

2011-12 University of Denver Women's Golf Postseason Guide

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 ConferenceSun Belt Conference
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Highlands Ranch Golf Course
 2011-12 Sun Belt Finish1
 2011-12 Current Ranking (Golfweek/Sagarin)43
 Lettermen Returning/Lost5/1
 Starters Returning/Lost5/1
 Newcomers3

TEAM HISTORY

First Year of Women's Golf1998
 NCAA Appearances2002, 2003, 2004, 2005,
2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012
 SBC Championships2004, 2005, 2006, 2007
2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012

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2011-12 SCHEDULE

Date	Tournament (Host)	Course/Location
Sept. 19-21	Golfweek Conference Challenge (Denver)	Red Sky Ranch Golf Club/Edwards, Colo.
Sept. 25-26	Branch Law Firm/Dick McGuire Invite (UNM)	University of N.M. Golf Course/Albuquerque, N.M.
Oct. 14-16	Stanford Intercollegiate (Stanford)	Stanford Golf Club/Palo Alto, Calif.
Oct. 31-Nov. 2	Betsy Rawls Longhorn Invitational (Texas)	University of Texas Golf Club/Austin, Texas
Feb. 5-7	Arizona Wildcat Invitational (Arizona)	The Golf Club at Vistoso/Tucson, Ariz.
Feb. 13-15	Northrop Grumman Regional Challenge	Palos Verdes Country Club/Palos Verdes, Calif.
March 18-20	Battle at Ranch Bernardo Inn (SDSU)	Rancho Bernardo Golf Club/San Diego, Calif.
Mar. 30-Apr. 1	Liz Murphey Collegiate Classic (Georgia)	University of Georgia Golf Course/Athens, Ga.
April 16-18	Sun Belt Conference Championship	The Shoals Golf Course/Muscle Shoals, Ala.
May 10-12	NCAA Division I West Regional Championship (Colorado)	Colorado National Golf Club/Erie, Colo.
May 23-26	NCAA National Championship	Vanderbilt Legends Club/Franklin, Tenn.

The University of Denver women's golf team is making the short trip north from the DU campus this week to compete in their 11th-consecutive NCAA Division I Regional Tournament at the West Regional hosted by the University of Colorado at Colorado National Golf Club in Erie, Colo., May 10-12.

"We are excited to be playing in our 11th-straight NCAA Tournament," head coach Sammie Chergo said. "I couldn't be more proud and happy for our players. They have worked so hard this year, and I know they are looking forward to having some fun and representing our DU family at the national level."

The Pioneers punched their ticket to this year's postseason after claiming their ninth-straight Sun Belt Conference title last month at the 2012 SBC Championships in Muscle Shoals, Ala.

Denver finished eight-over par for the tournament (872), 17 strokes ahead of second-place Middle Tennessee.

Leading the charge for the Crimson and Gold was freshman Rachael Watton who claimed individual medalist honors at the SBC Championships after outdueling Katie Munday of Florida International in a playoff. Watton was named the 2012 SBC Women's Golf Freshman of the Year for her efforts and was placed on the All-SBC team, as well.

Joining Watton on the 2012 SBC Women's Golf All-Conference Team was sophomore Tonje Daffinrud who placed fourth at the tournament, and junior Kelly Drack who tied for seventh.

A WELL-ROUNDED SQUAD

Daffinrud is leading the Crimson and Gold in scoring average with 74.55 strokes per round as they enter regional action. Drack is second on the team with a 74.65 and Watton is third at 75.23. Drack leads the Pioneers with three top-10 finishes so far this season, including a tie for ninth at the Branch Law Firm/Dick McGuire Invitational in September and tie for eighth at the Arizona Wildcat Invitational in February.

Seniors Sarah Faller and Anna Christenson add depth to the Pioneer line-up. Faller carded a career-low 68 during the second round of the Stanford Intercollegiate in October and Christenson had a nice showing during the SBC Championships in April, finishing 14th in a field of 55 players.

Senior Lindsay Cone, redshirt-junior Melissa Martin and freshman Mieke Heyns also saw action for Denver during the 2011-12 regular season.

LOOKING FOR A RETURN TO FINALS

The Crimson and Gold are no strangers to NCAA Regionals, but this year Denver is looking to return to the NCAA Division I Women's Championships for the first time since 2009, when the Pioneers finished fifth.

Denver has two top-ten Women's Championship finishes during the last five seasons, but are looking to make one more step towards number three with a successful campaign this week.

