



WOMEN'S GOLF

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PRE-TOURNAMENT NOTES

BIG 12 CHAMPIONSHIP — APRIL 24-26

NORMAN, Okla. – The University of Oklahoma women's golf team starts post-season competition Friday with the three-day, 54-hole Big 12 Championship in Lubbock, Texas. Texas Tech University hosts the 12-team conference tournament at the 6,564-yard, par-72 Rawls Golf Course.

OU heads into the tournament coming off of a second-place finish two weeks ago at its home tournament, the Susie Maxwell Berning Classic. After finishing just three strokes out of first place at that tournament, the Sooners have been hard at work for another chance at victory.

"I think the girls have put extra pressure on themselves to stand up," OU head coach Carol Ludvigson said this week. "But I think it is a good amount of pressure to make a difference and they know that they have to hold up their end of the bargain for us to show our true talent. I look forward to them all succeeding on their own individual goals which will ultimately lead to team success."

Holding the No.1 spot in the Oklahoma lineup is two-time Susie Maxwell Berning Classic winner Kendall Dye. The senior is OU's top golfer with a 76.42 career stroke average, second best in school history. This year, Dye has recorded nothing but top-25 finishes, including three top-10 showings and a first-place finish at the Susie Maxwell. Dye has been a constant in the OU lineup, as she has competed in all but one tournament during her four years as a Sooner. This year she boasts a 74.78 stroke average.

The other constant in OU's lineup has been sophomore Ellen Mueller. The Evansville, Ind., native has participated in every tournament this year and has recorded five top-30 finishes, including two top-5 finishes.

Fellow sophomore Sara Hemingway holds the No.3 spot, as she returns to the team lineup for the first time since withdrawing with a wrist injury at the Kent Youel Invitational last October. Before her injury, she recorded a pair of top-25 finishes. Two weeks ago at the Susie Maxwell, the Kingwood, Texas, product competed as an individual and tied for 11th.

"I think having Sara in the lineup will provide consistency and calmness because she has an uncanny way about her that relaxes everyone," Ludvigson said. "We are very excited that she is back in the lineup and feel very confident with her ability to shoot low scores."

Freshman standout Kelly Short will also compete for the Sooners. Short finished her first collegiate tournament tied for a respectable 32nd place at the Ron Moore Women's Intercollegiate in September. Less than a week later, she tied for eighth at Price's "Give 'Em Five" Invitational. Short also participated in four other tournaments throughout the year, and tied for 17th as an individual at the Susie Maxwell.

In the fifth spot for the Sooners will be senior Staci Smoot. The Rochester, Minn., native competed in six tournaments for the Sooners this season and played her best golf at the Central District Invitational in February, firing a low-round 73 (+1) en route to a 29th-place finish.

A two-week break since their last tournament has allowed the team to prepare for the Big 12 and hopefully end the season strong. Coach Ludvigson sees a top-3 finish as a reachable goal for her team.

"We have been working on knock-down shots and a lot of bump and runs around 20 yards on into the hole," Ludvigson said. "Our goal is to be in contention to win and if not at least finish in the top three. We know this is feasible but we need to have a good start."

Golfweek ranks Oklahoma State (No. 4 nationally) as No.1 in the Big 12, followed by Texas (39), Texas A&M (41), Colorado (45), Baylor (57), Texas Tech (59), Missouri (62), Oklahoma (65), Nebraska (69), Iowa State (70), Kansas (77) and Kansas State (118).

OU last won the Big 12 Championship in 2000, and has finished in the top five in eight out of the 12 league tournaments since the conference was formed in 1996.

Tee times are set for 8 a.m. CT Friday, Saturday and Sunday, with one round played each day.

2008-09 TEAM SCHEDULE/RESULTS

FALL 2007		1st	2nd	3rd	Total	Place	Teams	Par
9/22-24	Ron Moore Women's Intercollegiate (Highlands Ranch, Colo.)	306	315	301	922	11th	13	72
10/6-7	Windy City Collegiate Championships (Skokie, Ill.)	301	301	307	909	5th	13	72
10/13-15	NMSU Prices "Give 'Em Five" Invitational (Las Cruces, N.M.)	299	299	305	903	3rd	17	72
10/28-29	Kent Youel Invitational (Oahu, Hawaii)	303	306	315	924	12th	15	72

SPRING 2008		1st	2nd	3rd	Total	Place	Teams	Par
2/8-10	Lady Puerto Rico Classic (Rio Grande, Puerto Rico)	317	309	309	935	11th	16	72
2/16-17	Central District Invitational (Parrish, Fla.)	309	298	311	918	9th	15	72
3/20-22	Betsy Rawls Longhorn Invitational (Austin, Texas)	302	309	311	922	10th	17	72
3/28-29	Mountain View Collegiate (Tucson, Ariz.)	305	299	307	911	17th	19	72
4/5-6	Susie Maxwell Berning Classic (Norman, Okla.)	315	314	315	944	2nd	15	72
4/24-26	Big 12 Championship (Lubbock, Texas)							
5/7-9	NCAA Regional							
5/19-22	NCAA Championships (Owings Mills, Md.)							

