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2002 West Regional Finish T6th
2002 NCAA Finish T9th
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2002-03 Schedule/Results

Date	Event	Finish
FALL		
Sept. 13-14	William H. Tucker Intercollegiate	3rd of 18
Sept. 27-29	Carpet Capital Collegiate	14th of 18
Oct. 7-8	Ping/Golfweek NCAA Preview	3rd of 15
Oct. 14-15	Jerry Pate National Intercollegiate	T6th of 12
Nov. 8-10	at Collegiate Match Play Championship	3rd of 16
Nov. 25-26	at College All-America Classic (ind. only)	

Date	Event	Finish
SPRING		
Feb. 3-4	PING-ARIZONA INTERCOLLEGIATE	1st of 16
Feb. 19-21	at John Burns Invitational	1st of 19
March 7-9	at Toyota Men's Collegiate Golf Champ.	7th of 15
March 24-25	at Oregon Duck Invitational	T1st of 16
March 30-Apr. 1	NATIONAL INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT	1st of 14
April 11-12	at ASU Thunderbird/Savane Invit.	T7th of 19
April 28-30	at Pac-10 Championships	2nd of 10
May 15-17	at NCAA West Regional	2nd of 27
May 27-30	at NCAA Championships	

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Arizona Makes 17th Straight NCAA Championship Appearance

On the Tee: Following runner-up finishes at the Pac-10 Conference Championships and the NCAA West Regional, the University of Arizona looks to go one better at the 106th NCAA Men's Golf Championships in Stillwater, Okla. ... Such a finish would be the program's second national championship (1992) ... The Wildcats are appearing in its 17th consecutive NCAA Championships, the third-longest active streak in the nation ... Arizona has four team victories in eight events this spring ... Over the last three season, only one school west of the Central Time Zone has finished ahead of Arizona at the NCAA Championships, and the Cats have posted top-10 finishes in each of those appearances.

The Rankings: The Wildcats remain ranked in the top 10 in all three major college golf polls. Arizona is ranked seventh in the current (May 7) Precept/GCAA Coaches Poll, and sixth in both the (May 20) *Golfweek*/Sagarin Performance Index and (May 16) *Golfworld* Coaches Poll. Four UA golfers rank in the top 120 of the *Golfweek*/Sagarin Performance Index, including two in the top 11: Ricky Barnes (ninth) and Chris Nallen (11th). *Golfweek* also tabbed Barnes, the reigning U.S. Amateur champion, as the nation's fourth-ranked collegiate player and included junior Nallen in its "50 College Players to Watch" list.

A Look at the 2003 NCAA Championships: Oklahoma State University hosts the 2003 NCAA Men's Golf Championships, May 27-30. Seventy-two holes of stroke play will be contested over four days at Karsten Creek Golf Course in Stillwater, Okla., a par-72, 7,301-yard layout. Tee times begin at 7 a.m. CDT each day off the No. 1 and No. 10 tees. Thirty teams are scheduled to compete in this championship: Arizona, Arizona State, Arkansas, Auburn, Augusta State, Clemson, Duke, Florida, Georgia, Georgia Tech, Illinois, Kentucky, Minnesota, New Mexico, North Carolina, North Carolina State, Oklahoma State, Oregon, San Diego State, South Carolina, Southern California, SMU, Tennessee, Texas, UCLA, UNLV, Vanderbilt, Wake Forest, Washington, and Wichita State. Six individuals make up the rest of the 156-man field, and include: William Ted Brown (Virginia Commonwealth), Brett Callas (Houston), Stephen Carroll (Colorado), Travis Bertoni (Cal Poly), Ryan Gildersleeve (South Alabama), and Issac Weintraub (San Jose State).

The Probable Arizona Lineup:

Golfer	Yr.	Avg.	Top 10/20	Low Rd.	Events
Ricky Barnes	Sr.	71.50	8/1	66	12
Chris Nallen	Jr.	71.33	9/3	66	14
Andrew Medley	Sr.	73.04	1/2	67	8
Reid Hatley	Sr.	73.47	2/2	65	13
Brian Woolf	Sr.	73.97	1/1	68	10

Head Coach Rick LaRose ... is in his 25th season at the helm of the Arizona golf program, and in that span has established the Wildcats as one of the nation's elite programs. The only college coach to win both a men's (1992) and women's (1996) NCAA Championship, LaRose's teams have won seven NCAA Regionals, five Pac-10 crowns and three Rolex Match Play titles. In NCAA Championship play, he also has five third-place finishes, a fifth-place and two sixth-

Rankings at a Glance

TEAM

Golf World 6th
Precept/GCAA 7th
Golfweek/Sagarin 6th

INDIVIDUAL*

9. Ricky Barnes 69.81
11. Chris Nallen 69.89
112. Andrew Medley 72.19
116. Reid Hatley 72.22
245. Brian Woolf 73.21
* *Golfweek*/Sagarin Performance Index

The Rankings

Golf World Coaches Poll (May 16, 2003)

Rnk	School (first place votes)	Points
1.	Clemson (11)	299
2.	Texas	263
3.	Augusta State (1)	259
	Wake Forest	259
5.	Oklahoma State	249
6.	ARIZONA	232
7.	TCU	228
8.	UCLA	224
9.	Florida	212
10.	UNLV	205
11.	Minnesota	167
12.	North Carolina	162
13.	Georgia	135
14.	Auburn	128
15.	Georgia Tech	124
16.	North Carolina State	115
17.	Arizona State	111
18.	Washington	86
19.	New Mexico	72
20.	Illinois	60

Precept/GCAA Coaches Poll (May 7, 2003)

Rnk	School (first place votes)	Points
1.	Clemson (21)	709
2.	Augusta State (3)	650
3.	Texas	637
4.	Wake Forest (1)	586
5.	Oklahoma State	583
6.	UCLA (3)	566
7.	ARIZONA (1)	540
8.	Florida	519
9.	TCU	516
10.	UNLV	454
11.	Auburn (1)	353
12.	Georgia	351
13.	North Carolina	350
14.	Georgia Tech	327
	Minnesota	327
16.	North Carolina State	265
17.	Arizona State	258
18.	Oklahoma	192
19.	New Mexico	177
20.	Washington	156

Golfweek/Sagarin Index (May 20, 2003)

Rnk	School	Rating
1.	Clemson	69.67
2.	Florida	70.69
3.	Wake Forest	70.78
4.	Texas	70.87
5.	Oklahoma State	70.87
6.	ARIZONA	70.89
7.	Augusta State	70.92
8.	UNLV	71.10
9.	UCLA	71.11
10.	North Carolina	71.16
11.	TCU	71.17
12.	Georgia	71.32
13.	Georgia Tech	71.33
14.	Auburn	71.40
15.	Minnesota	71.53
16.	Arizona State	71.65
17.	New Mexico	71.71
18.	North Carolina State	71.72
19.	Tennessee	71.81
20.	Illinois	71.84

Golfweek/Sagarin Index-Individuals (May 20, 2003)

9.	Ricky Barnes	69.81
11.	Chris Nallen	69.89
112.	Andrew Medley	72.19
116.	Reid Hatley	72.22
233.	Kipp Riehle	73.12
245.	Brian Woolf	73.21
406.	Nick Juszcak	74.04
484.	Nathan Lashley	74.44

place efforts to his credit. Since 1978, his men's teams have won 51 tournaments and produced 39 All-Americans. LaRose, who has coached two U.S. Amateur champions, was inducted into the Golf Coaches Association of America Hall of Fame on Jan. 22. He is assisted by John Knauer.