NGCA PRESEASON POLL (4/18/12)

Rk	School	Points Prev
Rank	Team	Points Last
1.	UCLA (23)	647 1
2.	Alabama (3)	627 2
3.	Arizona State	563 4
4.	USC	558 3
5.	Auburn	495 5
6.	LSU	490 6
7.	North Carolina	463 8
8.	Duke	455 9
9.	Vanderbilt	419 7
10.	Georgia	407 10
11.	Colorado	374 11
12.	Tennessee	369 14
13.	Texas A&M	318 19
14.	California	308 15
15.	Florida	277 17
16.	Oklahoma State	256 12
17.	Baylor	236 16
18.	Pepperdine	215 18
19.	Arizona	213 13
20.	Ohio State	146 22
21.	Oregon	125 21
22.	N.C. State	119 20
23.	UC Davis	86 24
24.	Florida State	53 NR
25.	South Carolina	50 NR

2011-12 ROSTER

Name	Yr.	Hometown
Anna Christenson	Sr.	Lincoln, Neb.
Lindsay Cone	Sr.	Killington, Vt.
Tonje Daffinrud	So.	Tonsberg, Norway
Kelly Drack	Jr.	Melbourne, Fla.
Sarah Faller	Sr.	Galway, Ireland
Mieke Heyns	Fr.	Lethbridge, Alberta



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SEASON STATISTICS

Tournament	Tournaments	TEAM STATISTICS							Total	Par
		Rounds	Average Score	Versus Par	Adjusted					
		Finish	Region	Rd. 1	Rd. 2	Rd. 3	Rd. 4			
Golfweek Conference Challenge (9/19-9/21)		7-18	4-5	296	307	306	----		912	+48
Branch Law Firm/Dick McGuire (9/25-9/26)		T2-18	1-10	301	287	303	----		891	+15
Stanford Intercollegiate (10/14-10/16)		15-16	10-11	293	290	298	----		881	+29
Betsy Rawls Longhorn Invite (10/31-11/2)		7-15	3-5	298	290	298	----		899	+35
Arizona Wildcat Invitational (2/5-2/7)		6-14	6-13	301	303	310	----		914	+50
Northrop Grumman Regional Challenge (2/13-2/15)		8-15	6-8	295	313	300	----		908	+56
Battle at Rancho Bernardo Inn (3/19-3/20)		12-16	8-11	312	311	----	----		623	+47
Liz Murphey Collegiate Classic (3/30-4/01)		15-17	1-1	303	305	299	----		907	+43
Sun Belt Conference Tournament		1- 11	1-1	288	293	291	----		872	+8
NCAA Division I West Regional										
NCAA Women's Championship										

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS											
Name	Yr.	# Tourn.	# Rds.	Avg. Score	vs. Par	Low Rd.	In 60's	Par/Better	Finish Pct.	Wins	Best Fin.
Tonje Daffinrud	SO	7	20.0	74.55	2.70	71	0	4	68.8%	0	4
Kelly Drack	JR	9	26.0	74.65	2.77	69	1	4	69.1%	0	T7
Rachael Watton	FR	9	26.0	75.23	3.35	67	1	7	65.7%	1	T1
Sarah Faller	SR	8	23.0	76.43	4.57	68	1	1	51.2%	0	T17
Melissa Martin	JR	4	11.0	78.45	6.73	75	0	0	18.9%	0	T58
Anna Christenson	SR	4	12.0	78.50	6.75	72	0	1	32.2%	0	14
Mieke Heyns	FR	4	11.0	79.36	7.09	73	0	0	33.1%	0	T45

DAFFINRUD'S 2011-12 STATISTICS

Tournament	Finish	Region					Tot.	Par.
		Finish	Rd. 1	Rd. 2	Rd. 3			
Golfweek Conference Chall.	T21-88	T8-24	76	75	77	228	+12	
Branch Law/Dick McGuire	T23-96	T13-54	79	71	75	225	+6	
Stanford Intercollegiate	T57-87	T40-61	73	75	74	222	+9	
Betsy Rawls Longhorn Invite	T8-81	T3-26	73	74	72	219	+3	
NorthropGrumman Reg. Chall.	T21-80	16-43	76	76	72	224	+11	
Battle at Rancho Bernardo	T51-90	T37-63	79	77	---	156	+12	
SBC Championships	4-55	2-5	71	72	74	217	+1	

DRACK'S 2011-12 STATISTICS

Tournament	Finish	Region					Tot.	Par.
		Finish	Rd. 1	Rd. 2	Rd. 3			
Golfweek Conference Chall.	T16-88	6-24	74	78	74	226	+10	
Branch Law/Dick McGuire	T9- 96	T5-54	73	70	78	221	+2	
Stanford Intercollegiate	T68-87	49-61	73	79	74	226	+13	
Betsy Rawls Longhorn Invite	T31-81	13-26	76	77	75	228	+12	
Arizona Wildcat Invitational	T8-77	T8-72	69	74	76	219	+3	
NorthropGrumman Reg. Chall.	T19-80	15-43	76	74	73	223	+10	
Battle at Rancho Bernardo	T45-90	T32-63	79	76	---	155	+11	
Liz Murphey Collegiate Classic	T33-90	2-5	74	73	76	223	+7	
SBC Championships	T7-55	3-5	71	76	73	220	+4	

