



PACIFIC GOLF

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PACIFIC MEETS GEORGIA TECH IN DUAL MATCH

MATCH PLAY AT PASATIEMPO AND OREGON DUCK INVITATIONAL AHEAD FOR TIGERS

PACIFIC vs GEORGIA TECH - DUAL MATCH

The Tigers head to Santa Cruz tomorrow, March 24th, for a dual match against the fourth ranked Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets. The competition will include eight players from both teams squaring off in single matches worth one point each. The dual match takes place at the Pasatiempo Golf Club in Santa Cruz, California; recently ranked number 33 in Golfweek's list of classic courses. The par 70, 6,432-yard course is an Alister MacKenzie design, of Augusta National and Cypress Point fame.

Pacific catches Georgia Tech at the end of a week-long golf trip to the Monterrey Peninsula. The Yellow Jackets will have played Cypress Point, Pebble Beach, Monterrey Peninsula Club and The Reserve. As with the Tigers, Georgia Tech was able to fit the dual match into their schedule after they were rained out of the Isleworth-UCF Invitational last fall.

"It's going to be a great opportunity for our team to learn from players and coaches at that level," said Goethals.

The match play format reunites head coach Brandon Goethals with his former team, Georgia Tech, where he spent four years as an assistant coach to Bruce Heppler.

"We want to stay competitive while out here on spring break and we wanted to help Brandon out with his program," said Heppler.

OREGON DUCK INVITATIONAL

Soon after the their dual match with Georgia Tech it's back on the road again for the Tigers who will travel to Eugene, Oregon for the Oregon Duck Invitational. The March 27-28 tournament is held this year at the Shadow Hills Country Club. The University of Oregon hosted event begins with 18-holes Monday and 36-holes Tuesday at the par 72, 7,007-yard course.

Last season, senior Matt Kern fired a 220 to lead the Tigers, finishing tied for 25th as Pacific finished 15th in team scoring. Then junior Thomas Petersson shot a 75-77-75=227, while Gordian Curtius and Brett Giurlani carded 54-hole scores of 239.

DIABLO GRANDE INTERCOLLEGIATE

The Pacific men's golf team chose to forgo their final round of the Diablo Grande Intercollegiate, Monday, March 20 and withdrew from the tournament. Due to inclement weather the event was postponed after the second round and picked up the following day. However, that third day of the tournament would have brought Pacific's total playing days for the year to 25. By NCAA regulations each school is allowed 24 days in which to compete in each year. Thus, to remain on schedule for the rest of the season the Tigers had to withdraw from the tournament in order to abide by NCAA regulations and not jeopardize future playing dates.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CLASSIC PRO-AM

Head coach Brandon Goethals recently showed his competing days are far from over as he took part in the Northern California Classic Pro-Am at Brookside Country Club this past Tuesday. The Pro-Am is part of the Canadian Tour's California Classic set for today through March 26. Goethals paired up with Pacific head basketball coach Bob Thomason to play the 18-hole private course with 126 other golfers.

THE FALL CAMPAIGN

The Pacific golf team completed their first season under new head coach Brandon Goethals, finishing in the Top 10 in three of their five tournaments during their fall campaign. The Tigers were led by junior Thomas Petersson and sophomore Chris Rosenau, both of whom which paced Pacific in two tournaments during the past semester. Petersson finished in the Top-10 twice; tying for seventh at The Prestige at PGA West and an eighth place showing at the Bill Cullum Intercollegiate in November. Senior Gordian Curtius contributed the top finish of the season, tying for third at the Bill Cullum. As a team the Tigers carded five rounds of sub-par golf with Petersson shooting a four-under 68 at the Cullum Intercollegiate. Three Tigers, Petersson, Rosenau and redshirt freshman Charles Van Sicklen played in all 15 rounds during the first half of the year and four other players saw action in various tournaments.

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2006 UNIVERSITY OF THE PACIFIC GOLF ROSTER

<i>Name</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Hometown (Previous School)</i>
Adam Beckman	Freshman	Lodi, California (Lodi High School)
Gordian Curtius	Senior	Lindau, Germany
Brett Giurlani	Sophomore	Menlo Park, Calif. (St. Francis High School)
Brandon Hemphill	Sophomore	Sammamish, Wash. (Skyline High School)
A.J. Hohn	Sophomore	Lodi, California (Lodi High School)
Andrew Llarenas	Sophomore	Kaneohe, Hawaii (Iolani High School)
Tarn MacArthur	Freshman	Montreal, Quebec
Thomas Petersson	Junior	Stockholm, Sweden (Satsjobadens)
Chris Rosenau	Sophomore	Redding, Calif. (Enterprise High School)
Reid Scarff	Junior	Oroville, Calif. (Oroville High School)
Charles Van Sicklen	Freshman	Stockton, California (Tokay High School)

2006 PACIFIC REMAINING TOURNAMENTS

March 24	Match Play vs Georgia Tech	Pasatiempo Golf Club	Santa Cruz, California
March 27-28	Oregon Duck Invitational	Shadow Hills Country Club	Eugene, Oregon
April 3-4	Pacific Coast Intercollegiate	Rancho San Marcos Golf Course	Santa Barbara, California
April 10-11	Wyoming Cowboy Classic	Talking Stick Golf Course	Scottsdale, Arizona
April 25-26	Big West Championship	Tijeras Creek	Rancho Santa Margarita, California

COACH'S CORNER

Brandon Goethals



It was very unfortunate that we had to withdraw from the Drake Invitational this past week. We added the event to our schedule at the last minute because we had a playing day free up after the rainout at the Anteater Invitational. It was a unique circumstance as the final day of play was supposed to be 36 holes. We finished 18 holes, however the weather held us back from finishing the second 18. The tournament director decided to extend the event another day and unfortunately we had used all of our 24 playing days and were unable to compete.

Our team play at the Drake Invitational was less than stellar to say the least, but I really feel like the team had a wake up call. I think that the team finally realized what it takes to play collegiate golf at the next level. We obviously have a long way to go, but I can promise you that the practice schedule is already in place for the rest of the year to make sure we improve.

We head out to Pasatiempo on Friday to take on the 4th ranked Yellow Jackets of Georgia Tech in a match play event. I really look forward to our team having the opportunity to learn from players and coaches at that level. It will be a great experience for our guys and should give them some things to think about as we head to the Oregon Duck Classic this weekend.

As always, thank you for all your support.

Coach Goethals

First year head coach Brandon Goethals has wasted no time in reinventing the Pacific golf program, guiding the Tigers to a successful fall season in his first semester at the helm. The Tigers finished ninth in both the Lexus Classic and Santa Clara Invitational before ending the season with a fourth place showing at the Bill Cullum Intercollegiate.

Before arriving at Pacific, Goethals had just completed his fourth year as an assistant coach at Georgia Tech under head coach Bruce Heppler. He helped lead the Yellow Jackets to a runner-up finish at the 2005 NCAA Golf Championships in Owings Mills, Maryland. He played a large part in recruiting the last three years, and successfully recruited four players over the course of two years that were ranked in the Top-30 nationally.