Last Time Out: Led by the senior tandem of Ricky Barnes and Reid Hatley, Arizona men's golf team posted the low round of the day May 17 to finish in second place at the 2003 NCAA Men's Golf West Regional.

Barnes and Hatley, the two most experienced players on the Wildcat roster, combined for a seven-under-par tally on the day to help Arizona post a final-round 285 (-3) and finish the three-round tournament with an 865 (+1) total. UA, which finished one stroke behind tournament-winner UCLA (864/E), and Washington were the only schools in the field of 27 to post a sub-par round in this tournament.

Barnes' final-round 67(-5) briefly equaled the Washington National Golf Club course record and moved him into sole possession of third place at the West Regional with a three-round total of 211 (-5). That record was topped by Pepperdine's Michael Putnam later in the day with an eight-under 64. A co-individual medalist at last year's NCAA West Regional, Barnes finished three strokes behind New Mexico's Michael Letzig, who carded a 208 (-8) total.

Hatley carded a final-round two-under 70 to finish in a tie for 24th place at 219 (+3). The third-round score was Hatley's lowest in his last three events, and the tie for 24th was his best placing at the regionals since a tie for fifth place as a freshman in 2000.

2002 NCAA Championship Review: Arizona closed action at the 2002 NCAA Men's Golf Championships tied for ninth place with a tournament total of 14-over-par 1150. The Wildcats posted a final-round 290 to move up two spots in the final standings. Ricky Barnes was Arizona's top finisher for the third consecutive year as he tied for 17th place with a 72-hole score of 283 (-1).

After taking eighth place in 2001 and third place in 2000, Barnes continued his streak of top-20 finishes at the NCAA Championships as he shared 17th place with five other golfers. The native of Stockton, Calif., shot his third round of the tournament at even par to finish the four-day event at 283 (-1).

Also finishing in the top 25 for the Wildcats was Chris Nallen, who tied for 23rd place as he carded a final-round 72. The sophomore completed the national championship tournament at even par. His performance this week lowered his season scoring average to 71.47, which ranks as the sixth-best mark in UA history.

No Stranger to This Town: The 2003 NCAA Men's Golf Championships mark Arizona's second appearance at Karsten Creek Golf Course in the last seven months. Earlier this season, Arizona finished in third place at the Ping/Golfweek NCAA Preview, Oct. 7-8.

The Wildcats carded a 10-over-par 298 in the final round and finished the 54-hole event with an 893 (+29) total. Arizona was one of just six teams in the field of 15 to post a sub-300 total over the final 18 holes. Augusta State won the event at 880 (+16).

Individually, senior Ricky Barnes fired a final round one-under 71 to tie for third place at 217 (+1). Augusta State's Emmett Turner captured individual medalist honors with a three-under 213 total. He was the only golfer in the field of 75 to finish under par.

Fellow UA senior Reid Hatley carded a one-under 71 to finish tied for 13th place at 222 (+6).

2002-03 Arizona Men's Golf Roster

Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown (High School)
Zack Amole	5-9	155	Fr.	Denver, Pa. (Cocalico)
Ricky Barnes	6-1	200	Sr.	Stockton, Calif. (Lincoln)
Brett Carter	5-10	155	Fr.	Phoenix, Ariz. (Mountain Pointe)
Reid Hatley	5-10	150	Sr.	Spokane, Wash (Ferris)
Nick Juszcak	6-0	162	Jr.	Phoenix, Ariz. (Arcadia)
Nathan Lashley	6-1	165	So.	Scottsbluff, Neb. (Mitchell)
Andrew Medley	6-2	160	Sr.	Jackson, Miss. (St. Joseph's)
Chris Nallen	5-11	158	Jr.	Blairtown, N.J. (Blair Academy)
Blaine Peffley	5-8	180	Fr.	Lebanon, Pa. (Cedar Crest)
Brian Prouty	6-0	165	Fr.	Tucson, Ariz. (Salpointe Catholic)
Kipp Riehle	5-9	145	So.	Phoenix, Ariz. (Mountain Pointe)
Nathan Tyler	6-1	155	Fr.	Tucson, Ariz. (Sabino)
Brian Woolf	5-8	155	Sr.	Granada Hills, Calif. (Alemany)

Head Coach: Rick LaRose (25th year)

Assistant Coach: John Knauer (5th year)

Arizona's NCAA Finishes

Year	Place	Score
2002	T9th	1150
2001	3rd	1145
2000	3rd	1118
1999	T20th	615*
1998	30th	593*
1997	26th	598*
1996	5th	1207
1995	10th	1171
1994	14th	1165
1993	16th	595*
1992	1st	1129
1991	T18th	1201
1990	3rd	1159
1989	6th	1170
1988	6th	1183
1987	18th	1208
1963	25th	632
1961	T7th	604
1960	7th	617
1941	18th	652

* Did not make 36-hole cut

A Cinderella Story: For 72 holes during the second week of April, Ricky Barnes stood toe-to-toe with golf's greatest players at its most prestigious event and did not back down in finishing in 21st place April 13 at the 67th annual Masters Tournament.

The senior from Stockton, Calif., posted a final-round 73 (+1) to finish with a four-round 69-74-75-73=291 (+3). He finished 10 strokes behind eventual winner Mike Weir, who needed a one-hole sudden death playoff to defeat Len Mattiace, at 281 (-7).

One of three amateurs to make the 36-hole cut, Barnes' 291 total qualified him as the low-finishing amateur. Ultimately, his 291 total was one stroke away from qualifying for the 2004 Masters, as the top 16 finishers plus ties automatically qualify for next year's event. That exemption included players at 290 (+2) or better.

The Big Show: Barnes' finish at The Masters was no fluke. It was his fourth career appearance in a professional tour event (2000 and 2002 U.S. Open), and his second this season. On March 2, Barnes tallied a final-round 70 to finish in a tie for 18th place at the Chrysler Classic of Tucson. He carded a 69-70-68-70=277 (-11) to earn his first career PGA Tour top-20 finish. Incidentally, Barnes has a 72.83 stroke average in those four PGA Tour appearances (12 rounds).

Hall of Famer: University of Arizona director of golf Rick LaRose was inducted into the Golf Coaches Association Hall of Fame on Jan. 22. Joining LaRose in the Class of 2002 is UNLV head coach Dwaine Knight. The duo was officially inducted at the GCAA's National Awards Dinner at the Sheraton World Resort in Orlando, Fla. To be selected to the GCAA Hall of Fame, a coach must be nominated by his peers, and then selected by the Hall of Fame Committee. Knight and LaRose were the 70th and 71st members of the GCAA Hall of Fame, which honors a coach for his record on the golf course, as well

as his contributions to the game, student-athletes and school.

Ben Hogan Award Co-Winners: Along with Oklahoma State's Hunter Mahan, Ricky Barnes was named co-winner 2003 Ben Hogan Award, which is presented annually to the top NCAA Division I, II, III, or NAIA golfer. The award covers all collegiate and amateur competitions during the last 12 months. The award was presented by The Friends of Golf and Colonial Country Club, in cooperation with Bank of America and the Golf Coaches Association of America. The winners were announced on May 9 and received the honor May 19 at Colonial Country Club. It marked the third time in school history that a UA golfer has earned national amateur-of-the-year accolades, as Eric Meeks (1988) and Robert Gamez (1989) received the honor from Titleist/Golfweek.