WATTON'S 2011-12 STATISTICS

Tournament	Finish	Region					Tot.	Par.
		Finish	Rd. 1	Rd. 2	Rd. 3			
Golfweek Conference Chall.	T11-88	T4-24	76	72	77	225	+9	
Branch Law/Dick McGuire	T9-96	T5-54	76	71	74	221	+2	
Stanford Intercollegiate	T30-87	T22-61	73	70	73	216	+3	
Betsy Rawls Longhorn Invite	T27-81	T11-26	76	74	77	227	+9	
Arizona Wildcat Invitational	T21-77	T21-72	80	73	74	227	+11	
NorthropGrumman Reg. Chall.	T46-80	T30-43	67	84	80	231	+18	
Battle at Rancho Bernardo	T88-90	T61-63	81	91	---	172	+28	
Liz Murphey Collegiate Classic	T28-90	1-5	76	76	70	222	+6	
SBC Championships	T1-55	1-5	71	73	71	215	-1	

FALLER'S 2011-12 STATISTICS

Tournament	Finish	Region					Tot.	Par.
		Finish	Rd. 1	Rd. 2	Rd. 3			
Branch Law/Dick McGuire	T26-96	T15-54	75	75	76	226	+7	
Stanford Intercollegiate	T47-87	T33-61	74	68	77	219	+6	
Betsy Rawls Longhorn Invite	T38-81	T14-26	74	82	74	230	+12	
Arizona Wildcat Invitational	46-77	44-72	78	81	78	237	+21	
NorthropGrumman Reg. Chall.	T42-80	T27-43	76	79	75	230	+17	
Battle at Rancho Bernardo	T35-90	T24-63	76	78	---	154	+9	
Liz Murphey Collegiate Classic	T73-90	3-5	80	78	75	233	+17	
SBC Championships	T17-55	5-5	75	81	73	229	+13	

MARTIN'S 2011-12 STATISTICS

Tournament	Finish	Region					Tot.	Par.
		Finish	Rd. 1	Rd. 2	Rd. 3			
Stanford Intercollegiate	T79- 87	T53-61	75	77	81	233	+20	
Betsy Rawls Longhorn Invite	T58- 81	T23-26	75	78	82	235	+17	
Battle at Rancho Bernardo	T61- 90	T42-63	78	80	---	158	+13	
Liz Murphey Collegiate Classic	T85- 90	5-5	75	79	83	237	+21	

CHRISTENSON'S 2011-12 STATISTICS

Tournament	Finish	Region					Tot.	Par.
		Finish	Rd. 1	Rd. 2	Rd. 3			
Arizona Wildcat Invitational	T44- 77	T 42-72	74	75	87	236	+20	
NorthropGrumman Reg. Chall.	73- 80	40-43	76	84	85	245	+32	
Liz Murphey Collegiate Classic	T75- 90	4-5	78	78	78	234	+18	
SBC Championships	14- 55	4-5	76	72	79	227	+11	

HEYN'S 2011-12 STATISTICS

Tournament	Finish	Region					Tot.	Par.
		Finish	Rd. 1	Rd. 2	Rd. 3			
Golfweek Conference Challenge	T57- 88	T18-24	73	82	82	237	+21	
Branch Law Firm/Dick McGuire	T70- 96	38-54	77	78	80	235	+16	
Arizona Wildcat Invitational	T64- 77	T59-72	83	81	82	246	+30	
Battle at Rancho Bernardo	T45- 90	T32-63	73	82	---	155	+11	

CONE'S 2011-12 STATISTICS

Tournament	Finish	Region					Tot.	Par.
		Finish	Rd. 1	Rd. 2	Rd. 3			
Golfweek Conference Challenge	T66- 88	T22-24	76	85	78	239	+23	

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TOURNAMENT RECAPS

GOLFWEK CONFERENCE CHALLENGE

Sept. 19-21 • Wolcott, Colo.

Team Leaderboard

1	Oklahoma	301	307	291	899	+35
2	UC Davis	294	313	297	904	+40
3	Tulsa	305	305	296	906	+42
4	Pepperdine	300	306	301	907	+43
T5	Mississippi	300	306	302	908	+44
T5	Oregon	297	304	307	908	+44
7	Denver	299	307	306	912	+48
8	TCU	307	311	295	913	+49
T9	Coastal Carolina	297	313	307	917	+53
T9	Notre Dame	302	311	304	917	+53
11	Georgia State	304	319	301	924	+60
T12	Kennesaw St.	304	317	309	930	+66
T12	UTSA	304	314	312	930	+66
14	Chattanooga	305	325	302	932	+68
15	New Mexico State	312	311	311	934	+70
16	Minnesota	302	324	312	938	+74
17	Pennsylvania	313	325	321	959	+95
18	Western Michigan	320	332	319	971	+107

Individual Scorers

T11	Rachael Watton	76	72	77	225	+9
T16	Kelly Drack	74	78	74	226	+10
T21	Tonje Daffinrud	76	75	77	228	+12
T57	Mieke Heyns	73	82	82	237	+21
T66	Lindsay Cone	76	85	78	239	+23

Denver Finishes Fall Opener in Seventh Place

WOLCOTT, Colo. - The University of Denver women's golf team finished the Golfweek Conference Challenge in seventh place at the par-72 Red Sky Golf Club after shooting an 18-over par 306 in the final round to finish 48-over par 912 (299-307-306) for the tournament.

