

UW PLACES 7TH AT NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP

NCAA Championship

West Lafayette, Ind. • May 28-31, 2008
Campan Course
Par 72, 7,431 yards

Team Results (Top-15)

1. UCLA	297-293-298-306-1194
2. Stanford	309-288-296-302-1195
3. USC	297-294-300-305-1196
4. Oklahoma State	298-296-301-305-1200
5. Clemson	301-288-302-310-1201
6. Kent State	301-297-302-304-1204
7. Washington	305-290-307-306-1208
8. Charlotte	306-295-306-303-1210
9. Georgia	303-293-305-309-1210
10. Louisville	311-296-300-306-1213
11. Florida	302-291-306-315-1214
12. Texas A&M	309-294-306-307-1216
13. Alabama	309-297-297-315-1218
14. San Diego State	310-303-294-315-1222
15. Mid Tennessee State	309-293-311-312-1225

Medalist/Husky Finishes

1. Kevin Cappell, UCLA	69-73-68-76-286
2. Nick Taylor	75-66-73-75-289
23. Zach Bixler	74-76-77-76-303
55. Tze Huang Choo	84-72-76-78-310
64. Darren Wallace	79-76-81-77-313
78. John Wise	77-79-82-85-323

Washington sophomore Nick Taylor fired a final-round score of 3-over 75 to finish in a tie for runner-up honors at the NCAA Div. I Men's Golf Championships held at Purdue's Birck Boilermaker Golf Complex, Saturday. Taylor, who led the Huskies to a seventh-place team finish, completed the 72-hole tournament at 1-over 289, just three shots behind NCAA champion Kevin Chappell from UCLA (2-under 286).

Washington moved up two spots on the team leaderboard during the final round, carding an 18-over 306 to finish the tournament at 56-over 1208. It marks the fourth top-10 NCAA finish for the Huskies in the last five years.

"When you consider that just a few weeks ago we were wondering whether or not we'd even get into the regional, and now we're in the top seven in the country, that's just amazing," Husky head coach Matt Thurmond said. "It was



fun to play this week without many expectations. We felt great to be here and we knew could play really well and do what we did, if not more. But we didn't feel like we had pressure to do so. I'm just really proud of the guys and the way they competed, the poise they showed."

The story for UW was the play of Taylor, finishing the day tied with Indiana's Jorge Campillo for NCAA runner-up honors. Taylor's fourth-round score was one shot better

than Chappell's and his second-round score of 6-under 66 remained as the tournament low.

Taylor is the third Husky in UW history to finish second or higher at the NCAA Championships, and second to do so in the last four years. James Lepp, who hails from the same hometown of Abbotsford, B.C., as Taylor, won a NCAA title in 2005 and Troy Kelly finished as the NCAA runner-up in 1999.

"It feels really good," Taylor said of his second-place national finish. "I played pretty good for most of the day. I hit the ball really well. It was tough out there today to get close to the hole and really have any chance to birdie. It even got more difficult with the wind and standing above the ball, not knowing if the wind is going to effect it or not. I was proud of how I played. I didn't think I'd be that close to Kevin (Chappell) in the end, but I played really well today and I'm happy with the way I finished."

Taylor's final round saw him sink one birdie and four bogeys on what many thought was the most difficult day in terms of the windy conditions on the course. The average fourth-round score was 78.19.

"Nick's the main reason we finished in the top-10 as a team," Thurmond said. "He was absolutely awesome in the postseason. To have a guy finish second at regionals and nationals, what more can you ask for?"

Also finishing in the top-25 was senior Zach Bixler who tied for 23rd at 15-over 303 in his final tournament as a Husky. Bixler carded a final-round score of 4-over 76. Freshman Tze Huang Choo tied for 55th at 22-over 310 with a 6-over 78 on Saturday. Rounding out the UW lineup were sophomore Darren Wallace who tied for 64th (25-over 313) and junior John Wise finished 78th (35-over 323).

The Pac-10 ended up dominating the NCAA Championships, with four of the top seven teams hailing from the Conference of Champions. Just three shots separated the top three teams. UCLA (42-over 1194) edged Stanford (43-over 1195) for the title, while USC came in third place (44-over 1196).

