

Andrews, Oregon earn solid scores

Ducks finish in the top-10 for the first time in a decade at the Stanford/Pepsi Intercollegiate tournament

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The Oregon women's golf team continued its impressive start to the 2003-04 season.

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Against many of the nation's top teams, the Ducks did something that has not been accomplished in nearly a decade. They secured a top-10 finish at the Stanford/Pepsi Intercollegiate this weekend, held at the 6,107-yard, par-72 Stanford Golf Course in Stanford, Calif. The team's 10th place finish — combined with a fifth place finish at the Edan Ihanfeldt Invitational in Sammamish, Wash., and the Ducks' win at the Lady Vandal Fall Invitational in Moscow, Idaho — gives Oregon three top-10s in as many tournaments.

"We're just playing solid golf," Oregon coach Shannon Rouillard said. "We're striking the ball very well. We could probably putt a little better, but we are making some good birdies."

The Ducks played strong against the high-powered tournament field. Sophomore Therese Wenslow was tied for 29th after posting a first-round 1-over 73. Freshman Kimberly McCready and junior Johnna Nealy were tied for 40th at 2-over 74. Sophomore Erin Andrews was tied for 46th at 3-over 75.

Nealy improved on her season low round of 74, fired in the first round

of the Stanford/Pepsi Intercollegiate, by posting an even-par 72 on Saturday. Nealy was tied for 28th at 2-over 146. Andrews had a second round 73, while McCready added a 74 — matching her season low that she set on Friday — that left both golfers tied for 34th at 4-over 138. Wenslow was tied for 48th at 150, following her second-round 77.

"We have pulled away from some teams that were behind us," said Rouillard. "And for the second straight day, we played well on a tough golf course and against difficult competition."

The final round of the Stanford/Pepsi Intercollegiate saw Andrews shine. She shot a career-low 2-under par 70 on Sunday to move into a tie for 20th at 2-over par 218. It marked the third straight top-20 finish for Andrews.

"That's just a remarkable accomplishment in this field," Rouillard said of Andrew's play. "This field is second to none in strength of competition."

As a team, the Ducks slipped a bit, firing a final round 300 to finish with a team score of 892. McCready had her third-straight 74 and finished tied for 33rd at 6-over 222. Nealy closed with a final-round 78 and was tied for 42 at 8-over 224. Therese Wenslow shot a 79 and finished in a tie for 57th at 13-over 229. Michelle Timpani fired an 84-79-78 to finish in a tie for 84th.

Duke took home the title with a score of 845, followed by Washington at 850, No. 5 UCLA at 859, No. 6 California at 869 and No. 4 New Mexico finishing fifth with an 875.

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Harrington, Detroit flat against Cowboys

Detroit falls to 1-5 after a 31-point loss at the hands of Dallas on Sunday

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DETROIT — Quarterback Quincy Carter spent the fourth quarter standing on the sideline, hands on hips, wearing a visor and laughing with teammates.

It was a unique experience. After all, Carter had never started a blowout victory for the Dallas Cowboys. Now, he has.

Carter threw a career-high three touchdown passes — all to Terry Glenn — and the defense did not allow a touchdown as the Cowboys rolled past Detroit, 38-7, to win their fifth consecutive game before a crowd of 61,160 at Ford Field.

Troy Hambrick lost a fumble for the first time in 103 carries this season, and cornerback Dre Bly returned it 67 yards for a touchdown and a 7-0 Lions lead with 8:23 left in the first quarter.

Then the Cowboys took a timeout on second-and-10 from their own 22 with 8:11 left in the first quarter because one of their receivers lined up wrong.

Carter didn't go to the sideline. Instead, he yelled at his teammates.

"I told them that we had to get focused because this was not the way to start a football game you're trying to win," Carter said. "We had to pick it up, or we were going to lose this game."

Five plays later, Carter tossed a perfect 20-yard pass between two defenders to Glenn, who made a diving catch in the back of the end zone, to tie the score at 7-7.

Detroit unsuccessfully challenged the play.

