

Oregon falls, rises at Thunderbird Invite

The Ducks shoot a tourney-best score Saturday but fail to overcome Friday's tourney-worst second round

Golf

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If only the Oregon men's golf team could choose which rounds it wants to score and which it wants to forget, the Ducks could be world-beaters.

However, at the ASU Thunderbird Invitational, it does not work that way,

nor does it in any other events.

After a tournament-high round on Friday, the Ducks shot a tournament low on Saturday in the third and final round of the invitational. Oregon finished the round with a 14-under 274, tying its season low with a tournament total 859 at the par-72, 7,037-yard Karsten Golf Course.

Oregon senior John Ellis teamed with freshman Greg LaVoie to shoot a combined 212 after three rounds, good for a 32nd-place tie. LaVoie had the best tournament outing in his young career, along with his career-best single-round score after he shot a 68 in his final round.

Senior Chris Carnahan weathered a tough second-round outing, improving by 11 strokes in the final round and earning his season-best single-round score with a 67. Also contributing for the Ducks was redshirt freshman Kyle Johnson, who finished the tournament with a 216, and he tied at 53rd overall. Junior Mike Sica carded his season best with a 67 in the third round, placing him in a tie for 71st. Junior Jimmy White continued the streak of hot play in the third round, recording his season-best single round score of 71, landing him in a tie for 92nd overall.

"We really played well today,"

coach Steve Nosler said. "We finished off well, which will help our confidence. The kids have to be happy with themselves."

Oregon, struggling with inconsistency throughout much of the spring portion of its 2002-03 season, shot the worst second-round score of any team in the 19-team field, nullifying Saturday's final round scores and making a top-10 finish highly unlikely. Friday's second-round performance earned the Ducks a 19th-place finish going into the final round before the Ducks were able to climb four spots.

Arizona State, which hosted the two-day tournament, set a tourna-

ment record, shooting 40-under par. The Sun Devils earned the tournament crown with a team score of 824. USC finished eight strokes behind to claim second, followed by Pepperdine, Texas Christian and Oklahoma.

David Shultz of TCU earned the individual award after shooting a 15-under par 201, placing him three strokes ahead of second place finisher, USC's David Oh.

The Ducks have one week off before heading to Stanford to partake in the U.S. Intercollegiate April 19 and 20.

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said. "I was a little disappointed in the intensity and the enthusiasm."

Kellen Clemens, battling Jason Fife for the starting quarterback spot, connected on eight passes in 13 attempts for 102 yards. He led the Duck offense to its first scoring drive of the game in the third series of the afternoon, connecting on a 44-yard pass with Taylor for the score.

That came after he connected with Taylor on a 9-yard catch along the sideline.

"I threw the ball OK," Clemens said. "It wasn't outstanding by any

means, but I'm not going to lose much sleep over it. I'm satisfied, but we need to get better."

Clemens received a rough shot from linebacker Ramone Reed toward the end of the scrimmage after the signal-caller was late getting rid of the ball. He got up slowly, but was OK.

Fife, on the other hand, was 5-of-11 for 57 yards. He directed a 14-play drive late that ended up with Jared Siegel's 32-yard field goal. On the drive, Fife was 4-of-7 passing, connecting for 43 yards. He may have led the offense to a touchdown on the series, but on second and goal from the 5-yard line, Taylor fumbled the reverse, pinning the Ducks into a third-and-15 situation.

Defensively, Oregon was able to get to the quarterback five times, led by Quinn Dorsey's two sacks. Darius Sanders, Junior Siavii and Victor Filipe were each also able to wrap up the quarterback.

For Dorsey, the scrimmage was an affirmation that he is getting back to an optimum playing level after sitting out last season.

"I felt all right," he said. "I myself was a little tired. I don't know. It was just a weird day, because the whole defense was down. I knew I was tired, but I did my best to get up and do what I could."

Safety J.D. Nelson led the defense with seven tackles, while Keith Lewis, praised by Bellotti after the scrim-

mage, had four.

But just like their offensive counterparts, the defense also could have done much more.

"We had some bright spots," Dorsey said. "We did some good things, but we made some big mistakes."

Bellotti also praised the play of running back Chris Vincent. The freshman ran eight times for 41 yards, and scored a touchdown on a one-yarder to end the practice. He sits fourth on the positional depth chart after redshirting last season but is looking to move up that list.

"I feel comfortable learning the offense," he said. "I'm catching on well."

Keith Allen started off the second series of the scrimmage in impressive

fashion, gaining 31 yards on a reverse. Fife then connected with Tim Day for 14 yards, setting up a first and 10 at the defensive 25-yard line.

Under pressure, Fife then threw an incomplete pass, and on the next play, Terrence Whitehead was stopped for a 1-yard run by linebacker Jerry Matson. Dorsey then grabbed Fife for a sack, a 4-yard loss. That set up a 45-yard field goal attempt for Siegel, a kick he promptly missed wide left.

Oregon practices again Tuesday and Thursday this week before another scrimmage Friday.