The future bodes well for the Huskies who will return four of their five players that competed at the NCAA Championships, including Taylor. All four of those Huskies were making their first-ever NCAA Championship appearances in West Lafayette this week.





Individual Best Rounds - Gross Score

60	-11	Zach Bixler	Alister MacKenzie Invite	Oct. 8, 2007
66	-5	Darren Wallace	Alister MacKenzie Invite	Oct. 8, 2007
66	-4	Nick Taylor	UH-Hilo Invitational	Feb. 7, 2008
66	-6	Nick Taylor	NCAA Championship	May 29, 2008
67	-4	Nick Taylor	Alister MacKenzie Invite	Oct. 8, 2007
67	-3	Nick Taylor	UH-Hilo Invitational	Feb. 6, 2008
67	-3	Zach Bixler	UH-Hilo Invitational	Feb. 7, 2008
67	-4	Tze Huang Choo	Pac-10 Championship	April 28, 2008

Individual Best Rounds - vs. Par

-11	60	Zach Bixler	Alister MacKenzie Invite	Oct. 8, 2007
-6	66	Nick Taylor	NCAA Championship	May 29, 2008
-5	66	Darren Wallace	Alister MacKenzie Invite	Oct. 8, 2007
-4	66	Nick Taylor	UH-Hilo Invitational	Feb. 7, 2008
-4	67	Nick Taylor	Alister MacKenzie Invite	Oct. 8, 2007
-2	67	Nick Taylor	UH-Hilo Invitational	Feb. 6, 2008
-3	67	Zach Bixler	UH-Hilo Invitational	Feb. 7, 2008
-4	67	Tze Huang Choo	Pac-10 Championship	April 28, 2008

Individual Best Tournaments - Gross Score

201	-9	Nick Taylor	UH-Hilo Invitational	Feb. 6-8, 2008
206	-7	Zach Bixler	Alister MacKenzie Invite	Oct. 8-9, 2007
206	-7	Darren Wallace	Alister MacKenzie Invite	Oct. 8-9, 2007
208	-5	Nick Taylor	Alister MacKenzie Invite	Oct. 8-9, 2007
209	-1	Zach Bixler	UH-Hilo Invitational	Feb. 6-8, 2008
211	-5	Nick Taylor	NCAA West Regional	May 15-17, 2008
213	-3	Nick Taylor	CordeValle Collegiate	Nov. 5-7, 2007
214	+1	John Wise	Alister MacKenzie Invite	Oct. 8-9, 2007

Individual Best Tournaments - vs. Par

-9	201	Nick Taylor	UH-Hilo Invitational	Feb. 6-8, 2008
-7	206	Zach Bixler	Alister MacKenzie Invite	Oct. 8-9, 2007
-7	206	Darren Wallace	Alister MacKenzie Invite	Oct. 8-9, 2007
-5	208	Nick Taylor	Alister MacKenzie Invite	Oct. 8-9, 2007
-5	211	Nick Taylor	NCAA West Regional	May 15-17, 2008
-3	213	Nick Taylor	CordeValle Collegiate	Nov. 5-7, 2007
-1	209	Zach Bixler	UH-Hilo Invitational	Feb. 6-8, 2008
+1	214	John Wise	Alister MacKenzie Invite	Oct. 8-9, 2007

Team Best Rounds - Gross Score

268	-16	Alister MacKenzie Invitational	Second	Oct. 8, 2007
270	-10	UH-Hilo Invitational	Second	Feb. 7, 2008
273	-11	Alister MacKenzie Invitational	First	Oct. 8, 2007
280	E	UH-Hilo Invitational	First	Feb. 6, 2008
282	+2	UH-Hilo Invitational	Third	Feb. 8, 2008
284	E	PING Arizona Intercollegiate	First	Jan. 28, 2008
288	E	GADO North Texas Classic	Second	Feb. 17, 2008
289	+1	NCAA West Regional	Third	May 17, 2008

