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# Duck golf travels to Hawaii

The Oregon men's golf team looks to continue improving in this weekend's matchup

By Brian Smith  
Freelance Reporter

The Oregon men's golf team continues its early portion of the 2004 golf season at the TaylorMade/Waikoloa Intercollegiate on the big island of Hawaii. The Ducks, along with 20 other schools — three of which are ranked in the top six of this week's Golfweek rankings — will compete on the par-72, 6,594-yard Waikoloa King's Course in Waikoloa, Hawaii.

The Ducks will look to improve on last year's 14th place finish, when they came in 31 strokes behind the winner, No. 4 UCLA. They also will look to improve on their inconsistent play, which has resulted in only two top-10 finishes in the 2003-2004 season; a tie for fourth at the Northwest Collegiate Classic and a ninth place finish at the Husky Invitational.

As the season progresses, so does

the play of many of the young members on the roster. Freshman Dustin Pewarchuk, coming off his first top-20 placing of his career at last week's PING-Arizona Intercollegiate, will join fellow freshman and Hawaiian native Matt Ma. Sophomores Kyle Johnson, Gregg LaVoie and Justin St. Clair round out the Oregon contingent. Devoid of any seniors, the tournament will provide an excellent opportunity to gain valuable experience.

Included in the 21-team field are nine of the top-50 ranked teams according to Golfweek. Fifth-ranked Georgia Tech and No. 6 TCU will join the likes of No. 9 Arizona State, No. 18 Arkansas and Washington. The rest of the field includes UC Davis, Hawaii, host school Hawaii-Hilo, Houston, Nagoya (Japan) Commerce, Nevada, Oklahoma, Oregon State, Pepperdine, Rhode Island, Stanford, Texas Tech, Tulsa and USC.

Leading the field will be No. 4 UCLA. Since February, the Bruins have won 10 out of 14 events and have produced six individual champions. During the 2003 fall season, the Bruins won three out of the five tournaments they played, and dating back to fall of 2002, UCLA has placed in the top 10

in 18 straight events. Another team to watch is Georgia Tech, which has won the Waikoloa event three times in six previous trips and never finished lower than eighth place.

Individually, the player to watch is Washington's Brock MacKenzie, currently ranked 13th in the nation and looking to better last year's tie for third at the Waikoloa. MacKenzie has a current stroke average of 69.92 in the four fall events.

Traditionally, the winds in Hawaii have wreaked havoc on the participants.

"The wind can really take the fun out of Hawaii, believe it or not," Georgia Tech's coach Bruce Heppler said. "If you get trapped on one course one day and the wind was bad, it could be 10 or 15 shots worse than teams on the other course. Now, all the teams are on the same golf course each day under the same conditions. It's a good golf course and a little more forgiving if the wind blows."

The Ducks will play 18 holes Wednesday, 18 holes Thursday and conclude the 54-hole tournament Friday.

Brian Smith is a freelance writer for the Emerald.

# Rivalry match headlines stretch run for UO wrestlers

Oregon prepares for its final two matches of the season before postseason play

By Scott Archer  
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It's been slow for the Oregon wrestling team lately, but that doesn't mean that the Ducks have had it easy. Oregon last wrestled Feb. 1 at Arizona State and will resume play when the Ducks host Oregon State on Sunday.

Oregon is entering what it calls its second season. It has only two regular-season matches left — against the Beavers and against Portland State — followed by the Pacific-10 Conference Championships in Tempe, Ariz., and the NCAA Championships in St. Louis, Mo.

"That's when we get our final grades," head coach Chuck Kearney said. "All the things that have happened up until the end of the year are things you can learn from (and apply

to post-season)."

First up, however, is the always unpredictable rivalry match.

"Records go out the window," Kearney said. "It's a pride contest. The majority of their wrestlers and our wrestlers are from Oregon, and it makes it a more passionate event."

Although several wrestlers for Oregon State were also high school teammates with current Duck wrestlers, there is no love lost.

"These programs have completely different philosophies, and different kinds of kids, character and personalities," Kearney said. "And these differences make for an intense battle."

## All work and no play

The two-week break Oregon is going through before Sunday's match pales in comparison to the waiting that Oregon's redshirt wrestlers have had to endure.

Martin Mitchell, who started in the 125-pound weight class last year, is redshirting this year with plans to take over the 133-pound weight class next year when senior Jason Harless leaves.

"Right now I'm weighing about 145-150 pounds," Mitchell said. "But

I'm not trying to get too big. I am concentrating on getting big in the weight room, so next year I can step in as one of the biggest 133-pounders in the nation.

"It's really frustrating not wrestling. It's hard to prepare in practice like you are going out there to compete as a starter. I don't want to lose a step compared to everyone else."

The redshirts participate with the team but don't get the chance to show off their skills to the public. It works that way for Mitchell and other Ducks who wake for the team's 7 a.m. spring sessions three times a week. The work is there, the payoff isn't.

At least not until next year when Mitchell and other redshirts will finally be able to compete again.

The Ducks are redshirting key wrestlers in order to stock up for next season.

"Everyone is excited," Mitchell said. "I'm not letting any doubts come into my mind that we aren't going to be one of the top teams in the nation next year."

Scott Archer is a freelance reporter for the Emerald.

## SPORTS BRIEF

### Miami recruit in hot water

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — University of Miami football recruit Willie Williams will spend at least three nights in Broward County Jail pending a bond hearing Friday, his future with the Hurricanes uncertain.

Williams, a Parade All-American from Miami Carol City HS, surrendered to authorities Tuesday morning only hours after Gainesville authorities filed more charges arising from complaints made against him during a recruiting trip to the University of Florida.

Williams, who has been arrested on theft-related charges 10 times in the past five years, was jailed after an arrest warrant was issued that charged him with violating probation in a 2002 burglary case. His probation was set to end on Wednesday.

"He's fine," said Williams' lawyer, Paul Lazarus, who accompanied him

to the jail. "Obviously he'd rather not be where he is, but he's going to make the best of the situation."

With Lazarus' advice, family members declined to comment.

Williams, 19, began his jail stint in Broward's downtown facility at 11:15 a.m. Tuesday. During the afternoon he was transferred to the North Broward Detention Center in Pompano Beach, where he will stay until a 1:30 p.m. bond hearing Friday before Broward County Circuit Court Judge Michael G. Kaplan.

Kaplan presided over the felony burglary case in 2002 that resulted in Williams being placed on 18 months' probation.

Lazarus said Williams will plead not guilty to violating his probation.

Kaplan denied Lazarus' request that Williams surrender himself to the court instead of Broward County Jails. Kaplan did set a speedy bond hearing for Williams, granting him his first available opening.

If found to be in violation of his probation, Williams could be sentenced to

five years in jail. It's also possible that he could be freed with his probation extended.

Williams could face other penalties for the Gainesville charges.

On Monday, Williams was charged with misdemeanor battery by Gainesville State Attorney Bill Cervone for allegedly hugging a woman against her will at UF's student union. On Tuesday morning, Cervone's office filed charges for obstructing extinguishment and criminal mischief stemming from an incident that involved Williams allegedly discharging three fire extinguishers in the Hilton Conference Center hotel, where he was housed during his recruiting visit to UF.

The charge of obstructing extinguishment is a felony that carries a possible five-year sentence. The misdemeanor charges are punishable by up to a year in county jail.

— Omar Kelly

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