

Women earn NCAA bid, off to Florida

Colorado earns just second tourney bid in school history

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For the second time in its history, Colorado's women's golf team was selected for the NCAA Division I Women's Golf Championships. The Buffs were placed in the East Regional as the No. 11 seed and will compete on May 5-7, 2011, in Daytona Beach, Fla., hosted by Stetson University and the Central Florida Sports Commission.

The Buffaloes are one of 24 teams that will participate in the East Regional at LPGA International. A total of 72 teams and 18 individuals were selected for this year's championships with the top eight teams and two individuals from each region advancing to the NCAA Championships, set for May 18-21 in College Station, Texas.

"We're very excited about being selected for the Regionals," CU coach Anne Kelly said. "That's what we've worked all year to accomplish. I'm honestly a little surprised we're going to Florida, but not disappointed. Maybe this means we'll get some warm weather this spring."

The Buffs have played against 10 of the 24 teams in the East Region this season and are 11-6 head-to-head against them. Of the 72 teams in the field, the Buffs have played against 41 of the teams and hold a head-to-head record of 43-27-2. Overall the Buffs are 111-30-2 on the season.

In the program's 16th season, this is the second time the Buffaloes have advanced as a team, also doing so during the 2008-09 season, when the Buffs were seeded No. 16 out of 21 teams in the West Region and finished 19th.

Colorado is one of six Big 12 teams that made the field, including Texas (No. 6 seed, central), Iowa State (No. 7, west), Texas A&M (No. 9, west), Oklahoma (No. 10, west), Colorado (No. 11, east), Texas Tech (No. 15, east) and Oklahoma State (No. 16, central).

Looking ahead, there were eight teams from the Pac-10 that advanced, including two of the three top seeds. Southern California (No. 1, west), UCLA (No. 1, central), Arizona (No. 3, west), California (No. 3, east), Arizona State (No. 4, east), Stanford (No. 8, central), Oregon (No. 11, west), Washington (No. 13, west).

East Regional

At Daytona Beach, Fla.

Stetson host; Seed in parenthesis

No. 1 Alabama, No. 2 Purdue, No. 3 California, No. 4 Arizona State, No. 5 Auburn, No. 6 Michigan State, No. 7 North Carolina, No. 8 Vanderbilt, No. 9 Florida, No. 10 Florida State, No. 11 Colorado, No. 12 TCU, No. 13 Louisville, No. 14 Mississippi, No. 15 Texas Tech, No. 16 Florida International, No. 17 Coastal Carolina, No. 18 Augusta State, No. 19 Yale, No. 20 Kentucky, No. 21 Stetson, No. 22 UNC-Wilmington, No. 23 Fairleigh Dickinson, No. 24 Alabama State.

CU men ninth at Big 12s

HUTCHINSON, Kan. -- The Colorado men's golf team stands in ninth place after the first two rounds of the Big 12 Championships.

No. 1-ranked and four-time defending league champion Oklahoma State owns a 15-over par total of 575, good for a three-stroke lead over Texas (578). Oklahoma (579) and Texas A&M (582) remain in the hunt. Colorado, meanwhile, is in ninth place with a 38-over total of 598.

CU junior Kevin Kring is pacing the Buffs. He's tied for 18th place at 147. Oklahoma State's Morgan Hoffman and Kevin

Tway are tied for the lead at 1-under 139. Oklahoma's Ryan Sirman is one back at 140.

The third round is today and the final round is slated for Wednesday.

Big 12 Championships

At par-70 Prairie Dunes Golf Club

Team scores

1. Oklahoma State 283-292--575
2. Texas 287-291--578
3. Oklahoma 287-292--579
4. Texas A&M 286-296--582
5. Texas Tech 286-299--585
6. Nebraska 286-303--589
7. Kansas 290-303--593
8. Baylor 296-299--595
9. Colorado 291-307--598
10. Missouri 300-302--602
10. Kansas State 296-306--602
12. Iowa State 302-305--607

Top 5 individuals

1. Morgan Hoffman, OSU 70-69--139
1. Kevin Tway, OSU 66-73--139
3. Ryan Sirman, OU 66-74--140
4. Julio Vegas, Texas 70-71--141
- T5. Abraham Ancer, OU 73-71--144
- T5. Chandler Rusk, TT 71-73--144
- T5. Will Griffin, TT 73-71--144

CU individuals

- T18. Kevin Kring 73-74--147
- T36. Pat Wilson 71-79--150

T38. Luke Symons 76-75--151

T51. Jason Burstyn 77-79--156

T55. Sebastian Heisele 71-87--158

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