

Buffs finish 8th at Pepperdine tourney

Top CU finisher Baird ties for 23rd

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SOMIS, Calif. — The Colorado men's golf team put together one of the best rounds of the day Tuesday to wrap up the Pepperdine Club Glove Intercollegiate in eighth place.

The Buffs combined to shoot 306 in the final round, and though that total was 18 strokes over par, only Pepperdine and Loyola Marymount beat it. New Mexico matched it.

Pepperdine led the tournament wire-to-wire. The No. 26-ranked hosts finished with a team score of 905 after firing 299 Tuesday. Loyola Marymount finished 10 strokes behind following a final-round 301. The Buffs checked in with a three-round total of 947.

The scores were high across the board as players battled 50-to-60 mph wind gusts both days of the event. Smoke and ash from several of the wildfires raging in southern California were also a factor.

"It was surreal here," Buffs coach Roy Edwards said of the conditions. "During the practice round on Sunday, the sky was totally bright orange and there was no sun, and we pulled the golfers off the course. There was a fire about a mile and a half from us, and I have to say it was the oddest thing I've ever seen."

Georgia State's Joel Sjoholm hung on for a one-stroke victory despite shooting an 80 in the final round for a 225 total. Pepperdine's Andrew Putnam was second.

Michael Baird led the Buffs with a 236 and finished tied for 23rd. The only other Buff in the top 30 was Derek Tolan who finished tied for 27th at 238.

The Buffs conclude the fall portion of their schedule November 5-6 in Orlando, Fla., in the Michigan Wolverine Intercollegiate.

Pepperdine Club Glove Intercollegiate

Team scores — 1. Pepperdine 300-306-299—905; 2. Loyola-Marymount 304-310-301—915; 3. Georgia State 311-304-314—929; 4. Colorado State 311-318-308—937; 5. Lamar 313-309-316—938; 6. Louisiana State 315-311-315—941; 7. Kansas State 320-316-308—944; **8. Colorado 324-317-306—947**; 9. Memphis 325-315-309—949; 9. New Mexico 323-320-306—949; 11. UC-Santa Barbara 319-321-316—956; 12. Nevada 324-319-320—963.

Top 5 individuals — 1. Joel Sjoholm, Georgia State 73-72-80—225; 2. Andrew Putnam, Pepperdine 71-82-73—226; 3. Brian Locke, LMU 78-74-75—227; 3. Dustin Morris, Colorado State 76-76-75—227; 5. Jason D'Amore, LMU 71-77-81—229; 5. Bryan Martin, LMU 78-78-73—229.

CU individuals — T23. Michael Baird 79-80-77—236; T27. Derek Tolan 80-78-80—238; T32. Luke Symons 84-82-73—239; T37. Michael Imperato 82-77-81—240; 57. Jim Grady 83-89-76—248.