

SPORTS BRIEFS

Golf tournament canceled

The Oregon women's golf team will wait a little longer to open its 2004 spring season. The Pinehurst Challenge, hosted at the Pinehurst Resort in Pinehurst, N.C., was canceled due to bad weather. Heading east, the Ducks found themselves hampered by several inches of snow that recently fell on the 5,926-yard, par-72 course in recent days.

The Ducks squad of Johnna Nealy, Therese Wenslow, Erin Andrews, Kimberly McCready and Jessica Carlyon never got the chance to have their first-ever round at Pinehurst No. 8. The snow forced the cancellation of Friday's round. While teams were hopeful play could continue Saturday and Sunday, the course conditions ultimately were the deciding factor in canceling the second and third rounds.

The Ducks will start the season on home turf with the Duck Invitational on March 8-9 in Eugene.

— Brian Smith

Ducks claim NCAA marks

Redshirt junior Leonidas Watson and sophomore Eric Mitchum recorded personal-best performances for Oregon on Saturday during the third and final day at the Mountain Pacific Championships at Washington's Dempsey Indoor.

Watson won the triple jump with a distance of 52 feet, 10 1/4 inches, topping her previous best by 2-2 1/4.

The jump easily met the NCAA provisional mark of 51-2 1/4 and just missed the NCAA automatic mark of 53-5 3/4.

California's Bruce Giron placed second with a 51-9.

Watson's mark moved him to fourth all-time for Oregon, a list topped by Spencer Williams' 53-11 1/4 in 1989, Latin Berry's 53-10 1/4 in 1989 and Gregg Bleakney's 53-9 3/4 in 1998.

Only eight collegiate athletes have jumped farther than Watson's 52-10 1/4 in 2004, paced by Auburn senior Leevan Sands mark of 55-10 1/4.

On the track, Mitchum finished

second in the 60-meter hurdles with a time of 7.81 seconds, 0.01 of a second behind Washington State's Matt Mason. Mitchum's time gave him sole possession of the Oregon record after sharing the mark with former outdoor All-American Micah Harris (7.85).

Mitchum's previous best of 7.85 placed him 15th on the national qualifying list last week. The Calumet City, Ill., native's 7.81 would place him in 10th, with Mississippi's Antwon Hicks leading the way with a 7.66. Normally, the top-16 hurdlers are invited to the NCAA Championships.

On the women's side, redshirt senior Amanda Brown lead the Ducks with a personal best in the triple jump.

Brown's mark of 41-5 3/4 was good enough for third place, two spots behind Washington State's Blessing Ufodiana.

Brown topped her previous best (40-8 3/4) by nine inches.

— Jon Roetman

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lasting more than seven minutes. The Ducks outscored the Golden Bears 27-12 during the next 11 minutes to take a 36-29 halftime lead.

Oregon's defense did a quality job of forcing California into taking tough shots. The Golden Bears entered the contest shooting 43 percent as a team but were limited to a 38 percent clip Saturday.

The Ducks switched to a zone defense in the second half, pushing California's offense out near the perimeter. The Golden Bears struggled with their outside shooting and couldn't string together enough baskets to stay close in

the final minutes.

California guard Nihan Anaz, who entered Saturday averaging 14.5 points per game, was held to four points on 2 of 12 shooting.

The 5-foot-9 senior from Istanbul, Turkey scored 17 points on 6 of 13 shooting in the season's first meeting — a 61-57 California win.

Oregon also controlled the boards Saturday, outrebounding California 40-35. The Ducks grabbed 12 offensive rebounds, leading to 16 second-chance points.

It was the Golden Bears who regulated the rebounding battle in the season's first meeting, outrebounding the Ducks 43-33.

Oregon head coach Bev Smith said

the Ducks needed to battle inside, two nights after the Golden Bears grabbed 50 rebounds against Oregon State.

"(California) is going to go to the boards," Smith said. "They had a number of boards against (Oregon State). I think our team really wanted to play for ourselves."

The Ducks also got a season-high 13 points from senior guard Kayla Steen, who played in her final game at McArthur Court. Forward Kedzie Gunderson added 12 points, while Mizusawa added 10.

Williams lead California with 15 points, while Gregory finished with 12.

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percent from the free-throw line and contributed five steals and 20 assists. Steen wasn't the largest presence off the Oregon bench, but she still made her mark.

"It's also what Kayla does when people can't see it," Smith said after Saturday's victory. "In practice, the communication, the care, the passion that she has. It's real unfortunate that we don't have her for another couple years, she is the consummate team player and a very fine Duck."

"She is a Duck that we think defines what it is to be an Oregon Duck."

Perhaps Smith should petition the Webster's Dictionary board to add an entry, Smack between "Oregon" and "organ" on page 423 of the paperback version:

"Oregon Duck: gritty, determined, vocal leader, battles back. See also: Kayla Steen."

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Andrea Bills scored a career-high 22 points and grabbed 10 rebounds Saturday.

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