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INAUGURAL MOUNTAIN WEST CONFERENCE MEN'S GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

May 1-3, 2000 (Mon.-Wed.)

PGA West • Nicklaus Tournament Course • Palm Desert, Calif.

Tee times: 8 a.m. each day

Practice rounds: Sunday, April 30, tee times begin at 1 p.m.

(BYU will practice at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 29)

Tournament Headquarters: Embassy Suites, (760) 340-6600

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All times listed are local to site (Pacific)

Regular Season Leader Board and National Rankings (see page 5)

TEAM NOTES

Colorado State (Head Coach: Jamie Bermel, first year)

Senior Nigel Spence moved into the top spot all-time in career stroke per round average at 73.33 after placing seventh at the Ben Hogan Cougar Classic last weekend ... The Rams put up a 293.09 stroke-per-round average this season as a team. If the number holds, it would rank as the second best team output in the program's history ... The Rams' five top-5 finishes this season rank third all-time and their nine top-10 finishes rank fourth all-time ... Three current Rams rank in the top-10 all-time at CSU in career stroke-per-round average. Spence is No. 1 at 73.33, junior Robby Stephenson ranks third at 73.64 and senior Darrin Overson ranks sixth at 75.16 ... Spence is currently on pace to crush his single season record of 73.03, which he set in 1997-98.

New Mexico (Head Coach: J.T. Higgans, third year)

The Lobos shot an 845, -19 at the Ben Hogan Cougar Classic on April 21-22. It was UNM's lowest team score for a tournament since the 1997-98 squad shot 842 (-22 at the John Burns Intercollegiate in Hawaii) ... New Mexico began the season ranked 17th in the MasterCard Collegiate Golf Rankings, and has not dropped out of the poll. The Lobos enter the MWC Championships ranked 13th in both the MasterCard and Golfweek polls ... Sophomore Wil Collins, who was a third team All-America and the WAC freshman of the year, is ranked No. 82 by the MasterCard Collegiate Golf poll. He finished 1998-99 ranked 37th, but his stroke average this year (72.88) is better than it was last year (72.95) ... Sophomore Scott Hailes has shot 15 of his 30 rounds at par or better. He had not played the previous three years, having served a two-year mission and then sitting out last year as a redshirt.

Wyoming (Head Coach: Roger Prenzlou, 18th year)

The Cowboys have won three tournament titles during the 1999-2000 season and three different individuals have won tournament crowns ... Coach Prenzlou guided his team to one of the best seasons in school history. Previously under Prenzlou, the Cowboys earned their first-ever NCAA West Region appearance in 1992, and was named USA Today Coach of the Year for the state of Wyoming in 1988 ... All five members of the '99-00 squad have posted a top-10 finish this season. Junior David Hearn leads the way with six top-10 finishes, including a first-place showing at Wyoming's Rocky Mountain Classic ... Hearn, from Brantford, Ontario, made his mark as one of the top amateur golfers in North America last summer when he advanced from a field of 312 to the final 16 at the 1999 United States Amateur Golf Championship played at Pebble Beach Golf Links in Pebble Beach, Calif. ... Four of the five Cowboys to play in the MWC Championship are competing in their second collegiate conference tourney and for three players, it will be their third conference championship. The only member of this year's squad who hasn't played in a conference tournament is the oldest member of the team -- senior Reid Lende ... Hearn finished seventh out of 80 golfers at last year's WAC championship and went on to place 17th at the 1999 NCAA West Regional as a sophomore.



Air Force Falcons Schedule/Results

Fall Season

Date	Tournament	Score	Finish/Teams	Best Individual	Place	Score
Sept. 13-14	Nebraska Invitational	326-296-295=917	11th/11	Danny Visosky	T20th/60	76-71-77=224
Sept. 17-18	Falcon Cross-Creek	290-288-307=885	6th/24	Jeff Scohy	T13th/120	71-71-78=220
Sept. 27-28	CSU Intercollegiate	302-307=609	14th/15	Ben Leestma	T30th/81	75-72=147
Oct. 1-2	William H. Tucker Invitational	293-306-302=901	14th/20	Ben Leestma	T18th/90	77-71-72=220
Oct. 11-12	Missouri Classic	300-303-299=902	16th/17	Ben Leestma	T55th/104	76-73-74=223
Oct. 25	Service Academy	301-300-301=902	1st/4	Ben Leestma	1st/28	70-75-72=217