Team Best Rounds - vs. Par

-16	268	Alister MacKenzie Invitational	Second	Oct. 8, 2007
-11	273	Alister MacKenzie Invitational	First	Oct. 8, 2007
-10	270	UH-Hilo Invitational	Second	Feb. 7, 2008
E	280	UH-Hilo Invitational	First	Feb. 6, 2008
E	284	PING Arizona Intercollegiate	First	Jan. 28, 2008
E	288	GADO North Texas Classic	Second	Feb. 17, 2008
+1	361	CordeValle Collegiate	Third	Nov. 7, 2007
+1	289	NCAA West Regional	Third	May 17, 2008

Team Best Tournaments - Gross Score

832	-20	Alister MacKenzie Invitational	Oct. 8-9, 2007
832	-8	UH-Hilo Invitational	Feb. 6-8, 2008
874	+10	NCAA West Regional	May 15-17, 2008
876	+24	PING Arizona Intercollegiate	Jan. 28-29, 2008
886	+30	GADO North Texas Classic	Feb. 17-18, 2008
890	+50	U.S. Intercollegiate	April 19-20, 2008
892	+28	Oregon Duck Invitational	March 24-25, 2008
898	+34	Big Ten/Pac-10 Challenge	Oct. 21-22, 2007

Team Best Tournaments - vs. Par

-20	832	Alister MacKenzie Invitational	Oct. 8-9, 2007
-8	832	UH-Hilo Invitational	Feb. 6-8, 2008
+10	874	NCAA West Regional	May 15-17, 2008
+16	592	Husky Invitational	Oct. 1-2, 2007
+24	876	PING Arizona Intercollegiate	Jan. 28-29, 2008
+28	892	Oregon Duck Invitational	March 24-25, 2008
+30	886	GADO North Texas Classic	Feb. 17-18, 2008
+34	898	Big Ten/Pac-10 Challenge	Oct. 21-22, 2007

2007-08 Tournament Summary

Date:	Tournament:	Rd. 1.	Rd. 2	Rd. 3	Rd. 4	Total	Finish/Top Husky
Oct. 1-2	Husky Invitational	296	296			592	2nd of 13/Zach Bixler (2nd, 142)
Oct 8-9	Alister Mackenzie Invite	273	268	291		832	2nd of 16/Bixler and Wallace (t-8th, 206)
Oct. 21-22	Big-Ten/Pac-10 Challenge	301	297	300		898	6th of 8/Zach Bixler (t-8th, 221)
Nov. 5-7	CordeValle Collegiate	375	379	361		1115	10th of 11/Nick Taylor (t-7th, 213)
Jan. 28-29	PING Arizona Intercollegiate	284	301	291		876	T-9th of 16/Zach Bixler (t-23rd, 217)
Feb. 6-8	UH-Hilo Intercollegiate	280	270	282		832	T-8th of 18/Nick Taylor (t-5th, 201)
Feb. 17-18	GADO North Texas Classic	291	288	307		886	9th of 14/Nick Taylor (17th, 219)
March 3-4	USC Collegiate Invitational	305	298	299		902	T-6th of 14/Nick Taylor (t-7th, 221)
March 24-25	Oregon Duck Invitational	304	291	297		892	6th of 11/John Wise (t-9th, 220)
April 7-8	Mizzou Tiger Classic	310	299	305		914	8th of 11/Nick Taylor (t-29th, 228)
April 19-20	U.S. Intercollegiate	298	300	292		890	11th of 17/Zach Bixler (t-25, 217)
April 28-30	Pac-10 Championship	357	367	370	365	1459	7th of 10/Darren Wallace (t-13th, 287)
May 15-17	NCAA Regional	291	294	289		874	4th of 27/Nick Taylor (t-2nd, 211)
May 28-31	NCAA Championship	305	290	307	306	1208	7th of 30/Nick Taylor (t-2nd, 289)

2007-08 Individual Statistics

Player	Events	Rounds	Strokes	Avg.	Low Round	Low 54-Hole	Top Finish	60s	Rounds -Par
Nick Taylor	14	43	3131	72.81	66	201	T2	8	15
Zach Bixler	14	43	3169	73.69	60	206	2	3	7
Darren Wallace	14	43	3193	74.26	66	206	T8	3	7
Tze Huang Choo	12	37	2787	75.32	67	216	T15	1	5
John Wise	14	43	3257	75.74	68	214	T9	1	4
Kellen Eakin	3	8	625	78.13	74	230	T36	0	0
Kevin Spooner	5	14	1132	80.86	73	236	T53	0	0

