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Women split twin bill

PSU one, Ducks one in softball action

In its first home games this season, Oregon's women's softball team managed to split a doubleheader with Portland State University Monday afternoon.

The Ducks dropped the first game to the tough Viking squad, which is picked as one of the top teams in the nation, 3-0, before coming back late in the second game to squeak by with a 1-0 win.

Oregon got only one hit off PSU in the first game and committed three errors that PSU traded into runs.

The Vikings finished the first game with six hits and no errors.

But in the second game, Oregon toughened up its offense as pitcher Terry Anderson pitched a one-hitter.

The two teams remained tied until the bottom of the seventh. With runners on second and third and only one out against the Ducks, Portland State's pitcher threw a wild pitch.

The play proved costly as Vicki Hogan was able to convert the error into an Oregon run and put the Ducks ahead 1-0.

"We were really pleased with the way everyone worked," said softball coach John Feeney.

"Portland is a much more experienced team, they play together on a summer league team with the same coach and the same starters.

"But we were able to hang in there and pull one out against a team we weren't suppose to beat," Feeney said.

The Duck women will travel Thursday to the three-day California Invitational tournament.

Darkness delays ballgame; teams deadlocked after 11

Oregon's baseball team battled Willamette University through 11 innings and a 9-9 standoff Monday at Willamette before the game was postponed by darkness.

Freshman catcher Dan Alderman, playing his first game for the Ducks, clubbed a two-run double in the sixth inning and followed it with a solo homer in the ninth.

Alderman's home run began a ninth-inning rally by the Ducks that ended with a home run by Steve Crum to tie the game at 7-7. Crum also hit a double in the first inning to raise his batting average to .411.

The Oregon left fielder has compiled five doubles, eight home runs and 20 runs batted in.

After a scoreless tenth inning,

Oregon tried to put it away in the eleventh with two runs, but Willamette followed suit with two of its own.

Oregon starting pitcher Jim Hammack was relieved in the sixth by Dan King, who gave the mound to Bill Gwinn in the eighth. Gwinn, by virtue of Willamette's 11th-inning rally, will take the decision at this point if the game is concluded.

Willamette scored its nine runs on 10 hits; Oregon completed its scoring on nine hits.

The Ducks return home today to face University of Portland at 3 p.m.

Seko surges at last hill to win Boston Marathon

BOSTON (AP) — Toshihiko Seko, a durable speedster from Japan, avenged one of his rare losses and ended old rival Bill Rodgers' domination of the Boston Marathon Monday, pulling away in the final five minutes to win the 85th annual classic.

Seko, who pressed Rodgers to a course and U.S. record two years ago, shaved one second off Rodgers' Boston Marathon mark by covering 26 miles, 385 yards in 2 hours, 9 minutes and 26 seconds. Seko's mark was the fastest marathon ever run in the United States.

Winner of the last three Fukuoka International marathons in Japan although he concentrates on shorter distances, Seko put away Rodgers with

about six miles to go and then wore down Craig Virgin.

Seko sprinted across the finish line more than 250 yards ahead of Virgin, who held on for second place in 2:10:26. Rodgers was third in 2:10:34, failing to become the first runner ever to win the Boston Marathon four consecutive years.

Allison Roe of New Zealand set a women's Boston Marathon record in her debut. She ran the route in 2:26:45, shattering the record of 2:34:28 set by Canada's Jacqueline Gareau last year.

Patti Catalano, the queen of U.S. women distance runners, was second in 2:27:51, followed by 1979 Boston winner Joan Benoit in 2:30:15.

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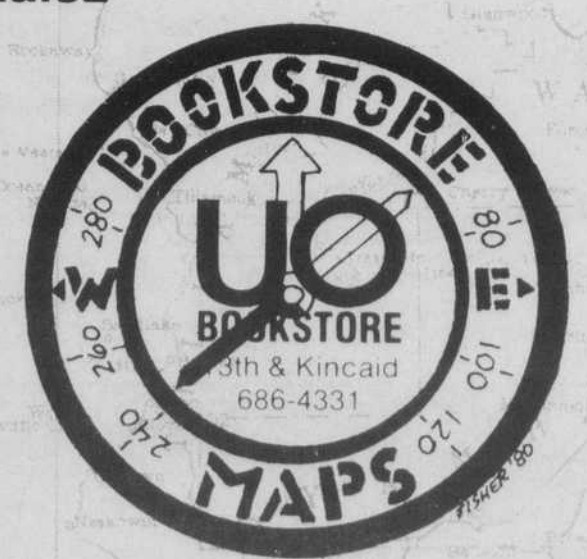
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