

## OSU eyes NCAA tourney, after Cupp renovation

NORMAN, Okla. — A \$4.1 million renovation of the University of Oklahoma Golf Course by Atlanta architect Bob Cupp is expected to transform the course into a worthy site for an NCAA Championship.

The biggest and most important improvement will be a wall-to-wall irrigation system. The course, originally designed by legendary architect Perry Maxwell, has suffered in Oklahoma's hot summers without such a system.

The renovation has been delayed and argued over for years, but the renovated layout is expected to open in April 1996.

Part of the problem surrounding the renovation has been the concern over maintaining the Maxwell design.

Although the routing will change dramatically, the course will keep the Maxwell look with little dirt movement and flashed-up bunkers. The greens will be enlarged to meet United States Golf Association recommended standards but will continue to have the subtle Maxwell contours.

There will also be a new 11,000-square-foot practice facility with a chipping green and two putting greens.

## Plans for Wash. state's first 36 on the table

SEATTLE, Wash. — A proposed golf complex in the suburb of Marysville that could become the state's first 36-hole facility is under review by the Snohomish County Planning Department.

Evergreen Golf Design Inc. hopes to build the project on a wooded 295-acre site just north of Lake Stevens and east of Marysville in an area of horse pastures and homes. Evergreen built the 27-hole Battle Creek Golf Course five years ago on the Tulalip Reservation near Marysville.

Evergreen hopes to begin construction this fall and open Lake Cassidy Golf Course in June 1996 with an 18-hole golf course and driving range.

A Lake Cassidy Citizens Coalition has formed to fight the proposal. The coalition is concerned with runoff from the proposed golf course and a possible depletion of groundwater. Part of the course would also lie near a Centennial Trail and there are nearly eight acres of wetlands on the property.

Planners are scheduled to decide by April 13 whether Evergreen must do a full environmental-impact study.

## Co-operators to create rival facility?

MIDDLEBURY, Ind. — The co-operator of the Cedar Lake Golf Course here in LaGrange County plans to build a new 18-hole public golf course just outside town that could be in operation by June 1996.

Al Franko said the proposed 185-acre development will include a pro shop, snack area and driving range. Franko will develop the golf course, which will be named

Spring Meadow GC.

Franko's partners are Tom Mortola and Gary Zimmerman, who are also involved in Cedar Lake. Franko, Mortola and Zimmerman have run the Cedar Lake facility for more than three years.

Franko said Spring Meadow — which is awaiting financing approval — will be a medium to high-end public access course.

## Arizona course remains on block

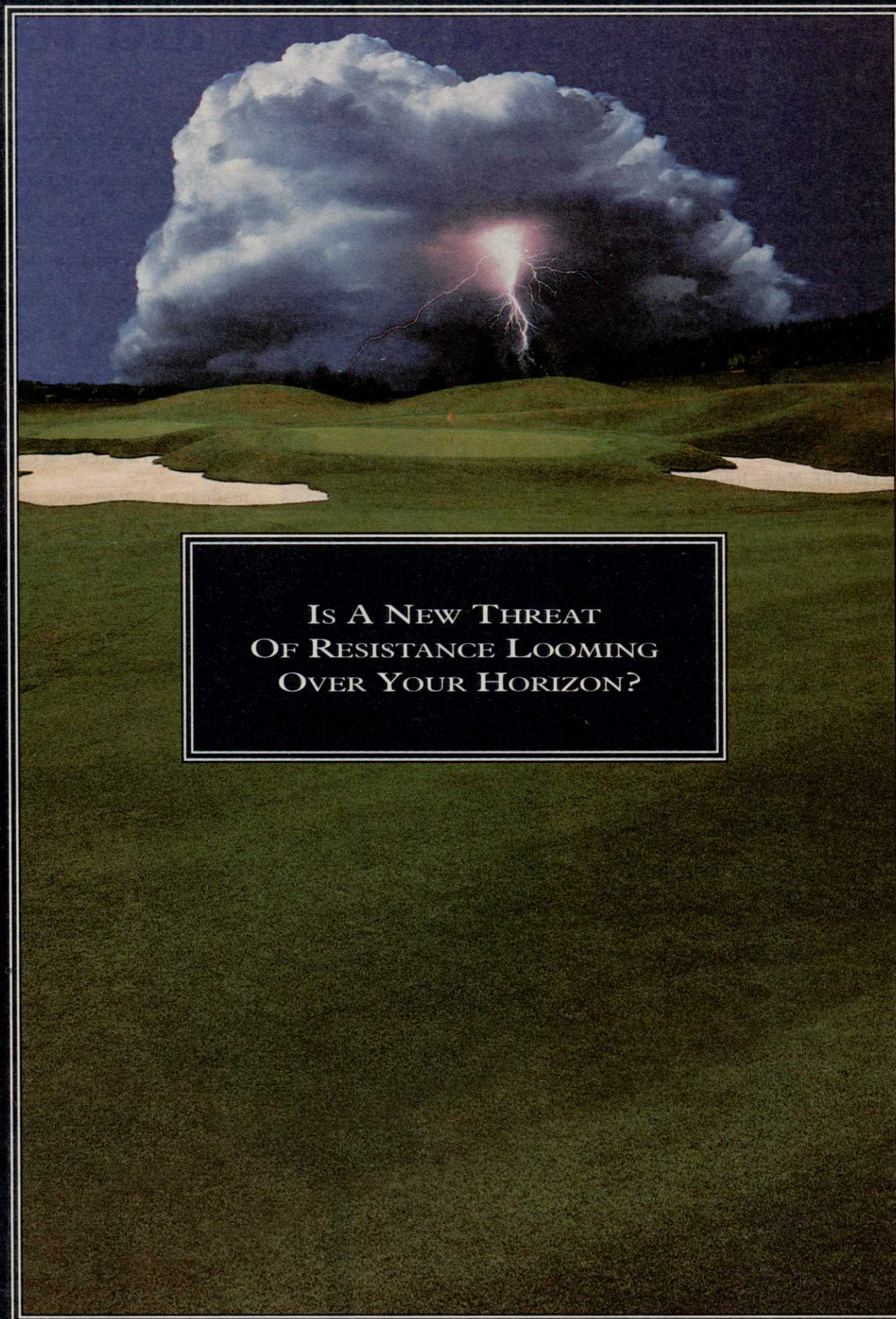
ELOY, Ariz. — The 18-hole Eloy/Tohono Golf Course is still up for sale with eased bidding rules. The changes in bid rules include no minimum bid requirement, an open listing for real estate brokers who would get a 4 percent commission to be paid equally by the seller and buyer, the inclusion of course equipment, and an itemized breakdown of the golf course budget.

Eloy City Manager Chris Zapata said the city currently provides about \$300,000 per year to subsidize the course. After

expenses for maintenance and operation, there is a yearly \$137,436 payment due.

The size of payment goes up to \$274,872 for 1996 and 1997 and rises to \$439,872 in 1998, the amount the city would pay through 2011. The total payoff left on the course is approximately \$2.4 million.

Eloy voters approved the sale of the course last September. Part of the sale package is providing 500 acre feet of effluent or Central Arizona Project water for a 20-year period.



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