Fall 2008 Tournament Summary

Date	Tournament	Rd-1	Rd-2	Rd-3	Rd-4	Total	Finish	Low Player
Sept. 12-14	Gopher Invitational	292	297	290		879	3rd of 12	Richard Lee 216 (E)
Sept. 29-30	Husky Invitational	283	292	292		857	1st of 11	Chris Killmer 211 (-5)
Oct. 13-14	The Prestige at PGA West	310	303	276		889	5th of 16	Richard Lee 219 (+3)
Nov. 3-5	CordeValle Collegiate	372	367	371		1110	4th of 12	Nick Taylor 212 (-4)

Fall 2008 Individual Statistics

Player	Events	Rounds	Strokes	Avg.	Low Round	Low 54-Hole	Top Finish	60s	Rounds -Par
Nick Taylor	3	9	650	72.22	70	212	T1	0	6
Richard Lee	4	12	869	72.41	69	216	T3	1	5
Chris Killmer	3	9	657	73.00	64	211	1	2	3
Tze Huang Choo	3	9	675	75.00	70	223	T20	0	1
Jens Bracht	2	6	451	75.16	69	216	T3	1	2
Kevin Spooner	4	12	905	75.41	70	222	19	0	2
Ty Chambers	1	3	227	75.66	74	227	T35	0	0
Dylan Goodwin	1	3	227	75.66	68	227	T35	1	1
Darren Wallace	3	9	691	76.77	73	228	T41	0	0
John Wise	3	9	691	76.77	71	227	T33	0	1

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PING -Arizona Intercollegiate

Tucson, Arizona
January 28-29, 2008
Arizona National Golf Club
Par 71, 6,900 yards

Team Results

1. Tennessee	272-277-283-832
2. UNLV	278-282-275-835
3. UCLA	290-285-272-847
4. Arizona	281-275-292-848
5. East Tennessee St.	274-299-282-855
6. San Diego State	290-286-280-856
7. California	288-290-286-864
8. Texas	303-284-279-866
9. New Mexico	292-294-290-876
9. Washington	284-301-291-876
11. BYU	294-294-294-882
12. Nevada	290-300-293-883
13. Arizona	295-303-288-886
14. UC-Irvine	285-293-309-887
14. Georgia Southern	291-302-294-887
16. Long Beach State	301-320-304-926

Medalist/Washington Finishes

1. Kevin Chappell, UCLA	67-67-64-198
23. Zach Bixler	70-75-72-217
26. Darren Wallace	73-72-73-218
49. Nick Taylor	71-76-76-223
53. Tze Huang Choo	70-82-72-224
60. John Wise	73-78-74-225

The Washington men's golf team shot a final round score of 7-over 291 and tied for ninth overall in its 2008 debut at the PING-Arizona Intercollegiate at Arizona National Golf Club in Tucson.

The Huskies culminated the two-day, 54-hole tournament at 24-over 876 and tied with New Mexico. UW's best round of the event was its first, carding an even-par 284 which had the Huskies in fifth place following the opening 18 holes, but UW wasn't able to duplicate the effort.

UH Hilo Intercollegiate

Hilo, Hawaii
February 6-8, 2008
Waikoloa Village Golf Course
Par 72, 6,971 yards

Team Results

1. Stanford	284-263-275-813
2. Arizona State	271-272-273-816
2. USC	274-270-272-816
4. Georgia Tech	275-272-277-824
5. Texas Tech.	271-275-283-829
6. Washington	280-270-282-832
6. Oregon State	273-278-281-832
8. Oregon	279-276-280-835
9. TCU	284-275-280-839
10. UC Davis	288-277-279-844
11. Colorado	284-274-287-845
12. Santa Clara	288-284-274-846
13. Oklahoma	277-276-295-848
14. Kansas	285-282-291-858
14. Cal-State Bakersfield	283-283-292-858
16. Hawaii-Hilo	282-286-293-861
17. Pacific	291-282-293-866
18. Hawai'i	292-278-298-868