All-Pac-10: Four members of the University of Arizona men's golf team were recognized May 1 with all-Pacific-10 Conference honors in voting done by the league's head coaches. Highlighting the announcement was Ricky Barnes' selection as the 2003 Golfer of the Year. Barnes, Reid Hatley, Andrew Medley and Chris Nallen each earned all-conference honors. Barnes and Nallen were selected to the first team, while Hatley and Medley garnered honorable mention accolades. UA golfers have earned such recognition 79 times since joining the league in 1978-79. It was Barnes' second Pac-10 Golfer of the Year award. He also shared the award in 2001.

NCAA Championship History: In addition to winning the 1992 national championship, Arizona has made 20 previous appearances in the NCAA Men's Golf Championships with the first coming in 1941. Under the direction of head coach Rick LaRose, the Wildcats have appeared in 17 consecutive NCAA Championships, as mentioned earlier the third-longest active streak in the nation. Only Oklahoma State (57) and Clemson (22) have made more consecutive NCAA Championship appearances.

Always Near the Top: All told, Arizona collected nine top-three finishes in 13 team events this season. The Wildcats have really heated up this spring, as the club has won four of eight events. Individually, Arizona has 19 top-10 finishes to its credit with Chris Nallen (9) and Ricky Barnes (8) leading the way. How good is this duo? Barnes and Nallen, who ranks one and two on the Arizona career stroke average list, have earned top-10 finishes in the same event six times in 2002-03, including a 3-4 finish at the NCAA West Regional.

Winner's Circle: The four tournament victories in 2002-03 is as many as the program tallied in the previous three seasons combined. It is also the most wins in a single season since the 1991-92 edition of the Wildcats won six tournaments en route to the 1992 national championship.

National Rankings: Entering these Championships ranked sixth in the country, the Wildcats have consistently earned top-10 rankings throughout the 2002-03 campaign. Arizona has been ranked as high as No. 2 nationally, which marks the fourth consecutive year in which the Wildcats have been ranked in the top three nationally at some point of the season. In fact, Arizona has been nationally ranked in every season since 1978-79 and has been in the top-10 in each of the last 17 seasons.

Low Numbers: In addition to four tournament wins, the statistics certainly point to some solid numbers. In eight spring events, Arizona has posted below-par team totals in 15 of 25 rounds (60 percent) played. The team's spring countable stroke average (71.57) is 1.45 strokes lower than it was in four scoring events this fall (73.02), which leads to an improvement of 5.80 team strokes per round. Along the way, three of the Cats' tournament totals rank among the 10 lowest on record, including the 23-under-par 829 that won the PING-Arizona Intercollegiate on Feb. 4. Overall, Arizona's stroke average ranks seventh among all NCAA Division I programs and its current 72.00 countable stroke average is the lowest in school history.

In the 60s

Arizona golfers have managed to tally 41 rounds in the 60s through 13 events this season. Not surprisingly, 27 of those rounds have come from Chris Nallen, Ricky Barnes or Reid Hatley. Below is a complete list with career totals.

Player (career total)	No.	Low
Chris Nallen (30)	12	66
Ricky Barnes (43)	10	66
Reid Hatley (16)	5	65
Kipp Riehle (7)	4	68
Brian Woolf (6)	4	68
Andrew Medley (4)	4	67
Nick Juszczak (2)	1	68
Blaine Peffley (1)	1	68
Steven Eshbach (1)	-	--

Arizona Golfers at the NCAA Championships

Year	Rnds	Score	Place	Location
Ricky Barnes, Senior (70.25)				
2000	4	70-68-68-69=275 (-13)	T3rd	Opelika, Ala.
2001	4	68-65-72-79=284 (-4)	T8th	Durham, N.C.
2002	4	71-71-70-71=283 (-1)	T17th	Columbus, Ohio
Reid Hatley, Senior (72.08)				
2000	4	70-74-68-70=282 (-6)	T15th	Opelika, Ala.
2001	4	75-75-71-73=294 (+6)	T39th	Durham, N.C.
2002	4	70-75-71-73=289 (+5)	T51st	Columbus, Ohio
Andrew Medley, Senior (73.50)				
2001*	2	73-74=147 (+3)	MC	Durham, N.C.
Chris Nallen, Junior (71.25)				
2001	4	66-77-66-77=286 (-2)	T13th	Durham, N.C.
2002	4	69-68-75-72=284 (E)	T23rd	Columbus, Ohio

Brian Woolf, Senior

First Appearance

* while at the University of Mississippi

Fast Starts Not Necessary: While a good start is always appreciated, it isn't completely necessary for success. In Arizona's eight starts this spring, the club is averaging 288.72 strokes per round in its first round of play (72.18 countable stroke average), easily making the opening round the team's worst statistically. UA's best scoring round is the second, where the Cats average 282.56 strokes (70.64). That is slightly better than its third-round average of 287.04 (71.76). Statistically speaking, Arizona averages 6.4 strokes below par in rounds two and three.

Finds College Golf to His Liking: Even though he has a pair of top-25 finishes this season on the PGA Tour, 2003 Co-Ben Hogan Award winner Ricky Barnes has had his share of success on the college level. In his last four collegiate appearances (13 rounds), Barnes is averaging 70.85 strokes per round and has four top-four finishes. In fact his finishes at the Oregon Duck Invitational (3rd), National Invitational Tournament (T2nd), the Pac-10 Championships (T4th) and NCAA West Regional (3rd) are his best finishes of the season. Six of his 10 rounds in the 60s this season have come in his last four appearances.

Quite a Leader: As Ricky Barnes prepares for his final collegiate appearance, he does so with a chance to add two noteworthy

accomplishments to his list of achievements. Barnes has posted three straight top-20 NCAA Championship finishes and could become the first UA golfer to register four consecutive top-20 finishes at the NCAA Championships. Furthermore, Barnes is also trying to become the first UA player to be the top finisher at four straight NCAA Championships.

Not to be Outdone: Junior Chris Nallen has been nothing short of outstanding since his arrival in Tucson back in the fall of 2000. The Blairstown, N.J., native currently leads the Wildcats in events played (14), rounds played (39), stroke average (71.33), top-10 finishes (9), rounds in the 60s (12) and rounds at par or better (27). He has been UA's top finisher in seven events this season and his 11-under 205 total at the ASU Thunderbird/Savane Invitational April 12 equaled the eighth lowest total in school history. How good is he? Nallen's 71.53 career stroke average is the second lowest in University of Arizona history.

Plays Like a No. 1: While his teammate may get a lot of attention, few golfers have been as consistently good as Chris Nallen. Not only has he been the Wildcats' top finisher in seven events this season, but has also been one of UA's top two finishers in 10 of 12 team scoring events in 2002-03. And in one of the two events where he was UA's No. 3 finisher, he still collected a tie for 10th place (National Invitational Tournament). This season, 34 of his 36 rounds played in team competition (94.4 percent) have counted toward the team total, including all 25 rounds this spring.