Spring Season

Date	Tournament	Score	Finish/Teams	Best Individual	Place	Score
Feb. 21-22	Emerald Coast	295-293-310=898	3rd/15	Danny Visosky	T6th/77	74-74-74=222
Mar. 4-4	Michigan Invitational	319-318=637	12th/18	Ben Leetsma	T5th/90	74-77=151
Mar. 13-14	Sacramento State	312-307-310=929	6th/10	Ben Leetsma	T6th/51	75-73-78=226
Mar. 27-28	CU-Stevenson Ranch Invitational	302-299-305=906	3rd/14	Ben Leetsma	T2nd/75	74-70-74=218
Apr. 10-11	Wichita State Invitational	309-303-303=915	9th/15	Danny Visosky	T5th/82	75-74-72=221
Apr. 21-22	Ben Hogan Cougar Classic	289-294-296=879	9th/15	Danny Visosky	T13th/94	71-71-74=216
May 1-3	Mtn. West Championships (Palm Desert, Calif.)					



BYU Cougars Schedule/Results

Fall Season

Date	Tournament	Score	Finish/Teams	Best Individual	Place	Score
Sept. 21-23	Topy Cup	307-295=602	3rd/11	Manuel Merizalde	T7th/55	73-77=150
Oct. 1-2	William H. Tucker	283-283-290=856	1st/18	Manuel Merizalde	4th/99	74-71-69=214
Oct. 11-12	Taylor Made Red River	281-282-279=842	6th/15	Todd Miller	11th/87	70-72-64=206
Oct. 15-16	Fresno Lexus Classic	342-347-345=1034	1st/16	Andy Miller	2nd/100	67-71-67=205

Spring Season

Date	Tournament	Score	Finish/Teams	Best Individual	Place	Score
Feb. 23-26	John H. Burns Invitational	276-274-280=830	1st/17	Billy Harvey	2nd/94	68-67-70=205
Feb. 28-29	Southwestern Invitational	288-283-291=862	2nd/14	Andy Miller	7th/78	72-70-72=214
Mar. 13-14	Pacific Coast Invitational	302-299-290=896	1st/19	Andy Miller	3rd/99	75-74-70=219
Mar. 20-21	Morris Williams Invitational	304-282-295=881*	T1st/15	Andy Miller	2nd/80	72-70-70=212
Apr. 3-4	Western Intercollegiate	283-290-297=870	T9th/20	Manuel Merizalde	T17th/100	70-71-74=215
Apr. 21-22	Ben Hogan Cougar Classic	273-273-275=821	1st/15	Andy Miller	1st/94	69-69-63=201
May 1-3	Mtn. West Championship (Palm Desert, Calif.)					

*Won Playoff Hole



Colorado State Rams Schedule/Results

Fall Season

Date	Tournament	Score	Finish/Teams	Best Individual	Place	Score
Sept. 13-14	Fairway Club Invitational	305-291-294=890	3rd/11	Robby Stephenson	T6th/60	74-69-76=219
Sept. 27-28	Colorado State Ram Invitational	287-284=571	2nd/15	Robby Stephenson	T3rd/81	70-71=141
Oct. 1-2	William H. Tucker Invitational	294-293-294=881	6th/20	Nigel Spence	1st/104	70-68-70=208
Oct. 11-12	Pepperdine Invitational	295-303-293=891	5th/12	Robby Stephenson	T11th/62	74-75-73=222
Oct. 28-31	The Nelson	284-287-291=862	8th/20	Robby Stephenson	T17th/104	69-71-74=214

Spring Season

Date	Tournament	Score	Finish/Teams	Best Individual	Place	Score
Feb. 23-25	John H. Burns Invitational	293-292-288=873	12th/18	Nigel Spence	T26th/101	70-70-74=214
Mar. 11-12	Silver Springs Shones	292-287-282=861	4th/19	Nigel Spence	T1st/116	68-71-67=206
Mar. 20-21	Oregon Duck	301-295-291=887	T7th/15	Nigel Spence	T22nd/80	76-72-72=220
Mar. 27-28	U.C. Irvine Anteater	301-301-298=900	5th/21	Robby Stephenson	19th/108	72-76-75=223
Apr. 15-16	ASU Thunderbird Invitational	302-297-292=891	16th/17	Nigel Spence	T20th/91	74-68-73=215
Apr. 21-22	Ben Hogan Cougar Classic	290-292-290=872	T6th/15	Nigel Spence	T7th/94	74-70-69=213
May 1-3	Mtn. West Championship (Palm Desert, Calif.)					