Medalist/Washington Finishes

1. Jesper Kennegard, Arizona St.	68-63-66-197
5. Nick Taylor	67-66-68-201
23. Zach Bixler	69-67-73-209
53. Darren Wallace	71-69-75-215
57. Tze Huang Choo	73-73-70-216
57. John Wise	77-68-71-216

Sophomore Nick Taylor shot a final-round score of 2-under 68 to finish in a three-way way for fifth place at the UH-Hilo Intercollegiate at the Waikoloa Village Golf Course. The Huskies finished the three-day tournament at 8-under 832 after carding a final-round score of 2-over 282. UW tied with Oregon State and ended up three strokes behind fifth-place Texas Tech (11-under 829).

GADO North Texas Classic

Nuevo Vallarta, Texas • Feb. 17-18, 2008
Flamingos Golf Club
Par 72, 6,853 yards

Team Results

1. Louisiana-Lafayette	278-288-282-848
2. Cal-State Northridge	286-294-290-870
3. New Orleans	283-299-290-872
4. Southeastern Louisiana	292-288-293-873
5. Middle Tennessee State	291-295-290-876
6. Colorado State	295-288-295-878
7. Troy	291-296-297-884
8. North Texas	297-292-296-885
9. Washington	291-288-307-886
10. Missouri	290-303-301-894
10. UALR	297-301-296-894
12. Houston	304-294-301-899
13. Ball State	302-308-306-916
14. Eastern Illinois	304-315-316-935

Medalist/Washington Finishes

1. Kyle Nicolson, CSUN	69-71-67-207
17. Nick Taylor	72-70-77-219
21. Darren Wallace	72-73-76-221
23. Zach Bixler	76-70-76-222
48. Tze Huang Choo	71-79-79-229
50. John Wise	77-75-78-230

After sitting in second place after the first two rounds, the Huskies fell to ninth with a final-round score of 19-over 307 at the GADO North Texas Classic at the Flamingos Golf Club in Nuevo Vallarta, Mexico.

The Huskies finished the 54-hole tournament at 22-over 886, despite turning in a 3-over 291 and an even-par 288 during the first two rounds on Sunday. Sophomore Nick Taylor was the Huskies' leader wire-to-wire, finishing 17th on the individual leaderboard at 3-over 219. Taylor carded a final-round score of 5-over 77 following rounds of even-par 72 and 2-under 70 on Sunday.

USC Collegiate Invitational

Westlake Village, Calif. • March 3-4, 2008
North Ranch Country Club
Par 71, 6,869 yards

Team Results

1. USC	284-307-294-885
2. Tennessee	318-286-285-889
3. Stanford	305-297-288-890
4. Pepperdine	309-287-302-898
5. California	310-297-292-899
6. BYU	311-290-301-902
6. Washington	305-298-299-902
8. Loyola Marymount	307-296-300-903
9. Oklahoma	306-302-299-907
10. Oregon State	314-303-294-911
11. Oregon	318-301-294-913
12. Notre Dame	318-302-305-925
13. UCLA	313-303-316-932
14. Fresno State	319-299-316-934

Medalist/Washington Finishes

1. Tim Sluiter, USC	74-74-70-218
7. Nick Taylor	74-77-70-221
14. Darren Wallace	74-70-80-224
34. Zach Bixler	82-74-73-229
45. John Wise	76-80-76-232
70. Tze Huang Choo	81-77-82-240

Washington sophomore Nick Taylor earned his second-top-10 finish of the spring, shooting a final-round score of 1-under 70 to tie for seventh at the USC Collegiate Invitational.

Led by Taylor who has been the team's top finisher in the last three tournaments, Washington culminated the 54-hole event in a tie for sixth place with BYU at 50-over 902.

