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## Women finish sixth in Hawaii

The Oregon women finish sixth and the Oregon men 14th in the final tournament of fall for both

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The Oregon men's and women's golf teams found themselves going in opposite directions in their final events of the fall season.

The women, ranked No. 25 in this week's Golfweek/Sagarin rankings for the first time in three years, finished in sixth place at the Kent Youel Invitational on Wednesday, held at the par-72, 5,900-yard Kapolei Golf Course in

Kapolei, Hawaii. In their four fall tournaments, the Ducks posted four top-ten finishes, already making this season one of the best in recent memory.

The Ducks received strong performances from Johanna Nealy, who shot a 77-78-72 and ended at 227 and Theresa Winslow, who carded a 73-79-75 for a final score of 227. The duo tied for 13th. Erin Andrews nearly equaled her teammates' performances with a 79-76-73 for a final of 228, finishing in a tie for 21st. Kimberly McCready ended the tournament tied for 40th and Michelle Timpani finished tied for 69th.

"Playing 36 holes in the same day is not an easy task," Oregon coach Shannon Rouillard said. "To see us come back in the second round was huge. We're going to stick to our game, play aggressive, play well, and we'll see what happens."

The Ducks slipped a spot from Tuesday's fifth-place 614, even after firing their best round of the tournament — a final round 300. San Jose State carded a final round 294 to jump into fourth and

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## Ducks struggle, but claim victory in close game against foreigners

Oregon is inconsistent, but plays well enough to win its preseason opener against Strakonice

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With 33 seconds remaining in Wednesday's season-opening exhibition game against Strakonice, Corrie Mizusawa gave fans a glimpse of what the future may hold for the Oregon women's basketball team.

With the Ducks ahead by nine, the junior point guard drove to the basket and delivered a no-look pass to junior center Andrea Bills for an easy score, capping an 80-69 win in front of 3,030 fans at McArthur Court.

Mizusawa, who sat out last season after transferring from Saint Mary's, dished out 15 assists and was the cata-

lyst for many Oregon baskets.

"I think Corrie is someone who really looks to establish a tone and sets a tone for us both defensively and offensively," Oregon head coach Bev Smith said. "Offensively she can look after the ball for us. She can get us into position to make some great offensive plays."

Oregon's offense had momentary flashes of brilliance, but was inconsistent at best. Mizusawa said the Ducks need more movement in their half-court offense to be successful.

"I thought we were a little stagnant on offense," Mizusawa said. "We were all watching the ball and we could've done a lot more movement in terms of screening and cutting."

Senior forward Cathrine Kraayeveld led Oregon with 20 points on 8 of 16 shooting. Junior guard Brandi Davis and Bills each added 16 points.

Oregon found success from long range, connecting on 6 of 15 three-

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## Out of control

Nicole Garbin has made a comeback this season and is having a whole lot of fun doing it

By Jesse Thomas  
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"My baby don't mess around  
Because she loves me so  
And this I know fo shooo."  
— OutKast

"Hey Ya" by OutKast is Nicole Garbin's favorite song. It's one of the songs that Garbin dances to in the women's soccer locker room before she takes the field for every game.

"Everybody on the team likes it too," she said. "They're always requesting it. That gets them fired up. When that song comes on,

everybody's dancing. But when there's other songs, it's usually just me loosening up; trying to get everybody's spirits up."

Garbin is in charge of Oregon's pre-game rituals. She's in charge of the music, and the music is her release.

"They just laugh at me when I start dancing," Garbin said of her teammates. "They're just like 'oh my gosh Nicole.'"

Senior team captain Lindsey Werdell, also Garbin's former roommate, understands her nature. Werdell said it's just part of her upbeat personality, but that doesn't keep the team from poking fun at her.

"We always make fun of her and ask her if she practices in front of the mirror," Werdell said.

Rumor has it that she doesn't practice in front of the mirror, but she can be caught practicing on the soccer field. After she

scores a goal in games, the red-shirt sophomore midfielder likes to pull out some type of impromptu dance move.

"When I think of dancing and music, scoring goals into my mind too," Garbin said. "Scoring goals is such a high for me, whereas so is dancing because you can just let loose and just relax and have fun."

Garbin has had plenty of opportunities to "bust a move" this season. She ranks second on the team in goals scored with five. Garbin also leads the Ducks in assists with seven.

She's making up for lost time.

The Wailuku, Hawaii, native was forced to the sideline last season after tearing her anterior cruciate ligament in preseason practice. Garbin had to redshirt the season after what was a promising freshman year where she recorded five goals — four of which were game-winners — and five assists.