New Mexico Lobos Schedule/Results

Fall Season

Date	Tournament	Score	Finish/Teams	Best Individual	Place	Score
Sept. 19-21	The Preview	293-296-297=886	T9th/18	Wil Collins	T22/90	71-75-73=219
Oct. 1-2	William H. Tucker Invitational	285-295-295=875	T3rd/20	Scott Hailes	15th/104	70-75-72=217
Oct. 11-12	Red River Classic	279-292-285=856	T12th/15	Rob Kortan	T17th/87	69-70-69=208
Nov. 5-7	Golfworld/ Palmetto	288-289-279=856	T11th/18	Michael Letzig	T11th/90	70-70-68=208

Spring Season

Date	Tournament	Score	Finish/Teams	Best Individual	Place	Score
Jan. 31-Feb. 1	Ping/Arizona Intercollegiate	285-289-287=861	3rd/20	Scott Hailes	T6/106	72-70-70=212
Feb. 23-25	John Burns Invitational	278-286-288=852	5th/18	Scott Hailes	T3rd/101	68-70-68=206
Mar. 10-12	Las Vegas Intercollegiate	299-290-280=869	10th/14	Kevin Price	T7th/75	71-72-68=211
Mar. 20-21	Morris Williams Intercollegiate	299-300-282=881	T5th/15	Joel Hendry	1st/80	69-72-70=211
Apr. 15-16	ASU Thunderbird Invitational	288-280-286=854	4th/17	Kevin Price	T10th/191	76-68-69=213
				Michael Letzig	T10th/191	69-71-73=213
Apr. 21-22	Ben Hogan Cougar Classic	282-287-276=845	2nd/15	Scott Hailes	4th/94	70-71-67=208
May 1-3	Mtn. West Championship					



San Diego State Aztecs Schedule/Results

Fall Season

Date	Tournament	Score	Finish/Teams	Best Individual	Place	Score
Sept. 13-14	Northwest Classic	292-290-302=884	4th/11	Lars Johansson	T10th/66	73-71-75=219
Oct. 1-2	William H. Tucker Invitational	290-292-308=890	10th/20	Scott Piercy	3rd/104	70-68-74=212
Oct. 11-12	Strata Intercollegiate	315-292-294=901	T9th/12	Scott Piercy	1st/62	74-68-72=214
Oct. 15-16	Fresno Lexus Classic	350-368-357=1075	3rd/16	Lars Johansson	6th/100	68-69-70=206
Oct. 25-26	Real Del Mar Classic	290-286-298=874	1st/15	Scott Piercy	1st/100	70-72-71=213

Spring Season

Date	Tournament	Score	Finish/Teams	Best Individual	Place	Score
	Ping/Arizona Intercollegiate	297-285-288=870	4th/20	Three Players	T12/106	All at 216
Feb. 17-19	Taylor Made/Waikolo	298-286-311=895	15th/24	Piercy/Donovan	T26/120	Both at 220
Feb. 28	Point Loma	298-288=586	1st/11	Larry Correa	1st/57	78-68=146
Mar. 13-14	Pacific Coast Invitational	295-301-307=903	3rd/19	Magnus Carlsson	T7th/100	70-78-76=224
Mar. 20-21	Oregon Invitational	291-291-286=868	5th/15	Lars Johansson	T10th/80	72-71-73=216
Apr. 3-4	Western Intercollegiate	288-289-299=876	14th/20	Larry Correa	T34/100	70-71-78=219
Apr. 21-22	Ben Hogan Cougar Classic	289-292-284=865	4th/15	Scott Piercy	T7th/94	69-72-72=213
May 1-3	Mtn. West Championship (Palm Desert, Calif.)					



UNLV Rebels Schedule/Results

Fall Season

Date	Tournament	Score	Finish/Teams	Best Individual	Place	Score
Sept. 19-21	Ping/Golfweek Invitational	299-302-286=887	11th/18	Brien Davis	T44/90	75-75-73=223
Oct. 1-2	William H. Tucker Invitational	291-287-297=875	3rd/20	Jeremy Anderson	2nd/104	69-67-74=210
Oct. 18-19	Jerry Pate National Inter.	283-275-277=835	T1st/12	Michael Kirk	T7th/60	69-67-71=207
Nov. 5-7	Golf World Collegiate Inv.	286-278-286=850	T7th/18	Jeremy Anderson	T2nd/90	70-64-71=205

Spring Season

Date	Tournament	Score	Finish/Teams	Best Individual	Place	Score
Feb. 23-25	John A. Burns Intercollegiate	280-284-278=842	4th/17	Jeremy Anderson	1st/101	66-66-66=198
Mar. 10-12	Las Vegas Intercollegiate	293-285-290=868	T8th/14	Jeremy Anderson	T14th/75	72-69--71=212
Mar. 20-21	Morris Williams Intercollegiate	299-300-282=881	T1st/15	Michael Kirk	3rd/80	73-76-67=216
Apr. 7-9	U.S. Collegiate Golf Champ.	284-305-285=874	9th/12	Jeremy Anderson	T14th/70	68-74-73=215
Apr. 15-16	ASU Thunderbird Invitational	288-297-281=866	9th/17	Jeremy Anderson	T4/191	73-70-68=211
May 1-3	Mtn. West Championship (Palm Desert, Calif.)					



