

## ■ Duck golf

# Men look to keep momentum at ASU event

Meanwhile, the women wrap up their regular season in Stanford, Calif., at the Peg Barnard Invitational

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The Oregon men's and women's golf teams continue closing out the regular season this week as the men — fresh off their first-place finish at the Western Intercollegiate last week — head to Tempe, Ariz., for the ASU Thunderbird Invitational played at the 7,037-yard Karsten Golf Course. The women will compete at the Peg Barnard Invitational in Stanford, Calif. — their final tournament before the

Pacific-10 Conference Championships.

The men are riding momentum heading into this week's tournament thanks to strong performances by sophomores Matt Ma and Jay Snyder. Ma has three top-five finishes in five tournaments this season. The Ducks have finished in the top five in their past two tournaments and face stiff competition at the ASU Thunderbird Invitational; five of the nation's top 25 teams are scheduled to compete. Aside from Oregon, the 14-team field

includes a dozen teams west of the Mississippi River, including No. 2 UNLV, No. 8 Brigham Young, No. 11 UCLA, No. 17 Arizona and host school No. 15 Arizona State.

California, Colorado State, Hawaii, Kansas State, Penn State, Pepperdine, Stanford and Texas Tech will also be competing.

Representing Oregon will be the same five golfers who claimed the Western Intercollegiate title. Leading the Ducks will be juniors Chris Dukeminier, Gregg LaVoie and Justin St. Clair, who finished tied for 39th at last year's tournament, in which Oregon finished 14th. Snyder and Ma are scheduled to play as well.

Following a disheartening 12th-place finish at last week's Ping/ASU Invitational, the women are set to end their regular season on the right foot. Oregon head coach Shannon Rouillard is sending her usual suspects to compete: senior Johnna Nealy, juniors Erin Andrews and Michelle Timpani, sophomore Kim McCready and freshman Victoria Wenslow. Andrews aims to continue her streak of top-20 finishes. The Las Vegas native has finished ninth, 15th and 16th in the past three tournaments and is sporting a 76.1 scoring average going into Saturday's first round.

Despite their disappointing finish last week, the Ducks have finished in

the top five of three tournaments this spring and appear fine-tuned for the conference championships. They face four Pac-10 schools this week and a number of other teams they have competed against this season. No. 6 Washington comes into the tournament as the front-runner of the four ranked teams included in the field of 14. Other Pac-10 teams competing include No. 12 Stanford, No. 22 Washington State and Oregon State.

The tournament is scheduled for two rounds with 18 holes being played both Saturday and Sunday. At last year's Peg Barnard Invitational, Oregon finished ninth. In 2001, the Ducks finished first.

## Red Sox manager Francona spends team's win at hospital

BY HOWIE RUMBERG  
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NEW YORK — Chest pains forced Terry Francona into a hospital Wednesday. How soon the Boston manager returns to his team remains to be seen.

Francona was taken by ambulance to New York Weill-Cornell Medical Center in Manhattan after experiencing chest tightness in the morning. He underwent a variety of tests and then listened on the radio as the Red Sox rallied for a 7-3 victory over the Yankees, their first win of the season.

Red Sox spokesman Glenn Geffner said Francona, who turns 46 on April 22, was scheduled to be transferred Wednesday night to Boston, where he will remain under the supervision of team doctor Thomas Gill.

"We're pleased he's coming back to Boston tonight. He's still undergoing some tests, we understand he has not had a heart attack," team

president and chief executive Larry Lucchino said Wednesday night at Fenway Park, where the red carpet ceremony for the premiere of the movie "Fever Pitch" took place. "The tests will continue, but the victory today I know helped his morale."

The Red Sox, meanwhile, were off to Toronto to open a series against the Blue Jays on Friday.

"Tito has meant so much to this whole team," center fielder Johnny Damon said. "He's the guy that would go to battle for you."

The Red Sox would not specify what Francona was tested for or any results.

General manager Theo Epstein informed the team of Francona's situation in a very brief meeting after the second Red Sox bus arrived at Yankee Stadium around 10:30 a.m. He then went to the hospital and spent the game with Francona.

Francona took the 8 a.m. bus to

the stadium with Mills and several coaches and began his routine, even fulfilling media obligations despite not feeling well.

"He just felt a little tightness in his chest," Mills said before the game. "He was a little concerned, there's no doubt. He told me, 'Don't worry about me. I'm going to be OK.'"

Francona had experienced chest pains before — a result of life-threatening blood clots that developed from a knee operation.

Ten days after knee surgery in 2002, he was in Seattle interviewing for the Mariners' managing job when he experienced severe chest pains.

Francona played 10 years in the major leagues as a first baseman and outfielder. He had already had 11 knee operations when he went in for the arthroscopic procedure in November 2002.

Francona also managed the Philadelphia Phillies from 1997-2000.

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speed, there isn't an offensive lineman on the Oregon roster (or in the Pac-10 for that matter) that can block No. 96.

David Faaeteete — The sophomore defensive tackle has been impressive during spring drills, displaying good technique and a lot of intensity. The Medford native is fighting to earn the spot vacated by Robby Valenzuela.

Willie Glasper — The freshman

cornerback is yet another heralded recruit from De La Salle High School. Glasper's talents have caught the eyes of senior corner Justin Phinisee, who said the newcomer is certain to help the Oregon pass defense with his speed and nose for the ball.

Devan Long — The senior defensive end is expected to have the best season of his career as Oregon's biggest pass-rushing threat. Long injured his hamstring during the first

day of spring drills, however, and will likely be out until next week.

Aaron Gipson — Like Long, big things are expected from the senior cornerback. After a rough start to his Oregon career, Gipson has turned himself into a quality player. He is also out until next week, though, after injuring the sternoclavicular joint near his left shoulder.

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## Track: Rupp plans to run in Oregon Invitational

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"I think I will run in the Oregon Invitational here in the next few weeks," Rupp said. "I think I might open at Mt. SAC, but the plan is the Oregon Invitational definitely. The only question will be whether I'll be in an Oregon uniform or running unattached."

On Tuesday, Rupp had nothing but positive things to say about his teammates and coaches. He also credited them with making his transition to Eugene a smooth one.

"Everyone's been real welcoming," Rupp said. "That's one of the things I was worried about coming in, but everyone's been really nice and sincere about it too. It's definitely helped a lot to have those guys on the team."

The three-time Track & Field News All-American will also retain his

running coach, Alberto Salazar, in addition to working with the Duck's volunteer distance coach Pat Tyson.

"They are going to work together," Rupp said. "Alberto is going to continue to write most of my workouts, and he'll come down a couple of times per week to watch the really hard workouts. Otherwise, Coach Tyson is just going to oversee what I am doing. I know that Alberto and him have a good relationship. They're kind of working together on this."

Rupp has been training with former world-class runner Salazar since graduating high school. Salazar, former Oregon standout, won the New York City Marathon three consecutive years from 1980-82. In 1981, Salazar broke a 12-year world marathon record with a time of 2:08.13 and was the last American to capture a New York marathon title. In addition, he

also captured the title at the 53-mile Comrade Marathon in South Africa.

"I think Alberto working with him over the past couple of years has provided a great foundation of preparing him for the pressures he's about to face," Tyson said. "I don't want to put a lot of pressure on him, but the fact of the matter is he knows he's good. We're going to do the best we can in allowing him to be a typical college kid and allowing him to get a degree from the University of Oregon."

Rupp is the second of Salazar's runners to enroll at Oregon since the resignation of head track coach Martin Smith on March 18.

Scott Wall, teammate of Rupp at Central Catholic, joined the track team as a walk-on and has also started attending classes.

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