

Women's golf team sends two to compete in Nor Cal tournament

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This year's women's golf team has concluded their season by finishing in fourth place in the Big 8 conference and sending two golfers to the Nor Cal tournament.

The team missed the team Nor Cal tournament this year, but PGA golf professional and Delta college women's golf coach Tony Troncale believes that this is only the beginning for the women's golf team.

Tony Troncale has been a PGA professional golfer for 25 years. He also assisted the Delta College men's golf team

for 5 years.

"This is only our second year in the league; next year we will have a lot more recruits coming in which will help us be more competitive," said coach Tony Troncale.

When it comes to where the team ends next year, Troncale hopes to see the team finish 1 or 2 in the Big 8 conference.

The top two teams in the conference advance to the Nor Cal tournament along with the top twelve individuals.

All-Conference golfer Michelle Nelson will individually be competing in the Nor Cal tournament.

Teammate Kim Nelson will be waiting for her chance to

compete as an alternate.

"I set a goal to get into the seventies and have not reached it yet, although I have shot eighty about five times," said Nelson. "I am just trying to be mentally prepared for the Nor Cals, and hopefully reach my goal of medaling in the state tournament," said Michelle Nelson.

This will be Michelle Nelson's second appearance at the Nor Cal tournament after missing the state tournament by a few shots last year.

If she is able to play well enough to make it to the state tournament, her goal would be to rank in the top six because they are awarded medals.

Although the year is over, the future of the women's golf team looks bright.

"My mentality as a PGA golf professional, when it comes to coaching, is to work with the girls to try and make them [each] be a better player," said Troncale.

The players themselves, too, feel that they are improving.

"We learned a lot because of our coach, he's improved our mechanics and made us into golfers," said Malia Wong. He preaches that the next shot is the most important shot."

Wong reached her lowest score of the year under coach Troncale's instruction.

Gaby Juarez has scored her

lowest score as well.

"Juarez starting shooting at 130 when she came to us and has gotten down to a 93," said Troncale. "If we were shooting like this earlier in the year than we would have been more competitive."

"It is great playing for a pro, he really helps make everyone better and knows what he is talking about," said teammate Kira Lopez.

Malia Wong, Gaby Juarez, and Kira Lopez will be returning next year along with other recruits.

In addition, in the offseason, Coach Troncale participates in 4 to 5 PGA events every year.

This year he has played in the Monterey open, Firestone open in Akron Ohio, and will be playing in the Hawaii open in December.

Tony Troncale will be training the women's golf team and preparing them to beat top teams in the Big 8 conference that were able to "blow away the competition this year."

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DELTA COLLEGE UPCOMING HOME SCHEDULE:

• Nov. 6	Big 8 Conference Water Polo Championships	ALL DAY	Fergusson Pool
	Men's Soccer vs. Santa Rosa Jr. College	3p.m.	Soccer Field
• Nov. 7	Big 8 Conference Water Polo Championships	ALL DAY	Fergusson Pool
• Nov. 11	Volleyball vs. Cosumnes River College	6:30p.m.	Marcopulos Gym
• Nov. 12	Women's Soccer vs. Sierra College	3p.m.	Soccer Field
• Nov. 13	Volleyball vs. American River College	6:30p.m.	Marcopulos Gym
• Nov. 16	Men's Soccer vs. College of the Redwoods	12p.m.	Soccer Field