

IN BRIEF

Women's golf takes home 12th place in tournament

A sluggish final two rounds at the par-72 Karsten Golf Course in Tempe, Ariz., left the Ducks finishing 12th in the field at the Ping/ASU Invitational hosted by No. 7 Arizona State.

Despite the team's mediocre finish, junior Erin Andrews shot a 1-over 73 in the final round, placing her in a tie for ninth place — her best finish of the year.

Andrews carded three birdies and four bogeys in Sunday's final round, giving her a final score of 220 and her highest placing since the 2004 Oregon Duck Invitational, where she tied for seventh. Andrews' 220 was 11 strokes higher than first-place finisher Louise Stahle of Arizona State. UCLA's Amie Cochran

(212) CQ of No. 2 UCLA settled for second place, falling three strokes shy of Stahle. Stahle defended her home turf well, taking home the individual title with a three-round total score of 209.

The Sun Devils claimed the team title after shooting a final-round even-par 288 to tie for first place with No. 2 UCLA at 870. Arizona State was then declared the victor because of its lower fifth-player score tie-breaker.

Oregon struggled for the second day in a row Sunday by shooting an 18-over 306 and finishing at 908. The Ducks fell short of No. 12 New Mexico (907) by one stroke but edged out Texas Christian (910) by two.

Taking third place was No. 5 Pepperdine (888), followed by No. 19 Arizona (891), California (894) and

No. 8 Washington (895). Finishing seventh was No. 18 Southern California (896), leaving No. 24 Tulsa (899), No. 20 Stanford (900) and No. 22 Texas (905) to round out the top 10 in the field of 17.

Oregon's closest finisher behind Andrews was Johnna Nealy, who tied for 28th place. The senior from Grants Pass carded a total score of 225 after shooting a final round of 79. Other Ducks competing included freshman Victoria Wenslow (231), who tied for 54th, sophomore Kim McCready (232), tying at 59th, and junior Michelle Timpani, (244) who tied for 86th.

The Ducks head to Stanford, Calif., for the Peg Barnard Collegiate held April 9-10, the final regular season tournament for Oregon.

— Scott J. Adams

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Dean Smith built had faltered and fallen to 8-20. Williams took a ton of heat for leaving Kansas after losing in the title game in 2003 — his fourth close call at the Final Four.

He defended the move, saying coming back to his alma mater had always been his dream. Then, this week, he dealt with a more familiar question: Did he need to win a title to call his career a success?

He told the story of Smith insisting he was no better a coach after he finally won one in 1982, but Roy

Williams conceded that answering that "same doggone question" did get a little annoying at times.

He finally broke through in the championship game, the first meeting of the top two teams in the final Associated Press poll since 1975, when UCLA defeated Kentucky.

After May made a short shot with 11:22 left in the first half for an 18-17 lead, Carolina never trailed again, but the game never really got comfortable.

May was unstoppable for the first 12 minutes of the second half, scoring 16 points during that stretch and

dishing out two assists to help North Carolina push its lead to as many as 15 and fight off a number of Illinois rallies.

But the Illini could never take a lead, and after Head hit a three-pointer with 2:40 left, Deron Williams missed on an open look, Felton stepped in front of a bad pass by Head, then Head missed the potential game-tying shot.

In all, the Illini missed five three-pointers down the stretch, part of a night in which they shot 12 for 40 from long range and just 38 percent overall.

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in four of the six singles matches.

However, USC then demonstrated why it is one of the nation's top five teams. The Women of Troy came back to win five singles matches and captured the victory. Bak was the only Duck to win a singles match when she defeated USC freshman Taylann Snyder in straight sets, 6-1, 6-3, at the No. 6 position.

"Obviously, we gave them all that they can handle," Schyllander said. "It

came down to a couple of three-setters, but we played our hearts out, and they showed why they're No. 4 in the country with the pressure on them."