Welcome Aboard: Maybe it's just coincidence, but since senior Andrew Medley joined the squad at the start of the spring season, the team has started to roll. The mid-year transfer from the University of Mississippi has been a welcome addition to the lineup. In eight appearances, Medley has one top-10 and two top-20 finishes to his credit to go with a 73.04 stroke average, a figure that ranks third on the squad. He was under par in his first two tournaments and tied for fifth place April 1 at the National Invitational Tournament. Medley also posted a 17th place finish at the Pac-10 Championships.

Return Engagement: While this will be the first NCAA Championship for Andrew Medley in a University of Arizona uniform, it will not be his first Championship appearance. While a sophomore at the University of Mississippi, Medley carded a respectable two-round total of 73-74=147 (+3) at the 2001 Championships in Durham, N.C., where his Rebels did not make the 36-hole cut.

Mr. Consistency: Senior Reid Hatley has been the model of consistency, posting a 73.22 career stroke average. That's 0.22 lower than his stroke average this spring (73.44). Nine of his 13 rounds at par or better in 2002-03 have come this spring, including four of his five rounds in the 60s. Hatley has a 72.08 stroke average in three previous NCAA Championship appearances, including a tie for 15th place as a freshman in 2000.

Finds Success: Reid Hatley was one of two UA golfers to post a top-15 finish at last fall's Ping/Golfweek NCAA Preview on this same Karsten Creek course. He shot 78-73-71=222 (+6) to finish tied for 13th place and collect one of his four top-20 finishes this season. In fact, it was his play at Karsten Creek that spurred a run of four consecutive top-20 finishes. He narrowly missed out on a top-20 effort at the NCAA West Regional with a tie for 22nd place.

Pleasant Surprise: Senior Brian Woolf has been a staple in the Wildcat lineup this season, as his 73.97 stroke average is 2.05 strokes lower than his career mark entering 2002-03 (76.02). All told, he has competed in 10 events this season, which is a career high. Woolf has competed as a member of the UA varsity in six of eight events this spring and posted a 74.05 stroke average.

Early Signees: Arizona men's golf coach Rick LaRose signed three student-athletes to National Letters-of-Intent during the November signing period. The trio, will attend the school and play golf for the Wildcats beginning in the fall of 2003, includes Henry Liaw of Rowland Heights, Calif., Ben Marsh of Phoenix, Ariz., and Josh Esler of Wauconda, Ill.

2002-03 Arizona Men's Golf Player Biographies

Zack Amole

Freshman, Denver, Pa. 77.25 stroke avg.

Posts a 77.25 stroke average in four appearances this spring (12 rounds) ... Shot a 22-over-par 232 to finish tied for 39th at the Wyoming Cowboy Classic ... Tied for 71st place at the National Invitational Tournament with a 238 (+22) total ... Earned his best placement, T34th, at the Anteater Invitational with a 17-over 233 ... Finished tied for 72nd place in his collegiate debut Feb. 3-4 at the PING-Arizona Intercollegiate with a 75-71-78=224 (+11) total ... His second-round 71 is a season low.

Ricky Barnes

Senior, Stockton, Calif. 71.50 stroke avg.

The reigning U.S. Amateur champion ranks second on the team and 25th nationally with a 71.50 stroke average ... That figure drops to 70.82 in seven spring events (22 rounds) ... Fourteen of his 22 collegiate rounds this spring have been below par ... Has six top-three finishes to his credit in 11 scoring events this season and now has 15 such finishes in his career ... Twenty-

Barnes' Upcoming Schedule

U.S. Open

June 12-15, Olympia Fields, Ill.

Barclays Scottish Open

July 10-13, Loch Lomond, Scotland

British Open

July 17-20, Sandwich England

two of his 34 rounds (65%) to date have been at par or better ... Has 43 career rounds in the 60s, including 10 in 2002-03 ... Named co-winner of the Ben Hogan Award (along with Oklahoma State's Hunter Mahan) on May

9, which is given to college golf's top male amateur golfer ... Named Pac-10 Golfer of the Year on May 1 for the second time in his career and all-Pac-10 for the fourth consecutive season ... Selected by the USGA to represent the U.S. in the inaugural Copa de Las Americas, June 25-28 in Dorado, Puerto Rico ... Named the National Amateur of the Month for April by the Southern Golf Association ... Scheduled to represent the U.S. in the 2003 Palmer Cup ... UA's top finisher in seven of 12 appearances ... Placed third at the NCAA West Regional on May 17 with a five-under 75-69-67=211 ... Finished tied for fourth place at the 2003 Pac-10 Championships on April 30 with a 71-73-75-69=288 (E) to post a top-10 finish in each of his four Pac-10 championship appearances ... Earned Low Amateur honors at the 2003 Masters on April 13 with a 69-74-75-73=291 (+3) to finish in 21st place ... His 291 total was the lowest by an amateur at Augusta since Matt Kuchar in 1998 ... Defeated British Amateur Champion Alejandro Larrazabal, 4 and 2, in the Georgia Cup on April 5 at The Golf Club of Georgia ... Posted a runner-up finish at the National Invitational Tournament on April 1 after shooting 71-67-76=214 (-2) ... Earned a third-place finish at the Oregon Duck Invitational on March 24 with a 68-71-69=208 (-8), which equaled his low tournament of the year ... Tied for 34th place at the Toyota Men's Collegiate Golf Championship on March 9 with a 220 (+4) total ... Posted a tie for 18th place at the PGA Tour's Chrysler Classic of Tucson on March 2 with a 69-70-68-70=277 (-11) ... Collected a tie for ninth place at the John Burns Intercollegiate, Feb. 21, with a 70-72-70=212 (-4) ... Opened spring play with a blistering 71-66-68=205 (-8) at the PING-Arizona Intercollegiate ... His second-round 66 is a season low ... Shot 81-72-69=222 (+8) to finish tied for 15th at the Western Refining College All-America Golf Classic on Nov. 25-26 ... The opening round 81 was the worst round of his collegiate career ... Alongside of Hunter Mahan and D.J. Trahan, Barnes the United States win the 2002 World Amateur Golf Championship (568/-8) in Kuala Lumpur,

Malaysia, by three strokes over France on Oct. 27 ... Posted a 2-2 record Nov. 8-10 at the Hooters Collegiate Match Play Championship, helping Arizona to a third-place finish ... Barnes carded a 69-77-73-74=293 (+5) to finish tied for 16th place individually ... Did not compete at the Jerry Pate National Intercollegiate (Oct. 14-15) to prepare for the World Amateur Championship in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia ... Carded a 72-74-71=217 (+1) to tie for third place at Ping/*Golfweek* NCAA Preview ... Battled heavy rains in tieing for 36th place with a four-over 220 at the Carpet Capital Collegiate ... Opened the season 19 days after is U.S. Amateur win and tied for third place at the William H. Tucker Intercollegiate with a 71-69-74=214 (-2) ... Barnes was the 500th person to win a USGA national championship with his win at the Amateur on Aug. 25.

Reid Hatley

Senior, Spokane, Wash. 73.47 stroke avg.