"It was a roller coaster out there, at least from a coaching perspective" said head coach Sammie Chergo. "We had the lead with five holes to play, and we did not finish well. I'll admit I'm disappointed, but I think my disappointment is tempered by some excitement because we are a very young team. We can build from that and this experience."

Oklahoma claimed the tournament trophy after finishing the third round 3-over par 291 to get the Sooners a 35-over par 899 (301-307-291) for the tournament.

Action was tight throughout the day as the Sooners along with UC Davis, Pepperdine and Denver were all tied for first with six holes to go. However, some solid work on the back nine to close out the day helped UC Davis finish second (904), followed by Tulsa (906), Pepperdine (907) and a tie for fifth between Mississippi and Oregon (908).

The course average of the field was 77.57, which fell in the middle of the course average from the first two days.

Freshman Rachael Watton (Edinburgh, Scotland) tied for 11th-place with a 225 (+9) overall after her plus five 77 in the final round.

Sophomore Tonje Daffinrud (Tonsberg, Norway) started the final round lights out, but faltered down the stretch, finishing the day with a 77 (+5) to finish tied for 21st with a 228 (+11) overall.

Junior Kelly Drack (Melbourne, Fla.) ended her first tournament of the season tied for 16th in the 90-team field with a 226 (+10) after carding a 74 (+2) in the final round.

Oklahoma's Chirapat Jao-Javanil finished even in the final round, and claimed the individual championship by three strokes, finishing with a 217 (+1) for the tournament.

BRANCH LAW FIRM/ DICK MCGUIRE

Sept. 25-26 • Albuquerque, N.M.

Team Leaderboard

1	Baylor	294	298	295	887	+11
T2	Denver	301	287	303	891	+15
T2	TCU	295	294	302	891	+15
4	Northwestern	290	296	306	892	+16
5	San Diego State	294	298	303	895	+19
6	Colorado	306	292	300	898	+22
7	Iowa State	300	297	302	899	+23
8	New Mexico	305	298	302	905	+29
9	Pepperdine	300	296	310	906	+30
10	Colorado State	309	300	303	912	+36
11	Campbell University	302	301	310	913	+37
12	Iowa	306	311	298	915	+39
T13	North Texas	298	307	312	917	+41
T13	Texas El Paso	303	306	308	917	+41
15	San Jose State	308	302	311	921	+45
16	UNLV	305	310	313	928	+52
17	Wyoming	303	315	316	934	+58
18	Northern Arizona	309	314	312	935	+59

Individual Scorers

T9	Kelly Drack	73	70	78	221	+2
T9	Rachael Watton	76	71	74	221	+2
T23	Tonje Daffinrud	79	71	75	225	+6
T26	Sarah Faller	75	75	76	226	+7
T70	Mieke Heyns	77	78	80	235	+16

DU Women's Golf Ties for Second in New Mexico

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. - The University of Denver women's golf team finished 15-over par and tied for second place at the 32nd Branch Law Firm/Dick McGuire Invitational in Albuquerque, N.M., on Monday.

"I am pleased with the team's effort today," said head coach Sammie Chergo. "We came up a little short of our first win, but we battle hard. There were some tough pins out there, but we learned a lot and look forward to our next chance."

Junior Kelly Drack (Melbourne, Fla.) and freshman Rachael Watton (Edinburgh, Scotland) both finished at two-over par (73-70-78=221, 76-71-74=221) and were tied for ninth, respectively at the end of the two-day, 54-hole tournament on the University of New Mexico's 6,187 yard, par-73 Championship Course.

The Pioneers posted an 11-over par 303 on the final day and along with TCU (295-294-302=891), finished four strokes behind tournament champion, Baylor (294-298-295=887).

Sophomore Tonje Daffinrud (Tonsberg, Norway) was six-over par for the tournament and tied for 23rd place (79-71-75=225). Senior Sarah Faller (Galway, Ireland) tied for 24th, finishing seven-over par (75-75-76=226) and freshman Mieke Heyns (Lethbridge, Alberta) tied for 70th place with a 16-over par 235 (77-78-80).

Denver was in second place after rounds of 301 and 287 on Sunday.

STANFORD INTERCOLLEGIATE Oct. 14-16 • Palo Alto, Calif.

