

# Ducks 'execute,' move into fifth in Washington

Oregon shot a second-round 304 to move into fifth on Tuesday

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The Oregon women's golf team put itself into uncharted territory on Tuesday.

## DUCK GOLF

The Ducks find themselves fifth after climbing four spots up the leader board from Monday and are poised for their first

top-five finish ever at the Edean Ihlanfeldt Invitational, played at the par-72, 5,953-yard Sahalee Country Club in Sammamish, Wash.

A top-five combined finish, with a win at the Lady Vandal Fall Invitational earlier, would keep the Ducks flying high in the early stages of the season.

"We held it together today and then watched the field fall behind us," Oregon coach Shannon Rouillard said. "We're executing all the things we talked about going into this tournament, and I couldn't be prouder. It was fun to watch today."

The highest flyer of them all, sophomore Erin

Andrews, shot a 1-over 73 Tuesday. Andrews, a Las Vegas, Nev., native who won last week's Lady Vandal Fall Invitational in Moscow, Idaho, was tied for 12th overall with a 5-over 149. She helped the Ducks shoot a second-round team score of 304, which was the fourth-best round of the day.

The Ducks are chasing four other teams. California leads the way with the Golden Bears dropping seventeen shots after posting a tournament record 3-under 285 on Monday. They are currently holding a scant one-shot lead over Arizona and UCLA, which shot second-round scores of 293 and 295, respectively.

USC, which is trying to win its fourth-consecutive Ihlanfeldt title, shot 308 on Tuesday and is 10 strokes back heading into Wednesday.

As for the rest of the Ducks, freshman Kimberly McCready, playing in only her second collegiate tournament, shot a second-round 75 and is tied for 15th overall at 7-over. Sophomore Therese Wenslow was tied for 28th overall with a 10-over 154, and junior Johnna Nealy was tied for 46th at 158. Michelle Timpani, playing as an individual, is also tied for 46th.

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The Ducks continue to train hard and have also added busy academic schedules to their load.

All-American junior Ryan Andrus was selected to the First Team All-America Academic squad a year ago, and looks to continue balancing academics and athletics while maintaining his 4.0 grade point average.

Fellow All-American harriers Brett Holts and Logsdon received similar academic honors. Both were selected to the Pacific-10 Conference All-Academic honorable mentions along

with senior Noel Paulson.

### The Championship Equation

In order for the entire team to make the NCAA Championships, several criteria must be met. The easiest way would be for the teams to place second in their respective regions.

If a team fails to do that, at-large points can be accumulated from various races throughout the season. Assuming the team meets the point mark, it can then be invited to the NCAA Championship. A provisional bid is given to teams that fared well against other ranked teams.

If a team is in jeopardy by failing

to lock up a top-two finish in its region, then it must beat other teams at its regional championship and in other head-to-head competitions to accumulate at-large points.

The Oregon men's team was invited last year with an automatic bid after finishing second in its region behind National Champion Stanford. The women last made the NCAA Championships after receiving enough at-large points to be admitted in the 2000 season.

### Rankings Part II

While Oregon remains eighth in the men's cross country poll — a

drop from its pre-season number five ranking — the team is making little of its ranking, good or bad.

"It's nice to be ranked high," said Logsdon. "But it doesn't matter that much. It's not like football where you need to be ranked high enough."

"Once the gun goes off everyone is the same."

Oregon is chasing defending National Champion Stanford and is picked to finish second by many in the Pac-10 Conference, with Arizona State as its next closest competitor.

"Arizona State is, on paper, the third best team (in the Pac-10)," Logsdon said. "They were ranked 13th in

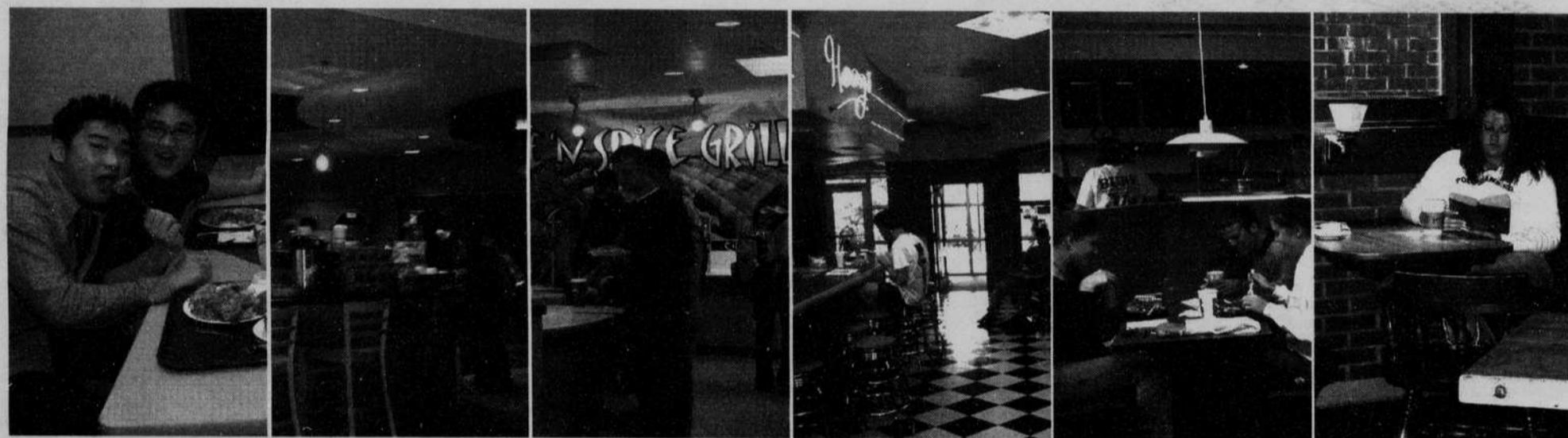
the most recent poll, and is our nearest competitor from behind."

Oregon will see many of the same teams it faced off against at the Roy Griak Invitational in its next meet, the Pre-NCAAs, and is hoping for some redemption.

"We have to make sure we have enough at-large points, so we don't have to worry about qualifying for nationals," Logsdon said. "Hopefully we can get some revenge on teams (in the Pre-NCAA meet) from (the last race)."

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