An Honorable Mention all-Pac-10 selection ... Ranks fourth on the squad with a 73.47 stroke average ... Ranks second on the team with 36 rounds played in 2002-03 ... Nine of his 13 rounds at par or better have come this spring ... Has two top-10 and two top-20 finishes to his credit in 13 starts this season ... Collected 16 career rounds in the 60s with five coming in 2002-03, including his career-low 65 on Feb. 3 ... A Mary J. Roby Academic Award Winner ... Opened the spring with two below-par tournaments, but has been over par in the five events since ... Finished tied for 22nd at the NCAA West Regional on May 17 with a 75-74-70=219 (+3) ... Shot a 78-74-72-76=300 (+12) total to tie for 23rd place at the 2003 Pac-10 Championships on April 30 ... Tied for 59th place at the ASU Thunderbird/Savane Invitational April 12 with a 69-74-74=217 (+1) ... Carded a 234 (+18) to finish 66th at the National Invitational Tournament ... Tied for 28th place at the Oregon Duck Invitational March 25 with a 221 (+5) total ... Finished six-over-par (222) and tied for 42nd place at the Toyota Men's Collegiate Championship ... Tied for 12th place at the John Burns Intercollegiate with a 74-70-69=213 (-3) on Feb. 21 ... Opened spring play with a tie for 10th place Feb. 4 at the PING-Arizona Intercollegiate, 65-74-71=210 (-3) ... Posted a 2-2 record Nov. 8-10 at the Hooters Collegiate Match Play Championship, helping Arizona to a third-place finish ... Earned his seventh career top-10 finish with a 67-72=139 (-3) total to tie for ninth at the rain-shortened Jerry Pate National Intercollegiate ... His first-round 67 at the JPNi equaled a then career-low ... Finished tied for 13th place at the Ping/*Golfweek* NCAA Preview with a three-round 222 (+6) ... Shot a 10-over 226 to finish tied for 66th place at the Carpet Capital Collegiate ... Tied for 31st place at the William H. Tucker Intercollegiate after carding a 222 (+6) total in the season-opening event.

Nick Juszcak

Junior, Phoenix, Ariz. 74.39 stroke avg.

Ranks sixth on the squad with a 74.39 stroke average ... Stroke average has dropped 2.28 strokes this spring (five events) ... Was the top UA finisher at the Wyoming Cowboy Classic April 16 with a 73-75-73=221 (+11), his second top-20 finish this season and his best placing ... Tied for 86th place at the ASU Thunderbird/Savane Invitational with a 70-75-76=221 (+5) ... Carded a 225 (+9) to tie for 33rd at the National Invitational Tournament on April 1 ... Shot a 15-over 231 to tie for 26th place at the Anteater Invitational ... Opened spring play with a career-low 73-70-68=211 (-2) to tie for 15th place Feb. 4 at the PING-Arizona Intercollegiate ... The final round 68 was a career low ... Finished tied for 45th place at the 49er Collegiate Classic with a 14-over-par 230 in his only appearance of the season ... Posted a season-low 74 in the final round.

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Nathan Lashley

Sophomore, Scottsbluff, Neb. 74.83 stroke avg.

Averaging 74.83 strokes through eight appearances (23 rounds) ... Tied for 18th place with a 74-74-74=222 (+12) at the Wyoming Cowboy Classic ... Posted a career-low tournament total with a 70-73-70=213 (-3) April 12 at the ASU Thunderbird/Savane Invitational ... It was his first sub-par collegiate tournament and his first-and third-round 70s were season lows ... Tied for 64th place with a 233 (+17) at the National Invitational Tournament ... Carded an 18-over 234 to tie for 38th at the Anteater Invitational ... Posted a 75-72-74=221 (+8) at the PING-Arizona Intercollegiate to tie for 61st place ... Shot a 73-72-79=224 (+8) to finish tied for 31st place at the 49er Collegiate Classic ... Carded a 74-75=149 (+7) to finish tied for 46th place at the rain-shortened Jerry Pate National Intercollegiate ... Opened the season with a 74-80-71=225 (+9) to tie for 49th at the William H. Tucker Intercollegiate ... Has made an appearance for the UA varsity in the season-opening event in each of his two seasons in Tucson.

Andrew Medley

Senior, Jackson, Miss. 73.04 stroke avg.

A mid-year transfer from the University of Mississippi who became eligible in January ... An Honorable Mention all-Pac-10 selection ... Appeared in all eight varsity events this spring (25 rounds) ... His 73.04 stroke average ranks third on the squad ... Has one top-10 and two top-20 finish to his credit ... Nine of his 25 rounds have been at par or better, including three in the 60s ... His addition has really strengthened the UA lineup, as the team spring countable stroke average (71.57) is 1.45 strokes lower than the fall ... Tied for 56th place at the NCAA West Regional with an eight-over 224 total ... Posted his second top-20 finish with a 17th-place effort at the 2003 Pac-10 Championships on April 30 after shooting a 79-74-69-73=295 (+7) ... Finished tied for 59th place at the ASU Thunderbird/Savane Invitational with a 74-69-74=217 (+1) total ... Posted his first top-10 finish as a Wildcat with a 78-67-72=217 (+1) to finish tied for fifth place April 1 at the National Invitational Tournament ... His second-round 67 was a UA low ... Tied for 39th place at the Oregon Duck Invitational with a 223 (+7) total ... Collected his worst UA placement with a tie for 51st place at the Toyota Men's Collegiate Golf Championship with a seven-over 223 ... Finished tied for 23rd at the John Burns Intercollegiate with a 70-73-72=215 (-1) ... Made his Arizona debut Feb. 3-4 with a 73-71-68=212 (-1) to tie for 19th place at the PING-Arizona Intercollegiate.

Chris Nallen

Junior, Blairstown, N.J. 71.33 stroke avg.

One of the nation's finest college golfers ... Leads the team and ranks 19th nationally with a 71.39 stroke average ... Has been Arizona's top finisher in seven of 14 events with nine top-10 finishes to his credit ... A first-team all-Pac-10 selection for the second year in a row ... Average finish in 13 scoring events is 10.5 ... Leads the team in rounds at par or better (27), rounds in the 60s (12), and low tournament (205/-11) ... A semifinalist for the Ben Hogan Award, which is given to college golf's top male amateur golfer ... Has been at par or better in nine of 13 scoring events this season ... From Nov. 26-Feb. 21, six of his seven rounds played were in the 60s ... Twenty of his last 26 rounds played have been at par or better ... A Mary J. Roby Academic Award Winner ... Placed fourth at the NCAA West Regional on May 17 with a 70-69-73=212 (-4) total, his second career top-four finish at the Regionals ... Carded a 75-72-73-71=291 (+3) to tie

for 12th place April 30 at the 2003 Pac-10 Championships ... Finished tied for third and posted a new career tournament low with a 70-68-67=205 (-11) April 12 at the ASU Thunderbird/Savane Invitational ... Tied for 10th place April 1 at the National Invitational Tournament with a two-over-par 218 ... Carded a 72-69-71=212 (-4) to finish sixth March 25 at the Oregon Duck Invitational ... Was the only UA player to finish below par, 213 (-3), at the Toyota Men's Collegiate Golf Championship on March 9 ... Shot 72-68-69=209 (-7) to tie for second at the John Burns Intercollegiate on Feb. 21 ... Opened the spring season with a 67-68-69=204 (-9) to finish as the runner-up at the PING-Arizona Intercollegiate ... Closed the fall season with the team's lowest stroke average at 72.71 ... Carded a 76-77-69=222 (+8) to finish tied for 15th place at the Western Refining College All-America Golf Classic on Nov. 25-26 ... Posted a 1-2-1 record Nov. 8-10 at the Hooters Collegiate Match Play Championship, helping Arizona to a third-place finish ... Earned individual medalist honors for the second time in his career with a victory at the Jerry Pate National Intercollegiate ... Blistered a rain-soaked Old Overton Club course with a 69-66=135 (-7) to win the Jerry Pate National Intercollegiate ... It was his first win since winning the U.S. Intercollegiate on April 22, 2001 ... His second-round 66 was one shot off his career low ... Posted the worst total of his collegiate career with a 16-over-par 232 to finish tied for 49th place at the Ping/*Golfweek* NCAA Preview ... Carded a 70-72-71=213 (-3) to tie for 10th place at the Carpet Capital Collegiate ... Opened the season with a tie for ninth place (71-71-74=216/E) at the William H. Tucker Intercollegiate.