Oregon Duck Invitational

Creswell, Ore. • March 24-25, 2008
Emerald Valley Golf Club
Par 72, 7,093 yards

Team Results

1. San Diego State	292-289-292-873
2. Oregon State	299-295-290-884
2. Oregon	298-292-294-884
4. Arkansas	296-297-293-886
4. Pacific	285-301-300-886
6. Washington	304-291-297-892
7. Portland	299-298-300-897
8. Idaho	296-304-299-899
8. Washington State	309-285-305-899
10. UC Davis	297-295-309-901
11. Northern Colorado	333-313-312-958

Medalist/Washington Finishes

1. T.J. Bordeaux, Pacific	70-69-71-210
9. John Wise	71-75-71-220
15. Tze Huang Choo	74-71-77-222
25. Nick Taylor	80-71-74-225
38. Darren Wallace	78-74-75-227
52. Zach Bixler	78-77-80-235
62. Kevin Spooner*	82-84-80-246

*Competed as an individual

Washington men's golf shot a final round score of 9-over 297 to finish in sixth place at the 20th annual Oregon Duck Invitational held at the Emerald Valley Golf Club in Creswell, Ore.

The Huskies culminated the 54-hole tournament at 28-over 892, six shots behind Arkansas and Pacific which tied for fourth. UW made up some ground during the final 18 holes after starting the day in eighth place on the team leaderboard.

UMB Bank-Mizzou Tiger Classic

Columbia, Mo. • April 7-8, 2008
The Club at Old Hawthorne
Par 72, 6,204 yards

Team Results

1. Indiana	294-286-301-881
2. Kansas State	298-293-295-886
3. Arkansas	291-293-304-888
4. Iowa State	307-282-300-889
5. Michigan State	300-292-298-890
6. Wichita State	292-297-308-897
7. Michigan	299-293-307-899
8. Washington	310-299-305-914
9. San Jose State	298-301-323-922
10. Missouri	305-310-317-932
10. Xavier	314-304-314-932

Medalist/Washington Finishes

1. Jorje Campillo, Indiana	72-66-74-212
29. Nick Taylor	75-73-80-228
36. Tze Huang Choo	81-74-76-231
36. Zach Bixler	78-76-44-231
36. Darren Wallace	77-78-76-231
40. John Wise	80-76-76-232

Washington men's golf made up some ground during the final round of the UMB Bank-Mizzou Tiger Classic, shooting 17-over 305 to finish eighth at the Club at Old Hawthorne in Columbia, Mo.

The Huskies, which began the day in ninth-place, finished the 54-hole event at 50-over 914. Washington's third round tally split the difference between its first and second round scores, carding a 22-over 310 and an 11-over 299.

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U.S. Intercollegiate

Palo Alto, Calif. • April 19-20, 2008
Stanford Golf Course
Par 70, 6,742 yards

Team Results

1. USC	266-287-275-828
2. Stanford	279-293-269-841
3. California	288-289-280-857
3. UCLA	284-290-283-857
5. UC Irvine	285-296-280-861
6. Arizona State	286-298-288-872
7. San Diego State	285-298-291-874
8. Oregon State	291-299-285-875
9. UC Davis	293-305-292-888
10. Oregon	287-305-297-889
11. Washington	298-300-292-889
12. TCU	294-308-291-893
13. Toledo	205-302-298-895
13. San Jose State	302-301-292-895
15. Nevada	307-301-296-904
16. Minnesota	300-304-304-908
17. Northern Colorado	316-324-306-946

Medalist/Washington Finishes

1. Rory Hie, USC	66-72-62-200
25. Zach Bixler	75-72-71-217
43. Darren Wallace	72-75-77-224
48. Nick Taylor	78-77-70-225
62. Tze Huang Choo	76-76-77-229
70. John Wise	75-81-75-231

Senior Zach Bixler and sophomore Nick Taylor each carded final round scores of even-par 70 to pace the Washington men's golf team on the last day of the U.S. Intercollegiate at Stanford Golf Course, Sunday, as the Huskies finished the tournament in 11th place at 50-over 890. The Huskies turned in their best performance of the tournament during Sunday's final round with their score of 12-over 292.