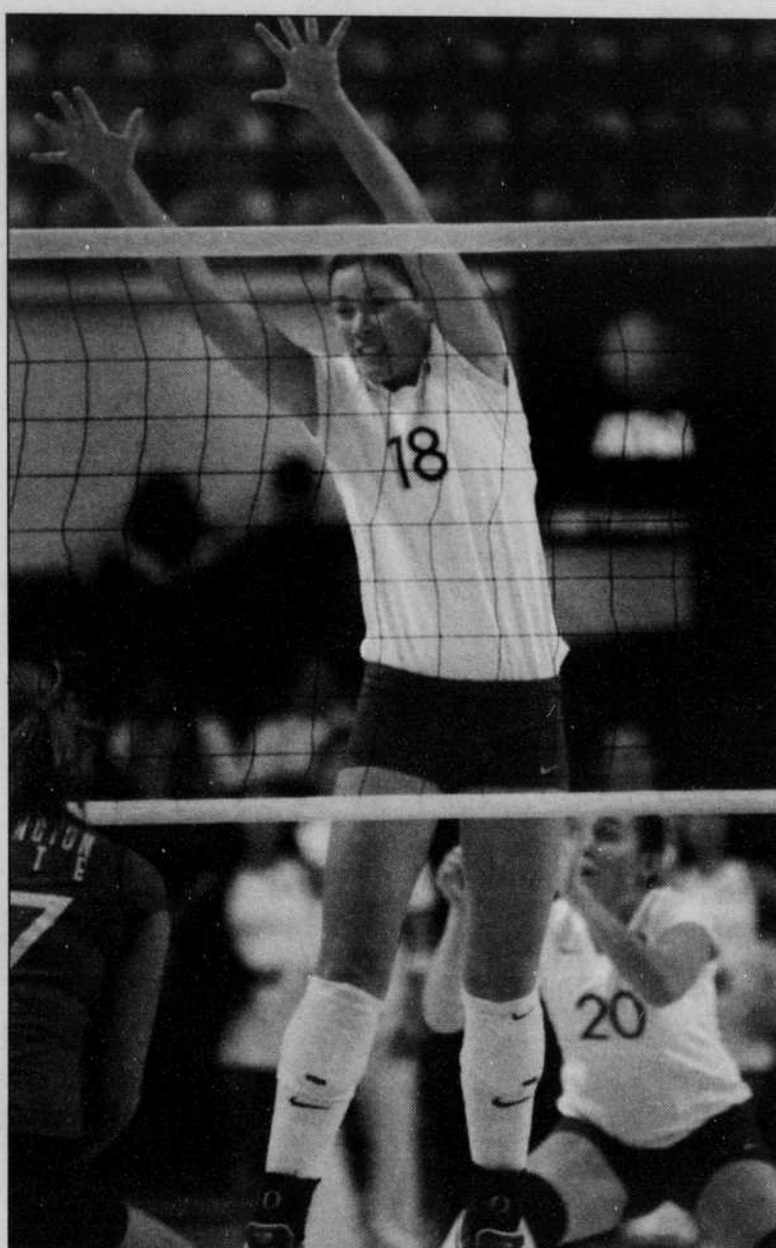
Dallas took its first lead, 14-7, on its next possession when Glenn made a diving 19-yard catch in the end zone with 11:31 left in the half.

Then Detroit quarterback Joey Harrington threw an interception that linebacker Dexter Coakley returned to the Lions 9. Carter needed one play to find Glenn in the end zone for his third touchdown and a 21-7 lead.

Carter, who's supposed to be featured in Sports Illustrated next week, completed 18 of 25 passes for 191 yards.

"The way Quincy was throwing the ball, the accuracy, the play-calling and the fact that he was so confident out there that was Troy Aikman stuff," Jones said.

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Sophomore Kelly Russell finished with nine kills Friday against Arizona State.

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keeps two setters on the floor at once. Senior Juliana Escobar led the team with 16 kills. Junior Natalie Harris added 12, and senior Mandy Stephens finished with 11.

The setting duo of senior Cheryl Anglin and junior Giovana Melo thrived. They assisted on 51 of the team's 57 kills. Senior Courtney Blocher finished with a match-high 12 digs.

Arizona State also thrived in the service game, holding an 11-1 advantage in service aces. It was the second night in a row an Oregon opponent out-served the Ducks. Arizona held a 13-4 advantage in aces on Thursday, while the Ducks committed nine service errors.

Upcoming matches

Oregon returns home for its next three matches, starting on Thursday against No. 11 UCLA. The Ducks dropped their earlier meeting with the Bruins, 3-0, (30-20, 30-21, 36-34) on Sept. 26 at Pauley Pavilion.

The Ducks will then face defending national champion USC on Friday. The Trojans have held the nation's No. 1 ranking all season and defeated the Ducks, 3-0, (30-14, 30-20, 30-16) on Sept. 27.

The following Thursday the Ducks will face Oregon State in the 89th installment of the Civil War. The Beavers defeated the Ducks, 3-0, (30-26, 30-27, 30-28) on Oct. 2 at Gill Coliseum. The Ducks jumped out to 15-4 lead in game three, but were unable to hold off a furious Beaver comeback.

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a lot of key saves and catches on crosses.

Rasmussen recorded eight saves against an Oregon squad that accounted for 14 shots. The Huskies accumulated eight shots at Husky Soccer Field in Seattle. In Friday's matchup, Washington State (5-8-1, 1-2-1) also earned

its first conference win at the hands of the Ducks. And it was a one-woman show with the spotlight on senior Rachel Rodrick.

After a slow first half, Rodrick scored the first goal of the game off a penalty kick at 63:40. Oregon senior Lindsey Werdel was given a red card after clipping forward Shelby Brownfield, resulting in the penalty kick. Rodrick sealed the deal at 88:59 off

a header from a cross by forward Nicole Wilcox.

"This win was so important for us," Rodrick said Friday. "We were at a point that we couldn't lose anymore. We were losing close games to hard teams, so it feels good to go out and win 2-0 in conference."

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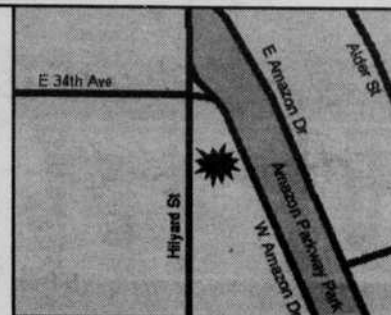
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