Blaine Peffley

Freshman, Lebanon, Pa. 75.54 stroke avg.

Ranks ninth on the squad with a 75.54 stroke average ... Freshman has seen action in nine of 11 varsity events to date (10 overall) ... Struggled a bit of late, with a 76.20 stroke average in five spring appearances (15 rounds) ... Placed 54th at the Wyoming Cowboy Classic with a 32-over 242 total ... Finished 70th at the National Invitational Tournament April 1 with a 237 (+21) ... Tied for 67th place at the Toyota Men's Collegiate Golf Championship with a 13-over-par 229 ... Equaled his low tournament total in relation to par (+3) in consecutive events with a 68-77-74=219 at the John Burns Intercollegiate (T40th) and a 73-72-71=216 at the PING-Arizona Intercollegiate (T42nd) ... His first-round 68 at the John Burns is a career low ... Finished third in the Wildcat lineup in three straight tournaments to close the fall ... The only UA golfer to go undefeated at the Hooters Collegiate Match Play Championship Nov. 8-10, he posted a 3-0-1 record and helped Arizona to a third-place finish ... Carded his low tournament total of the fall with a 72-73=145 (+3) at the rain-shortened Jerry Pate National Intercollegiate, where he tied for 27th place ... Collected his best finish with a tie for 25th at the Ping/*Golfweek* NCAA Preview with a 10-over-par 226 total ... Tied for 61st place at the Carpet Capital Collegiate with a 74-76-75=225 (+9) total to tie for 61st place ... Made his collegiate debut with a 75-75-75=225 (+9) to tie for 49th place at the William H. Tucker Intercollegiate.

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Kipp Riehle

Sophomore, Phoenix, Ariz. 74.52 stroke avg.

Has battled consistency all year long ... When he is on, he can be very good (three events/71.00 stroke average), but when he's off, it's a struggle (five events/76.50) ... Has seven rounds at par or better this season, including five this spring ... All four rounds in the 60s have come in the spring ... Carded an 18-over-par 306 total to tie for 40th place at the 2003 Pac-10 Championships on April 30 ... Posted a career-low tournament total with a 72-68-69=209 (-7) to tie for 17th place April 12 at the ASU Thunderbird/Savane Invitational ... The second-round 68 equaled a career low ... Tallied a 13-over-par 229 to tie for 49th at the National Invitational Tournament ... Posted his second consecutive top-20 finish with a tie for 12th at the Anteater Invitational on Feb. 11 (224/+8) ... Opened the spring with a solid 69-69-72=210 (-3) to tie for 10th place at the PING-Arizona Intercollegiate on Feb. 4 ... Lowered his stroke average by 1.39 strokes after shooting a 72-75-73=220 (+4) to finish tied for 15th at the 49er Collegiate Classic ... Tallied a 234 (+18) total at the Ping/*Golfweek* NCAA Preview to tie for 51st place ... Opened the season with a 72-77-82=213 (+11) to tie for 70th place at the William H. Tucker Intercollegiate.

Brian Woolf

Senior, Granada Hills, Calif. 73.97 stroke avg.

Has been a pleasant surprise for the Wildcats this season, as his 73.97 stroke average is 2.05 strokes lower than his career mark entering 2002-03 (76.02) ... 74.04 stroke average in nine spring appearances (28 rounds) ... In his first career NCAA West Regional appearance, tied for 62nd place with a 77-73-75=225 (+9) total ... Finished tied for 27th place at the 2003 Pac-10 Championships April 30 with a 72-79-75-75=301 (+13) total ... Carded a 25-over 235 total to tie for 49th place at the Wyoming Cowboy Classic ... Tied for 71st place at the ASU Thunderbird/Savane Invitational with a 72-72-75=219 (+3) ... Carded a 10-over 226 to tie for 39th place at the National Invitational Tournament ... Battled heavy rains March 25 to post a 76-71-73=220 (+4) finish at the Oregon Duck Invitational and tie for 23rd place ... Carded a season-low 69-73-74=216 (E) to tie for 26th place Feb. 21 at the John Burns Intercollegiate ... Tallied a 68-76-70=214 (+1) to tie for 33rd at the PING-Arizona Intercollegiate ... Made a strong season debut with a tie for 15th place at the 49er Collegiate Classic after shooting a 75-77-68=220 (+4) to help the UA junior varsity win the team title ... The final-round 68 was his third career sub-70 round, while the 220 (+4) tournament total was the third lowest of his career at that point.

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William H. Tucker Intercollegiate (3rd of 18)

Sept. 13-14, 2002 Albuquerque, N.M.

Arizona shot a final round 299 (+11) and could not make up ground on the leaders Saturday in posting a third place finish at the William H. Tucker Intercollegiate.

The fourth-ranked Wildcats finished the 54-hole event with a team total of 874 (+10) to finish in third place. High scores were the order of the day, as just one team in the field of 18 managed to card a total at par or better. Tournament host New Mexico won the event with an even-par 864.

Individually, two Wildcats stand in the top 10, led by Ricky Barnes. The senior from Stockton, Calif., shot a final round 74 (+2) to finish in a tie for third place at 214 (-2). Barnes, who won the 2002 NCAA West Regional on this same course, is a combined eight-under-par over his last six rounds at New Mexico's Championship Course. New Mexico's Michael Letzig captured individual medalist honors in the 97-man field with a 207 (-9) total.

Joining Barnes in the top 10 was junior Chris Nallen. He tallied a final round 74 (+2) to tie for ninth place at even-par 216. Junior Andy Connell narrowly missed a top-10 finish off his own, as he finished tied for 14th place at 218 (+2). All told, only one UA golfer (Nathan Lashley) was below par on Saturday.

Carpet Capital Collegiate (14th of 18)

Sept. 27-29, 2002 Rocky Face, Ga.

The Wildcats managed to post its best round of the tournament in the final round, but it wasn't enough to move up the leaderboard, as the team finished in 14th place at the Carpet Capital Collegiate.

Arizona posted a final-round 291 (+3) and finished 14th out of 18 teams with an 881 (+17) total. Clemson won the team title by two strokes after posting a seven-under 281 in the final round to finish at 850 (-14).

Leading the way for Arizona individually, was Chris Nallen, who tallied a final-round 71 (-1) to finish the event in a six-way tie for 10th place at 213 (-3). Nallen had one of two UA rounds at par or better on Sunday. It was his second top-10 finish of the season and the 10th of his career. Bill Haas of Wake Forest and Troy Matteson of Georgia Tech shared individual medalist honors, as each finished the 54-hole event with 205 (-11) totals.

Ping/Golfweek NCAA Preview (3rd of 15)

Oct. 7-8, 2002 Stillwater, Okla.

Bolstered by two players in the top 13 places, Arizona finished in third place at the Ping/Golfweek NCAA Preview. It was the team's second top-three finish in three events this season.

