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### Dodd homers again as Ducks drop another

Tom Dodd became the most prolific home run hitter in Duck baseball history Monday, but his efforts were not enough to prevent his team from losing 12-9 to Portland State University at Howe Field.

Dodd went into the PSU game needing only one homer to eclipse Guy Krause's record of 27 career round-trippers. The record-breaking hit came with one out in the eighth inning, sparking a two-run rally that brought the Ducks to within one run of the Vikings, 7-6.

But PSU, behind Jim Dunn's two-run homer, scored five runs in the top of the ninth inning to regain command.

The Tom Dodd Show was not yet over, however. The Duck centerfielder pounded a three-run homer — his ninth of this season — in the ninth inning.

The loss was the fourth straight for the Ducks, who take a 10-25 record to Lewis and Clark College this evening for a 7 p.m. game at Skavone Field in Portland.

### Men, women netters take on OSU, OCE

The women's tennis team continues an age-old grudge in their match against Oregon State today, while the men face Oregon College of Education.

"We beat OSU two weeks ago 6-3," says women's coach Marti Schey. "We hope to beat them again, and I think we can win all the matches."

The Ducks will be playing their regular line-up against OSU, with Patty McKenna in the number one spot and Patti Marhart playing the second singles position.

The women's match will begin at 3:30 p.m. in Corvallis, while the men face OCE at 2:30 p.m. in Monmouth.

### Duck golfers improve at Pac-10 tournament

Oregon golf fortunes took a turn for the better Monday as the Ducks moved into fourth place after one round of the Pac-10 championships in Phoenix, Ariz. Oregon trails first-place Arizona State by 15 strokes.

Junior Jeff Sanders led the Ducks with a three-under-par 141 after 36 holes, while Dave DeLong and Lawrence Zech carded 145's. The tournament will finish today.

"We actually played well for a change," said coach Jim Ferguson. "It's nice to have someone playing under par for a change. This is more like I think we should have been playing all year."

## Freshman sweetens up Oregon softball fortunes

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Lori Sweet describes herself as a competitor.

And Duck softball is at the center of Sweet's athletic life. "I play softball because I have a good time at it," she says.

Sweet doesn't intend to make a career of softball, but things are looking good for the freshman pitcher. In her first season with the Ducks she has a 10-2 pitching record with only two earned runs against her in .88 innings on the mound.

The Ducks are 13-2 for the season, with no league losses. "The team record is what people should look at," says Sweet. "I don't believe in records, especially pitching records. It's kind of a bummer for the team to work so hard and the result be a pitching record. My pitching record looks good mainly because someone made a fantastic catch — some near impossible ones," Sweet says.

"I think everything looks so

good, the team records, because our team takes away base hits. People dive all over the place to get the ball," she says. "It is a good team to pitch behind."

Sweet puts the team first in her conversation. "A game is centered around a team, not a person," she says. The softball team plays as a team, according to Sweet.

Coach Becky Sisley says she shares Sweet's opinions. "We win because we are confident with everyone on the team. Our defense is strong, and our offense can hit almost anything."

Sisley says she has a lot of confidence in Sweet. "She is a real competitor. I would have to say she is a national-caliber player."

Sweet has been playing softball since she was in the sixth-grade. In the seventh-grade she got her first experience in top competition when her team went to the state playoffs. In her freshman year at Lebanon High School she switched from first base to pitching when the

summer league team lost its pitcher.

"I didn't really want to pitch," she says. "Sure, I practiced pitching by myself, but pitching for a team! Well, the team needed me so I pitched. Now I think I enjoy pitching more than first base."

But she also describes herself as more than just a softball player. "I love softball," she says. "It is fun and exciting, but it isn't my entire life."

Sweet's interests range from poetry to commercial fishing, but currently her life is centered on softball.

"I'm interested in athletics, most of the things I do are centered around it, picnics, fishing, softball," she says.

It isn't unusual that Sweet talks about upcoming games. "We play Oregon State Wednesday, but our main rival is Portland State," Sweet says. "We play them Friday, it will be another tight game, but the team is confident. We haven't forgotten that we can lose, but I think we will win. I'm sure of it."

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