Team Leaderboard

1	UCLA	277	279	286	842	-10
2	Vanderbilt	281	279	285	845	-7
3	Washington	277	287	283	847	-5
4	Oregon	282	281	285	848	-4
5	Oklahoma State	287	281	282	850	-2
6	Southern California	284	280	288	852	E
7	Arizona State	285	286	289	860	+8
8	Kent State	290	286	285	861	+9
9	UC Davis	292	287	289	868	+16
T10	Stanford	282	300	292	874	+22
T10	Texas	287	290	297	874	+22
12	San Diego State	286	291	298	875	+23
13	Virginia	289	296	291	876	+24
14	Oregon State	293	282	303	878	+26
15	Denver	293	290	298	881	+29
16	San Jose State	295	296	306	897	+45

Individual Scorers

T30	Rachael Watton	73	70	73	216	+3
T47	Sarah Faller	74	68	77	219	+6
T57	Tonje Daffinrud	73	75	74	222	+9
T68	Kelly Drack	73	79	74	226	+13
T79	Melissa Martin	75	77	81	233	+20

DU Women's Golf 15th at Stanford Intercollegiate

STANFORD, Calif. - The University of Denver women's golf team finished 29-over par and in 15th place after posting a final round 298 at the Stanford Intercollegiate in Stanford, Calif., on Sunday.

Denver was led by freshman Rachael Watton (Edinburgh, Scotland) who finished three-over par (73-70-73-216) and tied for 30th during the three-day, 54-hole event on the 6,100-yard, par-71 Stanford Golf Course. Senior Sarah Faller (Galway, Ireland) was second for the Pioneers at six-over par (74-68-77-219) and tied for 47th.

Sophomore Tonje Daffinrud (Tonsberg, Norway) was nine-over par (73-75-74-222) and tied for 57th and junior Kelly Drack (Melbourne, Fla.) finished at 13-over (73-79-74-226) and tied for 68th. Redshirt-junior Melissa Martin (Grand Junction, Colo.) was 20-over par (75-77-81-233) for the tournament, finishing in a tie for 79th.

No. 1 UCLA claimed the tournament crown at 10-under par (842). No. 10 Vanderbilt was the tournament's runner-up at seven-under (845) followed by Washington (847), Oregon (848) and No. 8 Oklahoma State (850) to round out the top-five.

Washington's SooBin Kim was the individual medalist at 13-under par (66-68-66-200) followed by UCLA's Stephanie Kono (67-69-66-202) and Oregon's Cassi Isagawa (67-67-70-204).

The field of 16 teams included four of the top ten teams in the country and eight of the top-25.

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BETSY RAWLS LONGHORN INVITE

Oct. 31-Nov. 2 • Austin, Texas

Team Leaderboard

1	Texas	288	293	299	880	+16
T2	Florida	285	304	303	892	+28
T2	Pepperdine	297	299	296	892	+28
T2	Tulsa	293	301	298	892	+28
5	Oklahoma State	290	305	302	897	+33
6	Arizona	304	294	300	898	+34
7	Denver	298	303	298	899	+35
8	New Mexico	299	303	304	906	+42
9	Arkansas	299	302	307	908	+44
10	UNLV	295	302	313	910	+46
11	Mississippi St.	302	305	307	914	+50
12	Kent State	293	305	318	916	+52
13	Iowa	297	313	316	926	+62
14	Wisconsin	303	315	309	927	+63
15	Princeton University	315	315	316	946	+82

Individual Scorers

T8	Tonje Daffinrud	73	74	72	219	+3
T27	Rachael Watton	76	74	77	227	+11
T31	Kelly Drack	76	77	75	228	+12
T38	Sarah Faller	74	82	74	230	+14
T58	Melissa Martin	75	78	82	235	+19

DU Women's Golf Finishes 7th at Longhorn Invite

AUSTIN, Texas - The University of Denver women's golf team finished seventh and sophomore Tonje Daffinrud (Tonsberg, Norway) tied for eighth at the 2011 Betsy Rawls Longhorn Invitational in Austin, Texas, on Wednesday.

"I'm proud of how our team battle today," head coach Sammie Chergo said. "This event was a good test for us and will provide great momentum going into the offseason."

The Pioneers finished the tournament at 35-over par with a final round 298 (298-303-298-899), the second best team score of the day.

No. 14 Texas claimed the tournament title at 16-over par (288-293-299-880) in a field of 15 that included four top-25 schools.

Daffinrud finished with an even par 72 at the 6,344-yard, par-72 University of Texas Golf Club. The sophomore was three-over par for the tournament (73-74-72-219), five strokes behind individual champion No. 17 Nicole Vandermade of Texas (72-73-69-214).