The Wildcats carded a 10-over-par 298 in the final round and finished the 54-hole event with an 893 (+29) total. Arizona was one of just six teams in the field of 15 to post a sub-300 total over the final 18 holes. Augusta State won the event with an 880 (+16) total.

Individually, senior Ricky Barnes fired a final round one-under 71 to tie for third place at 217 (+1). It was Barnes' second top-five finish of the season and the 11th of his career. Augusta State's Emmett Turner captured individual medalist honors with a three-under 213 total. He was the only golfer in the field of 75 to finish under par.

Fellow senior Reid Hatley carded a one-under 71 to finish tied for 13th place at 222 (+6). It was the best finish of the season for the Spokane, Wash., product.

Jerry Pate National Intercollegiate (T6th of 12)

Oct. 14-15, 2002 Birmingham, Ala.

Heavy rains canceled the final round of the Jerry Pate National Intercollegiate enabling UA junior Chris Nallen to claim individual medalist honors with a seven-under-par 135 total.

Nallen, a native of Blairstown, N.J., carded an opening-round 69 (-2) and followed with a 66 (-5) in the day's second 18 holes to forge a one-stroke lead at 135 (-7) over a pair of players at 136. The sub-70 rounds were the 19th and 20th of his career, and his second-round 66 was one stroke shy of his career low. The win was the second of Nallen's career. He also won the U.S. Intercollegiate, April 21-22, 2001, in Palo Alto, Calif.

Nallen's stellar play came on the heels of the worst tournament finish of his career. At last week's Ping/Golfweek NCAA Preview, he shot a three-

round 232 (+16) and finished tied for 49th place. His efforts in Birmingham placed the Wildcats in a tie for sixth place at 565 (-3). That total is the team's best 36-hole total of the season by 10 strokes. Clemson won the 12-team event with a 556 (-12) total.

Joining Nallen in the top-10 places was UA senior Reid Hatley. He equaled a career-low with a 67 (-4) in the opening round and finished tied for ninth place at 139 (-3). Freshman Blaine Peffley also placed in the top 30, as his two-round total of 145 (+3) tied him for 27th. Arizona was without the services of senior Ricky Barnes, the reigning U.S. Amateur Champion, who is preparing to compete for the United States in the World Amateur Championship in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Hooters Collegiate Match Play Championship (3rd of 16)

Nov. 8-10, 2002 North Myrtle Beach, S.C.

The University of Arizona men's golf team defeated Texas Christian, 3-2, to claim third place at the Hooters Collegiate Match Play Championship at the Dye Course at Barefoot Resort.

Led by freshman Blaine Peffley, Arizona won at the second, third and fifth positions clinch the match over sixth-seeded TCU and finish third in the field of 16. Peffley, a native of Lebanon, Pa., used a quick start to defeat TCU's Colby Beckstrom, 4 and 3. He won four of the first six holes in the match en route to his third win in the tournament. Peffley, who finished with a 3-0-1 record, was the only Wildcat player to finish the event undefeated.

Teammates Chris Nallen and Reid Hatley also came through with wins on Sunday. Nallen defeated David Schultz, 5 and 3, while Hatley downed J.J. Killeen, 2-up, to give fifth-seed Arizona the three points it needed for victory.

Senior Ricky Barnes lost 3 and 2 to Adam Robinson and Andy Connell lost 5 and 4 to Stephen Polanski to close the scoring.

Western Refining College All-America Golf Classic (individuals only)

Nov. 25-26, 2002 El Paso, Texas

Ricky Barnes and Chris Nallen both shot 2-under-par 69 in the final round of the Western Refining College All-America Golf Classic. The duo shared 15th place in the 24-man field.

Barnes, a senior from Stockton, Calif., and Nallen, a junior from Blairstown, N.J., each finished at 9-over-par 222. After both posted 36-hole totals of 153 Monday, the two Wildcats rebounded in the final round with the third best individual scores of the day. Only rounds of three-under-par 68 by Ryan Hybl of Georgia and Minnesota's Matt Anderson were better than UA duo's final-round totals.

Adam Robinson of Texas Christian won the tournament title as he led the event wire-to-wire. Robinson closed the tournament with a 54-hole total of five-under-par 208.

PING-Arizona Intercollegiate (1st of 16)

Feb. 3-4, 2003 Tucson, Ariz.

Arizona posted a final round eight-under-par total to capture the 2003 PING-Arizona Intercollegiate.

Bolstered by four players in top 19 places, UA carded a final round 276 (-8) to post a three-round 829 (-23) and win the event by two strokes over UCLA (831). The Cats' closing charge erased UCLA's two-stroke lead entering the final 18 holes. Pepperdine (840), USC (845) and Wake Forest (846) rounded out the top five finishers.

The win was Arizona's first team title since April 2001, when the Wildcats captured the U.S. Intercollegiate in Palo Alto, Calif. Arizona's total of 23 strokes under par equaled the eighth-best finish in relation to par in school history.

Chris Nallen led the way for Arizona, as the junior shot a final round 69 (-2) to finish in second place individually with a 204 (-9) total. He finished one stroke behind UTEP's Chris Baryl, who captured individual medalist honors with a three-round total of 203 (-10).

All told, four of Arizona's five varsity golfers in the event posted a final round total at par or better. Nallen was one of four UA golfers to finish in the top 20. Senior Ricky Barnes earned his third top-10 finish of the year with a tie for third place at 205 (-8). His eight-under-par total is a 2002-03 season low for Barnes. Senior Reid Hatley finished in a tie for 10th place at 210 (-3), two strokes ahead of teammate Andrew Medley, who finished tied for 19th place at 212 (-1) in his UA debut.

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John Burns Invitational (1st of 19)

Feb. 19-21, 2003 Wahiawa, Hawaii

A balanced Wildcat lineup continued to flex its muscle, as Arizona carded an eight-under-par final round total to win the John Burns Intercollegiate by seven strokes.

With four of its five golfers finishing at par or better in the final round, the Wildcats posted a 280 (-8) to win the 19-team event by seven strokes with an 843 (-21) total. Arizona's 280 was the low round of the day by three strokes. San Diego State and New Mexico (850) claimed runner-up honors, while UNLV (851) and SMU (853) rounded out the top five places.

The team win was the second of the season for Arizona, and UA's second in as many starts this spring. The last time the Wildcats won consecutive team events came in the fall of 1997, as the team captured the Missouri Bluffs Intercollegiate on Sept. 29, 1997, and the Taylor Made Red River Classic on Oct. 14, 1997.

Leading the way for the Wildcats was Chris Nallen, who shot a final-round 69 (-3) to finish in a tie for second place at seven-under 209. It was Nallen's second consecutive runner-up finish this spring and his fifth top-10 finish in 2002-03. He finished one stroke behind individual medalist Lars Johansson of San Diego State, who won the event with a 208 (-8) total.

Also collecting a top-10 finish was senior Ricky Barnes. The Stockton, Calif., native carded a final-round 70 (-2) to finish in a tie for ninth place at 212 (-4). It was Barnes' fourth top-10 finish this season. Fellow senior Reid Hatley also shot a final-round 69 to finish in a tie for 12th place at 213 (-3). Hatley has finished under par in his last three tournaments dating back to fall competition.