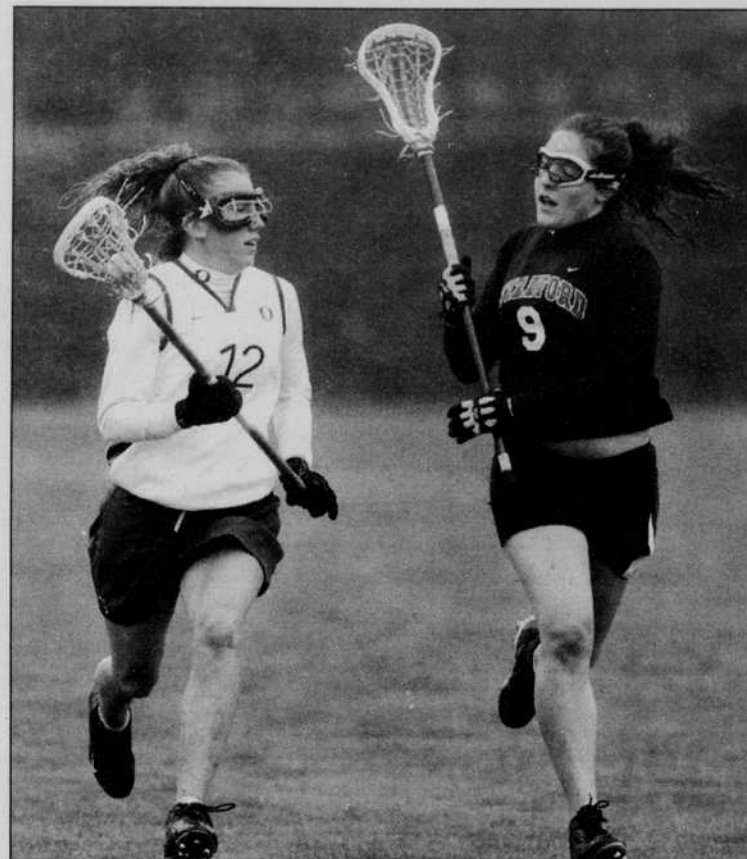
The Ducks lost each of the three matches that went to three sets, including sophomore Dominika Dieskova at the No. 2 position, who lost to USC's Lindsey Nelson, 2-6, 6-1, 6-2.

"There were a couple of close games in the second set. Every single game was close," Dieskova said. "I

did my best, I played my heart out, and this time I didn't win, but I played a very good match. It was a good experience, and I can learn a lot from this match."

Despite losing to two higher-ranked teams, Schyllander said the Ducks need to continue playing strong among the nation's elite.

"We've risen to another level," he said. "We're not satisfied to lose these close ones anymore — we want to win these now."



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Oregon midfielder Jen May, seen here earlier this season, scored five goals and tallied two assists as the Ducks picked up their first road win in program history against Davidson, 16-6, on Saturday.

Lacrosse: Freshman midfielder Jen May leads team with 30 goals

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over freshman Laura Lynch.

Bateman was one of the nine Ducks who scored on Saturday. She had two shots on goal and scored the first goal of the second half on an assist from freshman midfielder Jen May.

"We had a solid effort from everybody. To have nine different Ducks score is to show our offense, not highlighting individuals but the whole unit," said Larsen.

However, certain individuals on the team still outshone the others. As has become characteristic of her, May had a strong game, registering five goals and two assists. This increased her team-leading season goal tally to 30.

Oregon senior goaltender Louisa Dorsch started the game and recorded five saves before freshman keeper Allison O'Brien came on in the second half. O'Brien allowed four goals and made a career-high eight saves.

According to Coach Larsen, every Duck on the roster got some playing time against Davidson. "We had a solid effort from everybody. As a team, it's the best effort we've put out so far," she said. "We've finally pieced together a lot of the elements that combine to make for some good lacrosse."

Oregon will next play a non-league exhibition game against Portland Club on April 9 before returning to NCAA competition with a game against Saint Mary's in California on April 16.

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