2008-09 INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

FALL '07/SPRING '08	RON MOORE	WINDY CITY	"GIVE 'EM FIVE"	KENT YOEEL
Brooke Collins	(T24) 81-71-76=228	(T40) 80-79-76=235	(T29) 74-77-78=229	(71) 77-80-83=240
Chelsey Collins	DNP	(64) 83-86-82=251	DNP	DNP
Kendall Dye	(T19) 72-80-74=226	(T9) 75-75-74=224	(T22) 78-71-79=228	(T21) 74-75-74=223
Ryanne Elmer	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Sara Hemingway	(T57) 78-84-78=240	(T23) 75-75-80=230	(T22) 74-80-74=228	(WD) 87-WD-84
Ellen Mueller	(T29) 76-75-80=231	(3) 71-72-77=220	(T31) 76-76-78=230	(T36) 76-74-78=228
Andrea Sellmeyer	(T52) 80-84-74=238	DNP	DNP	DNP
Kelly Short	(T32) 81-76-75=232	DNP	(T8) 75-75-75=225	(T50) 76-77-80=233
Staci Smoot	DNP	DNP	(T41) 82-78-74=234	DNP

SPRING 2008	PUERTO RICO	CENTRAL DISTRICT	BESTY RAWLS	MOUNTAIN VIEW	SUSIE MAXWELL	BIG 12
Brooke Collins	(T79) 78-84-84=246	DNP	DNP	DNP	(T24) 78-82-81=241	
Chelsey Collins	(85) 85-88-76=249	DNP	DNP	(T94) 88-76-82=246	(T61) 81-86-87=254	
Kendall Dye	(T16) 72-76-80=228	(T15) 80-72-73=225	(T10) 71-78-71=220	(T15) 76-71-73=220	(1) 77-75-73=225	
Ryanne Elmer	DNP	DNP	(74) 79-81-82=242	(87) 82-79-79=240	(T74) 90-84-86=260	
Sara Hemingway	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	(T11) 80-78-79=237	
Ellen Mueller	(T24) 83-74-73=230	(T36) 72-77-82=230	(T14) 74-70-78=222	(T38) 75-75-77=227	(2) 76-75-78=229	
Andrea Sellmeyer	(T79) 83-82-81=246	(T47) 84-75-76=235	DNP	DNP	(T80) 88-85-89=262	
Kelly Short	DNP	(T58) 86-76-80=242	(T62) 78-80-80=238	(T60) 77-76-78=231	(T17) 81-80-78=239	
Staci Smoot	(T39) 79-77-80=236	(T29) 73-75-82=230	(89) 80-88-85=253	(T76) 77-77-81=235	(T38) 87-80-80=247	

2008-09 INDIVIDUAL TOTALS

Golfer	Rounds	Low	Strokes	Average
Brooke Collins	18	71	1419	78.83
Chelsey Collins	12	76	1000	83.33
Kendall Dye	27	71	2019	74.78
Ryanne Elmer	9	79	742	82.44
Sara Hemingway	14	74	1106	79
Ellen Mueller	27	70	2048	75.85
Andrea Sellmeyer	12	74	981	81.75
Kelly Short	21	75	1640	78.10
Staci Smoot	18	74	1435	79.72

CAREER TOTALS

Golfer	Rounds	Low	Strokes	Average
Brooke Collins	18	71	1419	78.83
Chelsey Collins	44	68	3511	79.80
Kendall Dye	118	68	9017	76.42
Ryanne Elmer	35	72	2855	81.57
Sara Hemingway	14	74	1106	79
Ellen Mueller	58	70	4201	72.43
Andrea Sellmeyer	33	69	2624	79.52
Kelly Short	21	75	1640	78.10
Staci Smoot	65	71	5205	80.08

OKLAHOMA RECORDS

Team

18 Holes: 287 (2008 MountainView Collegiate and 1994 Chris Johnson Invitational)

54 Holes: 874 (2000 UALR Invitational)

Individual

18 Holes: 66, Kim O'Connor (1994 Lady Paladin Invitational)

54 Holes: 211, Kendall Dye (2007 MountainView Collegiate) and Lisa Meldrum (2002 Dick McGee Invitational and 2002 Susie Maxwell Berning)

Season Stroke Avg.: 74.94, Lisa Meldrum (2003-04)

Career Stroke Average

1. Lisa Meldrum (75.14)
2. Kendall Dye (76.42)
3. Allison Johnson (76.92)
4. Kelly Jacques (76.93)
5. Kim O'Connor (77.22)
6. Wendy Martin (77.44)