Pac-10 Championship

Fairfax, Calif. • April 28-30, 2008
Meadow Club Golf Course
Par 71, 6,686 yards

Team Results

1. Arizona State	354-361-356-364-1435
1. USC	338-374-357-366-1435
3. California	346-362-371-359-1438
4. UCLA	348-361-372-358-1439
5. Stanford	350-357-380-357-1444
6. Arizona	354-360-381-351-1446
7. Washington	357-367-370-365-1459
8. Oregon State	354-366-374-367-1461
9. Oregon	359-363-374-366-1462
10. Washington State	369-380-377-376-1502

Medalist/Washington Finishes

1. Creighton Honeck, Arizona	69-69-72-71-281
13. Darren Wallace	72-73-72-70-287
18. Tze Huang Choo	67-71-73-78-289
27. Zach Bixler	73-73-76-71-293
27. Nick Taylor	73-75-72-73-293
40. John Wise	72-75-77-73-297
60. Kevin Spooner	74-D-78-79-231

Washington shot a final-round score of 10-over 365 to finish seventh at the Pac-10 Men's Golf Championships which wrapped up at the Meadow Club, Wednesday.

The Huskies ended the four-round tournament at 39-over 1459, finishing ahead of the three other Northwest schools in Oregon State (41-over 1461), Oregon (42-over 1462) and Washington State (82-over 1502).

Sophomore Darren Wallace led the Huskies with a final-round score of 1-under 70 to finish in a tie for 13th on the individual leaderboard (3-over 287).



NCAA West Regional

Bremerton, Wash. • May 15-17, 2008
Eugene Country Club
Par 72, 6,847 yards

Team Results

1. USC	291-283-288-862
2. Oregon	289-290-285-864
3. Clemson	295-285-287-867
4. Washington	291-294-289-874
5. UCLA	291-294-291-876
6. Stanford	296-297-285-878
7. Saint Mary (CA)	294-301-289-884
8. Arizona State	304-285-296-885
9. Pepperdine	292-301-295-888
9. San Diego State	302-303-283-888
9. Texas	299-299-290-888
12. Texas Tech	302-296-291-889
13. Oklahoma	306-289-297-892
14. Wisconsin	304-290-300-894
15. North Carolina	295-306-294-895
16. Oregon State	302-295-301-898
17. Kentucky	302-291-307-900
18. Kansas State	305-299-298-902
19. UCF	301-302-300-903
20. California	305-296-303-904
21. Florida State	304-305-305-914
22. Louisiana State	304-313-299-916
23. Denver	309-301-309-919
24. UNLV	301-311-308-920
25. San Diego	308-310-309-927
26. Navy	312-309-310-931
27. Columbia	314-327-309-950

Medalist/Washington Finishes

1. Joey Benedetti, Oregon	69-69-69-207
2. Nick Taylor	71-69-71-211
25. Zach Bixler	74-75-71-220
30. Tze Huang Choo	74-72-75-221
46. Darren Wallace	72-78-74-224
79. John Wise	78-78-73-229

Bolstered by the play of sophomore Nick Taylor whose runner-up individual regional finish set a UW school record, the Washington men's golf team earned a spot in the NCAA Championships with their fourth-place team finish at the NCAA West Regional that wrapped up at Gold Mountain Golf Club, Saturday.

The Huskies, who shot their best round of this week's tournament on the final day, will make their ninth NCAA team appearance in the last 10 years when they head to Purdue for the national championships, May 28-31. With the help of Taylor and senior Zach Bixler, UW shot a final-round score of 1-over 289 and finished with a 54-hole total of 10-over 874.

"The course was playing so tough and the guys just stepped up like I couldn't imagine," UW head coach Matt Thurmond said. "We had our best round of the tournament on the final day when we really needed it. Our senior leader Zach was four-under early and I think it really calmed everyone down. Nick said he didn't hit many good shots today but he still found a way to go one-under par, and everyone else just really hung in there. It was awesome."

Top-seeded USC won their first ever regional crown by two shots over surprise runner-up Oregon. USC was the only team to finish under par at 2-under 862 after an even-par 288 in the final round. The Ducks, led by individual medalist Joey Benedetti, finished at even-par 864.

But while the top 15 teams and individual leaders teed off in the morning, some of the most exciting action on the course took place at the very end of the day. San Diego State, which began the round 20th among 27 teams, made a late surge with the best final round score of 5-under 283, forcing a three-way tie for ninth place with Texas and Pepperdine. With only the top-10 teams earning a spot in the NCAA Championships, a three-team sudden death play-off was held once the entire round was complete.