Freshman Rachael Watton (Edinburgh, Scotland) was 11-over par (76-74-77) and tied for 27th at the three-day, 54-hole event. Junior Kelly Drack (Melbourne, Fla.) tied for 31st at 12-over par (76-77-75-228) and senior Sarah Faller (Galway, Ireland) finished 14-over par (74-82-74-230), tying for 38th. Senior Melissa Martin (Grand Junction, Colo.) finished tied for 58th at 19-over par (75-78-82-235).

No. 12 Florida (892), Pepperdine (892), Tulsa (892) and No 5. Oklahoma State (897) rounded out the top five.

ARIZONA WILDCAT INVITATIONAL

Feb. 5-7 • Tucson, Ariz.

Team Leaderboard

1	Arizona	285	274	292	851	-13
2	UCLA	289	283	291	863	-1
3	Arizona State	291	296	297	884	+20
4	Colorado	301	294	310	905	+41
5	Oregon State	307	302	299	908	+44
6	Denver	301	303	310	914	+50
7	Stanford	305	299	319	923	+59
8	New Mexico	300	302	322	924	+60
9	San Diego State	310	306	311	927	+63
10	North Texas	310	303	319	932	+68
11	Washington State	309	316	323	948	+84
12	New Mexico State	319	324	317	960	+96
13	Portland State	332	308	333	973	+109
14	Northern Arizona	318	327	330	975	+111

Individual Scorers

T8	Kelly Drack	69	74	76	219	+3
T21	Rachael Watton	80	73	74	227	+11
T44	Anna Christenson	74	75	87	236	+20
46	Sarah Faller	78	81	78	237	+21
T64	Mieke Heyns	83	81	82	246	+30

DU Women's Golf Finishes Sixth at Wildcat Invite

TUCSON, Ariz. - The University of Denver women's golf team finished sixth and junior Kelly Drack (Melbourne, Fla.) tied for eighth at the 2012 University of Arizona Wildcat Invitational in Tucson, Ariz., on Tuesday.

"The golf course played very hard and fast today," head coach Sammie Chergo said. "But it was good to get back out and see where we are this early in the season."

The Pioneers finished the tournament at 50-over par during the three-day, 54-hole event following a final round 310 (301-303-310-914) on the 6,250-yard, par-72 course at The Golf Club at Vistoso.

Drack finished with a final-round 76 and was three-over par for the tournament (69-74-76-219), 15 strokes behind individual champion Manon Gidali from the University of Arizona who finished at 12-under par (67-66-71-204).

Freshman Rachael Watton (Edinburgh, Scotland) finished tied for 21st at 11-over par (80-73-74-227) and senior Anna Christenson (Lincoln, Neb.) was 20-over par (74-75-87-236), tying for 44th.

Senior Sarah Faller (Galway, Ireland) finished 46th at 21-over par (78-81-78-237) and freshman Mieke Heyns (Lethbridge, Alberta) was 30-over par, tying for 64th (83-81-82-246).

No. 22 Arizona claimed the tournament title at 13-under par (285-274-292-851) in a field of 15 that included four Golfweek/Sagarin top-25 schools. No. 1 UCLA finished second at one-under par (289-283-291-863).

Denver made the trip south without sophomore Tonje Daffinrud (Tonsberg, Norway) who is out due to illness.

NORTHROP GRUMMAN

REGIONAL CHALLENGE

Feb. 13-15 • Palos Verdes, Calif.

Team Leaderboard

1	UCLA	284	286	300	870	+18
2	Southern California	297	291	294	882	+30
3	Pepperdine	300	292	295	887	+35
4	Arizona State	302	295	294	891	+39
5	Duke	292	302	303	897	+45
6	Ohio State	296	302	303	901	+49
7	Colorado	303	295	304	902	+50
8	Denver	295	313	300	908	+56
9	Michigan State	302	297	315	914	+62
10	Florida State	296	309	310	915	+63
11	Oregon	304	300	314	918	+66
12	Florida	302	308	312	922	+70
13	Oklahoma	310	310	311	931	+79
14	UC Davis	312	300	323	935	+83
15	Wake Forest	310	314	313	937	+85

Individual Scorers

T19	Kelly Drack	76	74	73	223	+10
T21	Tonje Daffinrud	76	76	72	224	+11
T42	Sarah Faller	76	79	75	230	+17
T46	Rachael Watton	67	84	80	231	+18
73	Anna Christenson	76	84	85	245	+32

DU Women's Golf Places Eighth at Northrop Grumman Challenge

PALOS VERDES, Calif. - The University of Denver women's golf team finished in eighth place at 56-over par after posting a final round 300 among a tough 15-team field at the 2012 Northrop Grumman Regional Challenge hosted by Ohio State University at the Palos Verdes Golf Club in Palos Verdes, Calif., on Wednesday.

"I'm proud of how we battled back after a disappointing team score yesterday," head coach Sammie Chergo said. "Sarah, Kelly, and Tonje showed a lot of maturity out there today and this was a good experience for us as a team."