Utah Utes Schedule/Results

Fall Season

Date	Tournament	Score	Finish/Teams	Best Individual	Place	Score
Sept. 17-19	Cross Creek Invitational	296-306-299=901	13th/24	Brock Padilla	13th/119	69-76-75=220
Sept. 27-28	CSU Ram Invitational	297-288=585	7th/15	Ryan Ellis	15th/81	72-72=144
Oct. 11-12	Wolf Pack Classic	293-299-285=877	7th/18	Shawn Edwards	2nd/95	71-72-67=210
Oct. 15-16	Fresno Lexus Classic	374-355-364=1093	8th/16	Ryan Ellis	16th/100	74-68-71=213
Oct. 18-19	Countrywide Invitational	300-303-314=917	12th/21	Brock Padilla	27th/109	77-73-76=226

Spring Season

Date	Tournament	Score	Finish/Teams	Best Individual	Place	Score
Feb. 23-25	John Burns Invitational	301-297-307=905	16th/18	Ryan Ellis	64th/101	76-72-77=225
Mar. 20-21	Univ. of San Diego Invitational	302-311-299=912	5th/14	Gregg Oliphant	4th/69	75-77-72=225
Mar. 27-28	Anteater Invitational	307-309-299=915	15th/21	Shawn Edwards	12th/108	77-73-71=221
Apr. 10-11	Grand Canyon/Thunderbird	298-298-284=880	7th/18	Brock Padilla	12th/90	73-75-70=218
Apr. 21-22	Ben Hogan Cougar Classic	295-293-292=880	10th/15	Ryan Ellis	T11th/94	73-71-71=215
May 1-3	Mtn. West Championship (Palm Desert, Calif.)					



Wyoming Cowboys Schedule/Results

Fall Season

Date	Tournament	Score	Finish/Teams	Best Individual	Place	Score
Sept. 6-7	Rocky Mountain Intercollegiate	282-274-281=837	1st/14	David Hearn	1st/72	68-65-71=204
Sept. 17-19	Falcon Invitational	283-295-298=876	2nd/24	David Hearn	5th/120	68-74-72=214
Sept. 27-28	Ram Intercollegiate	295-296=591	9th/15	David Hearn	7th/81	72-70=142
Oct. 1-2	Red Storm Intercollegiate	280-285-280=845	1st/19	Hunter/Urbatchka	both 1st/98	67-69-71=207
Oct. 15-16	Fresno Lexus Classic	367-372-365=1104	12th/16	David Hearn	12th/100	71-68-72=211
Oct. 29-31	The Nelson	306-278-295=878	15th/20	David Hearn	30th/104	72-71-74=217

Spring Season

Date	Tournament	Score	Finish/Teams	Best Individual	Place	Score
Feb. 24-25	49er Collegiate Classic	304-308-317=926	14th/15	Kevin Kayden	41st/81	73-75-81=229
Mar. 13-14	Pacific Coast Intercollegiate	319-317-314=950	18th/19	David Hearn	T45th/100	80-80-74=234
Mar. 20-21	Oregon Duck	303-282-302=887	T7th/15	David Hearn	T5th/80	68-70-76=214
Apr. 17-18	Idaho State Bengal Invitational	299-283-279=861	1st/10	David Hearn	T2nd/55	72-72-66=210
Apr. 21-22	Ben Hogan Cougar Classic	286-297-289=872	T6th/15	Jake Hunter	T22nd/94	72-76-70=218
May 1-3	Mtn. West Championship (Palm Desert, Calif.)					

