris won two games for the Ducks against No. 9 Florida State

and No. 17 Georgia as Oregon swept through the Seminole Classic and improved to 8-1 on the season. She gave up only one run in her start against the Seminoles and held the Bulldogs scoreless in seven innings of relief work as the teams battled for 12 long innings Saturday.

It was the first time the Pac-10 has given out player-of-the-week honors this season.

Harris is a big reason the Ducks are off to such a successful start. The

highly-touted recruit out of North Eugene High School has pitched 27.9 innings — by eight innings the most on the team — and has a 0.65 ERA. She holds a 3-1 record, but gave up only one earned run in Oregon's 3-1 loss to Arkansas, a game that had several Duck errors.

The softball team will head to San Diego for its third tournament of the season this weekend, starting Friday.

—Peter Hockaday

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stuck in a lag is never a good thing.

With San Francisco, Erickson inherits a team that has plenty of talent, but very little chemistry. The team's quarterback, Jeff Garcia, recently criticized the team because it didn't seem to have a direction when it came to its search.

Then, of course, there's Terrell

Owens, and even though he is talented, he is an enigma. No one ever seems to be able to guess which way he's going to go, both on the field and off it.

So, when you break it down, it's not so hard to see why Erickson jumped to the 49ers, despite the team's bumbling ownership.

It's going to be interesting to see if Erickson will have more success than departed coach Steve Mariucci.

ci. It's Erickson's second job in the NFL, and the first didn't pan out too well. But San Francisco isn't Seattle, and Erickson is more experienced than his first experience in the big time.

The first year should be interesting.

At least the Niners didn't hire Neuheisel.

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move up to sixth place in the Pac-10 standings, and three home wins would bring the Ducks to .500 in conference play.

Setting a milestone

Ganes currently ranks third in the Pac-10 standings with a free-throw percentage of .894. She follows Nicole Powell and Kelley Suminski of Stanford, but only by a close

margin, with the leader at .911.

If Ganes can work her way to the top she would be the first-ever Oregon freshman to win the free-throw percentage title.

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