Senior Andrew Medley finished in a tie for 23rd place with a 215 (-1) total. Medley finished one stroke ahead of teammate Brian Woolf, who posted a three-round total of even par 216 to finish tied for 26th place as an individual. It marked Woolf's best placing in a UA varsity appearance.

Toyota Men's Collegiate Championship (7th of 15)

March 7-9, 2003 Las Vegas, Nev.

UA shot a final round 295 (+7) to finish in seventh place at the Toyota Men's Golf Collegiate Championship.

Arizona, who entered the final round in fourth place, posted its worst round of the tournament and slipped to seventh place in the 15-team field with an 868 (+4) total. No Arizona golfer broke par in the final round. Oklahoma State won the event with an eight-under-par 856 total.

Individually, Arizona was led by Chris Nallen, who finished tied for 14th place at 213 (-3). He was the only Wildcat to finish in the top 30. Teammate Ricky Barnes carded a final-round 75 to finish tied for 34th place at 220 (+4).

Also competing for the Wildcats was Reid Hatley, who finished tied for 42nd place at 222 (+6), Andrew Medley, who finished tied for 51st place at 223 (+7), and Blaine Peffley, who finished tied for 67th place at 229 (+13).

Oregon Duck Invitational (T1st of 16)

March 24-25, 2003 Eugene, Ore.

A steady rain could not keep Arizona from winning its third tournament this spring, as the Cats rallied to capture a share of the Oregon Duck Invitational.

Rain began falling midway through the final round and turned into a steady downpour during the tournament's final four holes, but that didn't stop UA from erasing a four-stroke deficit heading into the final 18 holes.

The Cats posted the lowest round of the day, a two-under-par 286, to share tournament honors with an 858 (-6) total with Washington. Bad weather canceled a possible playoff.

The win marked Arizona's third win this spring. It marks the first time since 1992-93 that the Wildcats have won as many as three tournaments in the same season.

Team leaders Ricky Barnes and Chris Nallen both earned top-six finishes with sub-par final rounds. Barnes carded a three-under 69 to finish in third place at 208 (-8). His eight-under-par tournament total equaled a season low. He fished one stroke behind individual medalists John Ellis of Oregon and Brock Mackenzie of Washington, who posted 207 (-9) totals. Nallen, who was six under par over the final 36 holes, tallied a final-round 71 (-1) and finished in sixth place at 212 (-4).

National Invitational Tournament (1st of 14)

March 30-April 1, 2003 Tucson, Ariz.

Arizona withstood high winds and a strong charge from New Mexico, but held on to win the 2003 National Invitational Tournament at Tucson National Golf Course.

Arizona, which held an eight-stroke lead heading into the final round, shot a closing 298 (+10) to win the event with an 870 (+6) total by four strokes over New Mexico. High winds pushed the scores higher, as every team in the field of 14 finished over par.

The Wildcats saw its lead evaporate by the 17th hole, as the two teams headed to the final hole all square. Arizona clinched the win by playing the hole in two-under par, courtesy of birdies by Ricky Barnes and Andrew Medley and a masterful par save by Brian Woolf, four strokes better than New Mexico.

Barnes paced the Wildcats as he tied for second place at 214 (-2). His final-round 76 (+4) ended his string of five straight rounds below par and cost him shot at his sixth career collegiate victory. Alejandro Canizares of Arizona State claimed individual medalist honors in the field of 75 at 212 (-4).

Medley and Chris Nallen joined Barnes in the top 10. Medley, who was five-under-par over the last two rounds, finished tied for fifth place at 217 (+1). Nallen posted his seventh top-10 finish in 11 events this season with a tie for 10th place at 218 (+2).

ASU Thunderbird/Savane Invitational (T7th of 19)

April 11-12, 2003 Tempe, Ariz.

Chris Nallen posted a career-low 205 total to finish in third place individually at the ASU Thunderbird/Savane Invitational.

Nallen carded a final-round 67 (-5) to finish the 54-hole tournament with a 205 (-11) total and tie for third place. For Nallen, it was a career low and tied him for eighth place on Arizona's low 54-hole total in relation to par list. It also tied for eighth lowest total at the ASU Thunderbird/Savane Invitational since the tournament moved to a three-round format in 1988. TCU's David Schultz topped the 104-man field with a 15-under-par 201 total to win the event by three strokes.

Arizona, playing without reigning U.S. Amateur Champion Ricky Barnes who was competing in The Masters, posted its second-lowest total of the season in finishing in a tie for seventh place. All three of its rounds were below par, but even its 20-under 844 total wasn't enough to keep pace in an event where the top 10 individuals posted 28 of 30 rounds below par and the top-five teams were a combined 153 strokes below par. Tournament host Arizona State topped the 19-team field with an 824 (-40) total.

In addition to Nallen's efforts, sophomore Kipp Riehle collected his third top-20 finish of the season with a tie for 17th place at 209 (-7), which was a career low. Seniors Reid Hatley and Andrew Medley tied for 59th place at 217 (+1), while Brian Woolf tied for 71st place at 219 (+3).

2003 Pacific-10 Conference Championships (2nd of 10)

April 28-30, 2003 Glendale, Calif.

The University of Arizona men's golf team carded a two-over-par 362 total to finish in second place at the 2003 Pacific-10 Conference Men's Golf Championships.

Arizona collected its best finish at the league championships since 1994 by posting a four-round total of 1,466 (+26). Bolstered by two players finishing below par, Arizona's final-round tally was its lowest round of the championships. The Wildcats finished 27 strokes behind tournament-winner UCLA, who posted a four-round total of 1,439 (-1).

Individually, three Wildcats finished in the top 20, led by Ricky Barnes. The senior carded a three-under 69 to finish in a tie for fourth place overall. Barnes completed the event with a even-par 288 and collected his fourth consecutive top-10 finish at the Pac-10 Championships.

Junior Chris Nallen continued his run of solid play by finishing in a tie for 12th place. Nallen posted a one-under 71, his lone sub-par round of the tournament, to finish with a four-round tally of 291 (+3). It was his 11th top-20 placing in 12 scoring events this season. Senior Andrew Medley carded a one-over 73, and finished in 17th place at 295 (+7).

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2003 NCAA West Regional (2nd of 27)

May 15-17, 2003 Auburn, Wash.

Led by the senior tandem of Ricky Barnes and Reid Hatley, Arizona men's golf team posted the low round of the day May 17 to finish in second place at the 2003 NCAA Men's Golf West Regional.

Barnes and Hatley, the two most experienced players on the Wildcat roster, combined for a seven-under-par tally on the day to help Arizona post a final-round 285 (-3) and finish the three-round tournament with an 865 (+1) total. UA, which finished one stroke behind tournament-winner UCLA (864/E), and Washington were the only schools in the field of 27 to post a sub-par round in this tournament.

Barnes' final-round 67(-5) briefly equaled the Washington National Golf Club course record and moved him into sole possession of third place at the West Regional with a three-round total of 211 (-5). That record was topped by Pepperdine's Michael Putnam later in the day with an eight-under 64. A co-individual medalist at last year's NCAA West Regional, Barnes finished three strokes behind New Mexico's Michael Letzig, who carded a 208 (-8) total.

Hatley, a native of Spokane, Wash., carded a final-round two-under 70 to finish in a tie for 24th place at 219 (+3). The third-round score was Hatley's lowest in his last three events, and the tie for 24th was his best placing at the regionals since a tie for fifth place as a freshman in 2000.