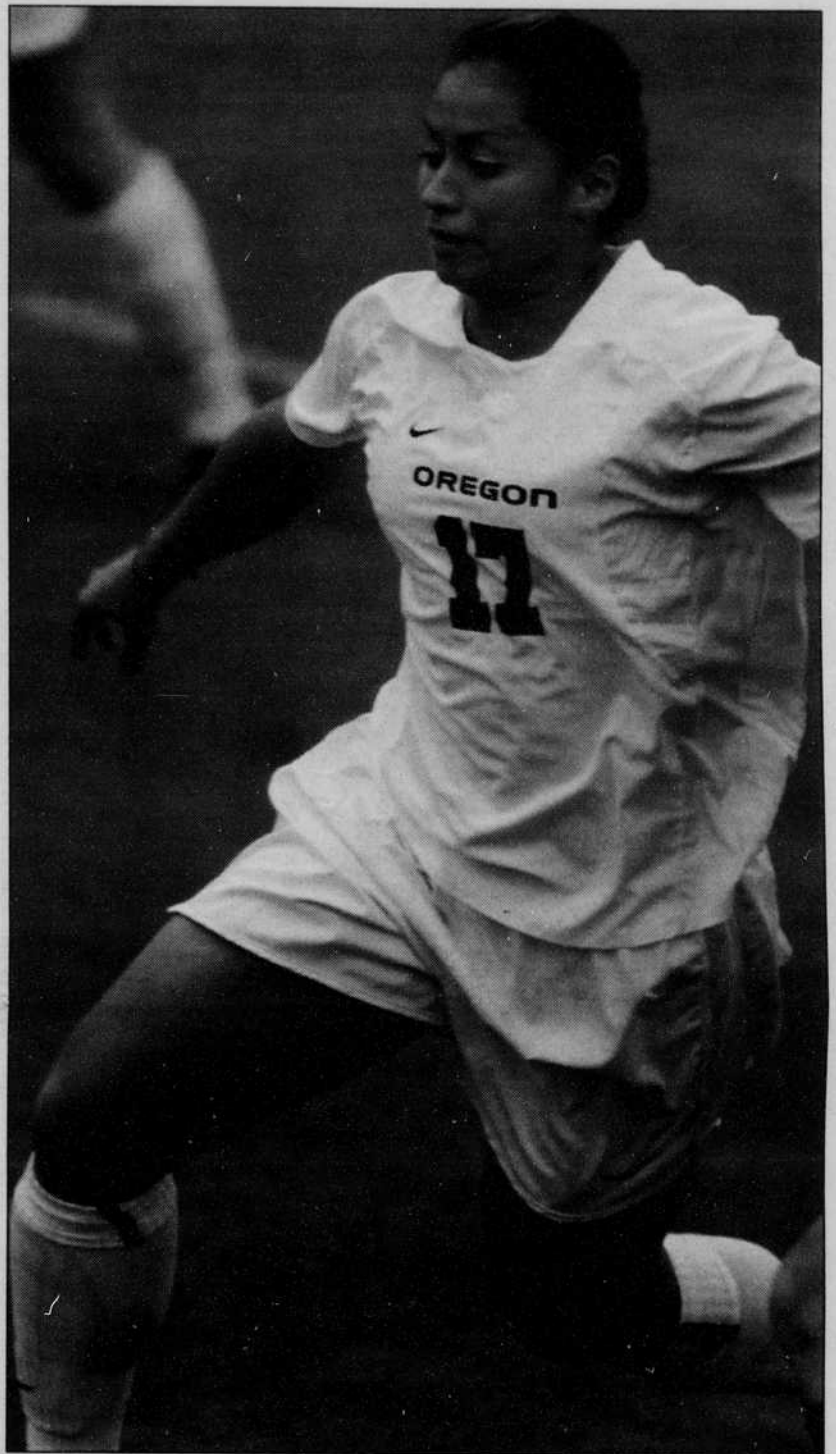
"The ACL is a very dramatic injury, and for her to come back it's always going to be a challenge," Oregon head coach Bill Steffen said. "I think she's done well with that challenge. Her game has matured, and she's not as one-dimensional as she was previously."

Now that she is back and at full steam, everyone can see it. Other teams in the conference have started to take notice of her success and key on her during games. Oregon's just happy to have their star back.

"Just having her out there makes everybody really confident," Werdell said. "She can make anything happen. People are more confident to make runs and to not be as timid to go up on offense."

Garbin puts a lot of pressure on herself, and accepting those challenges is part of her nature. Whether it be arguing

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Mark McCambridge Photographer

Midfielder Nicole Garbin leads Oregon with seven assists and ranks second with five goals.

## Oregon's defense shows some rust, signs of progress

The Oregon women opened their season with a tough defensive showing, though Strakonice found holes behind the line

By Mindi Rice  
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All five of Strakonice's starters made at least one three-point shot. Center Vendula Mackova sunk 4 of 6 attempts.

The Ducks gave 18 shots and allowed eight three-pointers in their first game of the season on Wednesday.

"One thing we need to work on is defensive transition," point guard Corrie Mizusawa said. "I think that's where they scored a lot of their points. They were shooting three's on us. Half-court, I thought we did a great job in terms of stopping them initially."

After five straight missed shots and a 9-0 Oregon lead, Strakonice's next three shot attempts were good from behind the line.

Oregon slipped up inside a few times as well, giving the Basketball Travelers an open lane to the basket for an easy layup or quick jump shot.

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Danielle Hickey Senior Photographer

Eleanor Haring scored five points in Oregon's 11-point victory Wednesday.