The Pioneers finished 38 strokes behind tournament champion and top-ranked UCLA, which finished at 18-over par (284-286-300-870) for the three-day, 54-hole event at the 5,912-yard, par-71 Palos Verdes Golf Club.

Junior Kelly Drack (Melbourne, Fla.) led the Pioneers during the event, finishing at 10-over par and tying for 19th place after a final-round 73 (76-74-73-223). Sophomore Tonje Daffinrud (Tonsberg, Norway) carded a final-round 72, earning her a tie for 21st place at 11-over par (76-76-72-224).

Senior Sarah Faller (Galway, Ireland) finished in a tie for 42nd place at 17-over par after posting a 75 in the final round (76-79-75-230). Freshman Rachael Watton (Edinburgh, Scotland) posted a final-round 80 and was 18-over par for the tournament (67-84-80-231), placing her in a tie for 46th place. Senior Anna Christenson (Lincoln, Neb.) placed 73rd at 32-over par after a final-round 85 (76-84-85-245).

No. 18 Duke's Lindy Duncan, the No. 1 golfer in the nation, claimed the individual title at three-under par (69-71-70-210).

The 15-team field included 12 schools in Golfweek's Top-30.

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TOURNAMENT RECAPS

BATTLE AT RANCHO BERNARDO

March 19-20 • San Diego, Calif.

Team Leaderboard

1	Southern California	295	295	590	+14
2	Arizona State	295	297	592	+16
3	Texas A&M	302	294	596	+20
4	California	303	294	597	+21
T5	Pepperdine	302	300	602	+26
T5	Tulane University	293	309	602	+26
7	Miami	305	300	605	+29
8	UNLV	303	306	609	+33
9	Long Beach State	303	312	615	+39
T10	Texas	308	309	617	+41
T10	Washington	313	304	617	+41
12	Denver	312	311	623	+47
T13	Arizona	313	311	624	+48
T13	Coastal Carolina	315	309	624	+48
15	New Mexico	316	311	627	+51
16	San Diego State	306	323	629	+53

Individual Scorers

T35	Sarah Faller	76	78	154	+10
T45	Kelly Drack	79	76	155	+11
T45	Mieke Heyns	73	82	155	+11
T51	Tonje Daffinrud	79	77	156	+12
T61	Melissa Martin	78	80	158	+14

Women's Golf Finishes 12th in Battle at Rancho Bernardo Inn

SAN DIEGO, Calif. - The University of Denver women's golf team placed 12th at 47-over par after posting a final round 311 at The Battle at Rancho Bernardo Inn in San Diego, Calif., on Tuesday.

The Pioneers (312-311-623) finished 33 strokes behind tournament champion, No. 3 Southern California (295-295-590), which was 14-over par during the two-day, 36-hole tournament.

Senior Sarah Faller (Galway, Ireland) led the Pioneers during the event, posting a final-round 78 and tying for 35th at 10-over par (76-78-154) at the 6,312-yard, par-72 Championship Golf Course at Rancho Bernardo Inn Golf Resort & Spa.

Junior Kelly Drack (Melbourne, Fla.) shot a 76 on Tuesday to finish at 11-over par and tied for 45th (79-76-155). Freshman Mieke Heyns (Lethbridge, Alberta) also tied for 45th at 11-over par after carding a final-round 82 (73-82-155).

Sophomore Tonje Daffinrud (Tonsberg, Norway) was 12-over for the tournament and tied for 51st after a final day 77 (79-77-156) and redshirt-junior Melissa Martin (Grand Junction, Colo.) tied for 61st at 14-over par after posting an 80 on Tuesday (78-80-158).

Southern California's Sophia Popov claimed the individual crown at two-under par (71-71-142).

No. 8 Arizona State and No. 22 Texas A&M rounded out the top three in a field of 16 that included eight Golfweek/Sagarin Top-30 teams.

Sunday's round was cancelled due to rain, shortening to tournament to two rounds over two days.

LIZ MURPHEY

COLLEGIATE CLASSIC

Mar. 30-Apr. 1 • Muscle Shoals, Ala.

Team Leaderboard

1	Alabama	278	287	289	854	-10
2	Georgia	284	289	293	866	+2
3	Florida	286	298	283	867	+3
4	Virginia	287	297	289	873	+9
5	South Carolina	285	292	298	875	+11
6	Purdue	293	289	296	878	+14
7	Auburn	297	292	290	879	+15
8	Michigan State	296	291	294	881	+17
9	Arkansas	305	291	290	886	+22
10	Notre Dame	301	292	299	892	+28
11	Oklahoma	296	304	295	895	+31
12	Wake Forest	302	297	297	896	+32
13	Florida State	296	304	297	897	+33
14	Kent State	293	306	302	901	+37
15	Denver	303	305	299	907	+43
16	Augusta State	311	308	303	922	+58
17	Missouri	305	310	310	925	+61

Individual Scorers

T28	Rachael Watton	76	76	70	222	+6
T33	Kelly Drack	74	73	76	223	+7
T73	Sarah Faller	80	78	75	233	+17
T75	Anna Christenson	78	78	78	234	+18
T85	Melissa Martin	75	79	83	237	+21

DU Women Place 15th at Liz Murphey Collegiate Classic

ATHENS, Georgia. - The University of Denver women's golf team placed 15th at 43-over par after a final-round 299 at the 40th Annual Liz Murphey Collegiate Classic hosted by the University of Georgia in Athens, Georgia, on Sunday.