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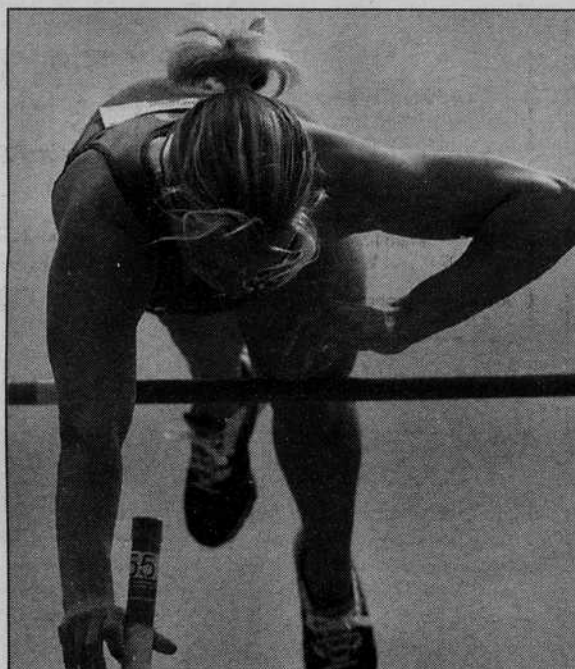
less than a month.

"That's what it's all about, that team competition," Stiegeler said. "We did our job today."

But besides winning Pac-10s, the Ducks are also trying to qualify for the NCAA Championships. Oregon athletes scored six new NCAA-regional qualifying marks Saturday, including Kent in the long jump, Foluso Akinradewo in the triple jump, Mitchum, Santiago Lorenzo and Brandon Holliday in the 400 hurdles and Eric Logsdon in the 1,500.

Oregon's next home meet will be the Oregon Invitational on April 26. A handful of Ducks will head to California this weekend for the Mt. San Antonio College relays.

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Becky Holliday can't quite clear the bar in her final attempt.

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McEwen and Becky Holliday were left to pace one another. The duo eased their way over 13-5 1/4 and then 13-11 1/4. McEwen then missed all attempts at 14-3 1/4.

Holliday cleared her second attempt of 14-3 1/4 but missed all three chances at 14-6 1/4, which would have allowed her to break her own school record.

"I wasn't technically sound and I have to make every jump as perfect as I can," Holliday said of her final attempts. "I'm excited to be over 14. I want to be consistent over that."

Also in the jumps, senior Amanda Brown hit 19-4 1/4 to win the long jump, with Andrus following in second at 18-2 1/2. Senior Jenny Brogdon tied Colorado's Anna Magle at 5-7 in the high jump but had fewer misses to take the victory.

In the triple jump, Minnesota's Shani Marks soared to a mark of 44-10 1/4, the top jump in the college ranks this year. Marks also passed the Gopher school record by more than a foot.

On the oval, the 400 and 800 were Oregon's

final victories of the afternoon. Senior Janette Davis hit a personal best of 54.11 in her first competition in the 400 this outdoor season.

Macdonald out-sprinted Washington rival Courtney Inman in the final stretch of the 800 to win at 2:07.40. The time for Macdonald was a five-second improvement of her season best and the fifth fastest time in the NCAA this outdoor season.

"I've been really bad this season until now," Macdonald said. "My strategy was to stay with Courtney and my job was to not let her get too far ahead."

In front of 4,579 fans, the women earned 13 regional marks and 16 Pacific-10 Conference qualifying marks in just the second meet held at Hayward Field this season.

In the final team results, Washington finished in third with 149 points and Colorado took fourth at 100.

After a successful weekend at home, Oregon will now set its sights on the Mt. San Antonio College Relays, which begin Wednesday in Walnut, Calif.

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 14). This year you have a natural talent for making good business decisions. You also have a natural charm and can expand your influence. Take on a partner, or rely more on one you already have.
To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.
ARIES (March 21-April 19) - Today is a 7 - Take on your responsibilities with enthusiasm. If you don't know how to do a job, don't worry. You'll learn quickly.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20) - Today is a 7 - You're not big on putting your feelings into words, but you could do that now. Somebody who's been blue would love hearing from you.
GEMINI (May 21-June 21) - Today is a 6 - Friends won't let you stay sad for long, even if you're in a pensive mood. See if you can get one of them to help you clean house. That'd make you feel a lot better.
CANCER (June 22-July 22) - Today is a 7 - Keep more of your coins in your pocket by finding a fabulous deal. You'll have to know what you're looking for and act quickly once you obtain it.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 7 - The more you do, the more you'll earn, so put your brains to work. You don't want to get much dirtier, so working smarter is a better choice.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is an 8 -

Love is the most powerful force in the universe, as you may already know. Use it to help yourself stay on track in these unsettled times.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Today is a 6 - You're not big on doing without. You want what you want. This is a good day to practice, though - so you might as well go shopping!
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is a 7 - You want things to stay pretty much as they are. If that's not happening, be alert. Your input can make an impact.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 6 - Focus on your career as much as you can. Stop thinking about what you'd rather be doing, and get yourself to work! People need what you provide, and you'll find a use for the money.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is a 7 - In some areas it's full speed ahead while others are seriously blocked. Don't waste time on a door that's barred shut. You can find another that's open.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is a 7 - You're naturally good at analysis, but don't get bogged down in computations. Give a detailed task another try. It might be easier now.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is a 6 - Truth and justice, faith and facts, don't have to be opposed. All are required in a system that works. Don't settle for anything else.

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