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Michael **Combs** of the **Golf** Club in Kennewick, Wash., fired a final round 6-under 66 Wednesday to erase a three-shot deficit and capture the **Jeld-Wen Northwest Open** at the **Eagle** Crest Resort's **Ridge** Course in Redmond.

Bob Rannow of Sandpines **Golf** Links in Florence battled for the lead from the sixth through the 15th holes before **Combs** birdied the final three holes to win his second PNW section major championship with a total of 203. The victory was worth \$7,200 out of the \$90,000 purse.

Rannow settled for second place and a payday of \$4,600 with a 205. Brent Murray of Oswego Lake CC and Tom Sovay of Harbour Pointe GC tied for third at 206. Sovay had the day's low round with a 7-under 65.

Low amateur honors went to Olympia's John Robertson and Bellingham's Michael Fields, who both carded 211s. Springfield Country Club's Tim Tucker finished in a tie for 49th with a 218, while Steven Welker of Diamond Woods tied for 57th at 219.

Former Seattle Mariners pitcher Erik Hanson, who plays out of Sahalee Country Club in Seattle, carded a 2-under-par 70 in the second round to take the lead at the 18th Pacific Northwest Men's Mid-Amateur championships at Canterwood **Golf** and Country Club in Spokane.

Hanson's two-day total of 1-over-par 145 is one shot better than first-round leader Ken Jenson of Olympic Hills Men's Club and Greg Ott of Riverbend **Golf** Complex. Tom Brandes of Rainier G&CC is another shot back at 147. In all, 24 golfers are within nine shots of Hanson's lead.

Volleyball

The Lane Community College volleyball team improved to 4-2 with a 30-23, 31-29, 30-15 nonleague victory over the Linfield JVs in McMinnville on Wednesday.

Dani Rouhier slammed 13 kills and Lacey DeWald had 24 assists for the Titans, who held off the Wildcats in the second game and then cruised through the third.

Lane faces Linfield for another nonleague match Monday at LCC before playing host to Mt. Hood Community College in the Southern Division opener on Wednesday.

Basketball

The Oregon State men's basketball team added two players on Wednesday and lost one.

Sal Vance of Oakland, Calif., and Chris Stephens of Portland will join the squad for the 2002-2003 season, head coach Jay John said.

Justin Holt of Tacoma, Wash., who was recruited by former head coach Ritchie McKay, will not enroll.

Vance, a 6-foot-7 forward who attended Oakland Technical High School, averaged 16.0 points and 11.0 rebounds as a junior. Vance did not play his senior season, electing to concentrate on academics. He did compete in various AAU tournaments during his senior year.

``Sal is arguably the best athlete on our roster," John said. ``Athletically, he can play with anyone in the Pac-10 Conference."

Stephens played at Madison High School, where he lettered three years as a 6-2 guard. He was second in the state in scoring as a senior, averaging 22.9 points, and added 5.4 assists.

``Chris is another example of the talented guards who have come out of the Portland area in recent years.'' assistant coach Brian Loyd said. ``He has the ability to play the point and run the team, but is also equally adept at shooting and scoring the basketball. The coaching staff expects him to be an immediate contributor.''

Holt will stay in Tacoma and attend Tacoma Community College. The 6-5 swingman signed a letter of intent to attend Oregon State last November. With the roster moves, Oregon State has 12 players on scholarship for the 2002-2003 season.

Soccer

A memorial service for Stephen Hensor, a member of the Oregon State men's soccer team, will be held Monday at 6:30 p.m. in the banquet room of the CH2M Hill Alumni Center in Corvallis. OSU's team chaplain will perform the service and the public is invited to attend.

Hensor, a member of the OSU soccer team in 2000 and 2001, passed away on Aug. 30 after a year-long battle with liver cancer. He was 20 years old.

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