Utah (Head Coach: Wayne Fisher, fifth year)

Utah's highest team finish for the 1999-2000 season came at the USD Invitational on March 21, where the Utes placed fifth out of 14 teams ... Ryan Ellis, a transfer from Utah Valley State College, has the lowest per round average of 73.8 and five top-20 individual finishes ... Utah has placed 10th at the WAC tournament the past two years ... Junior Brock Padilla placed seventh at the '98 WAC tournament as a freshman

San Diego State (Head Coach: Neale Stoner, seventh year)

SDSU has posted 12 top-10 finishes this year, eight of those in the top five ... The Aztecs also have claimed two team victories including the Rel Del Mar Classic in the fall and the Point Loma Invitational this spring ... SDSU will be looking for its third trip in four years to the NCAA West Regional and second straight appearance at the NCAA Championship. Last season, the Aztecs made it to the NCAA finals after finishing fifth at the West Regional. Before 1999, SDSU had not qualified for the finals since 1983 ... Junior Scott Piercy has been SDSU's top golfer this season, logging four top-10 finishes and medalist honors at the Pepperdine/Strata Intercollegiate (Oct. 11-12) and Real Del Mar Classic (Oct. 26-27).



Mountain West Conference Men's Leader Board (through 4/22- Min. 10 Rounds)

Rk	Name	Rds	Strokes	Avg	Low	Top Finish
1.	Andy Miller (BYU)	32	2,270	70.9	63	1st
2.	Jeremy Anderson (UNLV)	30	2,133	71.1	64	1st
3.	Manuel Merizalde (BYU)	26	1,858	71.5	66	2nd
4.	Nigel Spence (CSU)	32	2,308	72.1	67	1st
	Todd Miller (BYU)	24	1,731	72.1	64	4th
6.	David Hearn (WYO)	32	2,311	72.2	65	1st
	Michael Kirk (UNLV)	30	2,167	72.2	67	3rd
8.	Scott Piercy (SDSU)	33	2,394	72.5	67	1st
9.	Scott Hailes (UNM)	30	2,180	72.7	67	T3rd
10.	Wil Collins (UNM)	33	2,405	72.9	67	T8th
11.	Joel Hendry (UNM)	24	1,753	73.0	69	1st
12.	Bill Harvey (BYU)	29	2,124	73.2	67	2nd
13.	Kevin Price (UNM)	30	2,200	73.3	68	T7th
14.	Robby Stephenson (CSU)	32	2,348	73.4	68	3rd
	Michael Letzig (UNM)	24	1,753	73.4	68	T5th
16.	Lars Johansson (SDSU)	30	2,207	73.6	68	2nd
17.	Rob Korton (UNM)	27	1,991	73.7	69	T13th
	Jose Garrido (BYU)	26	1,916	73.7	68	7th
19.	Ryan Ellis (UTAH)	26	1,920	73.8	68	4th
	Scott Miller (BYU)	23	1,675	73.8	67	3rd
21.	Mike Urbatchka (WYO)	32	2,366	73.9	65	1st
22.	Ben Leestma (AFA)	28	2,076	74.1	70	1st
23.	Shawn Edwards (UTAH)	29	2,156	74.3	69	2nd
24.	Scott Lander (UNLV)	24	1,785	74.4	68	T5th
25.	Darrin Overson (CSU)	29	2,161	74.5	70	7th

2000 Men's Golfer of the Week

Date	Player	Yr.	School
March 2	Jeremy Anderson	Sr.	UNLV
March 16	Nigel Spence	Sr.	Colorado State
March 23	Andy Miller	Sr.	BYU
March 30	Ben Leetsma	So.	Air Force
April 6	Manuel Merizalde	So.	BYU
April 13	Jeremy Anderson	Sr.	UNLV
April 20	David Hearn	Jr.	Wyoming
April 26	Andy Miller	Sr.	BYU

Men's Golfstat Rankings (April 11, 2000)

Rk.	Team
1.	Georgia Tech
2.	Clemson
3.	Oklahoma State
4.	Georgia
5.	Houston
6.	Arizona State
7.	Fresno State
8.	Northwestern
9.	UNLV
10.	BYU
11..	NEW MEXICO
12.	Florida
13.	Arizona
14.	Augusta State
15.	Stanford
16.	Kent
17.	Texas
18.	Washington
19.	Duke
20.	South Carolina

Other Mtn. West Schools:

38.	COLORADO STATE
41.	SAN DIEGO STATE
98.	WYOMING
123.	AIR FORCE
121.	UTAH

GolfWeek/Sagarin Men's Golf Rankings (April 25, 2000)

Rk	School
1.	Georgia Tech
2.	Clemson
3.	Oklahoma State
4.	Georgia
5.	Arizona State
6.	BYU
7.	Houston
8.	Northwestern
9.	UNLV
10.	Fresno State
11.	Arizona
12.	NEW MEXICO
13.	Auburn
14.	Duke
15.	Florida
16.	Augusta State
17.	North Florida
18.	Texas
19.	North Carolina State
20.	South Carolina

Other Mtn. West Schools:

40.	SAN DIEGO STATE
50.	COLORADO STATE