The Pioneers finished with a three-day combined total of 907 as No. 2 Alabama claimed the team championship at 10-under par (278-287-289-854).

Freshman Rachael Watton (Edinburgh, Scotland) led the Crimson and Gold at the event, tying for 28th at six-over par after a final round 70 (76-76-70-222) on the 6,335-yard, par-72 University of Georgia Golf Course.

Junior Kelly Drack (Melbourne, Fla.) tied for 33rd at seven-over par, after posting a four-over 76 on Sunday (74-73-76-223) and senior Sarah Faller (Galway, Ireland) tied for 73rd at 17-over par after an three-over 75 (80-78-75-233).

Senior Anna Christenson (Lincoln, Neb.) shot her third-straight 78 during the final round and tied for 75th at 18-over par (78-78-78-234) and redshirt-junior Melissa Martin (Grand Junction, Colo.) tied for 85th at 21-over par after carding an 83 on Sunday (75-79-83-237).

No. 12 Georgia (866), No. 16 Florida (867), No. 28 Virginia (873) and No. 27 South Carolina (875) rounded out the top-five in a field of 17 teams that included 12 Golfweek/Sagarin Top-40 squads.

Sophomore Tonje Daffinrud (Tonsberg, Norway) did not compete in the event for Denver as she was at home in Norway attending her grandfather's funeral.

SUN BELT CONFERENCE

CHAMPIONSHIP

April 16-18 • Muscle Shoals, Ala.

Team Leaderboard

1	Denver	288	293	291	872	+8
2	Middle Tennessee St.	295	303	291	889	+25
3	FIU	298	305	292	895	+31
4	North Texas	296	308	294	898	+34
5	UALR	302	311	298	911	+47
6	South Alabama	304	315	298	917	+53
7	Arkansas State	305	313	306	924	+60
8	Troy	309	317	307	933	+69
9	ULM	312	308	315	935	+71
10	Western Kentucky	316	338	312	966	+102
11	Florida Atlantic	335	339	330	1004	+140

Individual Scorers

T1	Rachael Watton	71	73	71	215	-1
4	Tonje Daffinrud	71	72	74	217	+1
T7	Kelly Drack	71	76	73	220	+4
14	Anna Christenson	76	72	79	227	+11
T17	Sarah Faller	75	81	73	229	+13

DU Women's Golf Earns Ninth-Straight SBC Crown

MUSCLE SHOALS, Ala. - Led by freshman Rachael Watton's (Edinburgh, Scotland) individual title, the University of Denver women's golf team claimed its ninth-straight Sun Belt Conference crown on Wednesday at the 2012 SBC Championships on the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail at The Shoals in Muscle Shoals, Ala.

Sophomore Tonje Daffinrud (Tonsberg, Norway) finished fourth and junior Kelly Drack (Melbourne, Fla.) tied for seventh, giving Denver three of the top-10 spots.

Watton, Daffinrud and Drack received All-SBC honors. Watton was also named SBC Freshman of the Year.

"I'm so happy for our team and so proud of how we competed this week," head coach Sammie Chergo said. "Everyone played with a lot of passion for the University of Denver and I really appreciate their effort."

The Pioneers recorded a final-round 291 to finish at eight-over par (288-293-291-872) for the tournament, 17 strokes ahead of second-place Middle Tennessee (889).

Watton outdueled Florida International's Katie Munday in a playoff to earn the individual medal, becoming the first DU player to win the title since Kimberly Kim in 2010. The freshman posted a 71 on Wednesday to finish at one-under par for the tournament (71-73-71-215).

Daffinrud carded a 74 (71-72-74-217) during the final round of play, coming in at one-over par during the three-day, 54-hole event on the 6,264-yard, par-72 Fighting Joe Course. Drack was four-over par for the tournament after a final-round 73 (71-76-73-220).

Senior Anna Christenson (Lincoln, Neb.) placed 14th at 11-over par, finishing with a 79 (76-72-79-227) and fellow senior Sarah Faller (Galway, Ireland) was 13-over par for the tournament, tying for 17th after a final-round 73 (75-81-73-229).

Florida International (895), North Texas (898) and Arkansas-Little Rock (911) rounded out the top-five.

The Crimson and Gold have laid claim to every SBC title since 2004 and now wait to see where they will travel for the NCAA Regional, which takes place Thursday, May 10 through Saturday, May 12.