

## Ducks win, tie

### Softball team defeats PSU without hits

Their bats were quiet, but the women's softball team managed to stave off defeat in a doubleheader against Portland State Friday afternoon.

Thanks to steady defense, the Ducks claimed a 1-0 win in the opener, and battled to a 3-3 tie before the game was suspended by darkness.

"My initial impression exceeds expectation," said Oregon coach Charles Sylvester of his team's performance in its season opener. "They (PSU) played as if they had several games under their belt."

The Ducks literally strolled to victory in the opener. PSU pitcher Deb Fitzhugh had the Ducks' number, throwing a no-hitter, but she was her own worst enemy in the third inning as she walked four straight Duck batters with two outs to account for the game's only run.

Oregon catcher Susan Tuggle scored the winner, drawing her second walk of the game. She moved around the bases as June Liu, Katie Hickie and finally Vickie Hogan drew free passes.

The Ducks reached base a total of seven times in the opener, six by walks. The Vikings reached base six times in the first game, three times in the last two innings when they collected most of their hits. The Ducks started out the second game like a new team. After falling behind 1-0 in the top of the first, the Ducks showed some offensive spark in the bottom half of the frame, scoring three runs on two hits.

Tuggle walked, stole second and third, and finally came home on an error for the first run. Hickie's single scored Liu, who had walked, for the go-ahead run.

After Hickie was nailed on a fielder's choice, Hogan drew a walk and eventually scored.

The Viks tied the score with runs in the third and seventh innings.

## Ducks surprise UCLA

### Warren leads women to 69-58 road triumph

LOS ANGELES — Leann Warren had a field day in Southern California Saturday. And the rest of the Oregon women's track team had a pretty good day as well.

Warren paced the Ducks to a 69-58 victory over rival UCLA, sweeping the 800-, 1,500- and 3,000-meters, and kept Oregon in the hunt for the national dual-meet championship this season.

The Ducks avenged last year's 70-57 loss to the Bruins at Hayward Field, but not without top-notch efforts by Warren and several other Oregon performers.

Key performances by Grace Bakari, Robin Pate, Eryn Forbes, Lynda Hughes and Kathy Hayes added needed points to the Oregon cause, and some surprising finishes in the discus, intermediate hurdles and high jump sealed the Bruins' fate.

Prior to the meet, Oregon coach Tom Heinonen placed the Ducks as 10-point underdogs to

last year's national dual-meet champs. But Oregon took advantage of some excellent performances by the second and third-place finishers in several events.

Bakari (53.85) suprised the 400-meter field with a second-place finish behind the Bruins' Lashon Nedd (52.86), and Pate (1:02.58) joined Lexie Miller (1:00.26) and Lisa Nicholson (1:00.96) for a sweep in the 400-meter intermediate hurdles.

Miller was the workhorse for the Ducks. The Oregon junior competed in five events, adding a first in the 100-meter hurdles (14.30) and a second in the long jump (19-1 $\frac{3}{4}$ ) to her first in the 400-meter hurdles.

Forbes came up with a career-best in the 3,000, turning in a 9:19.17 to finish third behind Warren (9:14.02) and Hayes (9:14.71), and Hughes broke her own school record in the javelin with a throw of 188-4.

Warren's triple represented one of the more gutsy performances by the Oregon junior. Her 9:14 in the 3,000 was her best ever, and that race came on the heels of victories in the 1,500 (4:20.21) and 800 (2:06.63).

## Netters drop to .500 with weekend defeats

A pair of Washington teams topped the Oregon men's tennis team last weekend, as the Ducks lost 5-4 to Pacific Lutheran on Friday and 9-0 to Washington on Saturday.

Coach Buzz Summers had said that it would take an upset for Oregon, now 6-6 on the season, to knock off the Huskies or the Lutes. And he nearly got one of those upsets Friday.

The Ducks hung tough during singles play, pulling even with PLU at 3-3 after wins from No. 5 singles Bob Coron (6-3, 6-2) and No. 6 Todd DeNeff (6-4, 6-2). However, only the No. 3 doubles team of Don Hallock and DeNeff could win in doubles competition, while the teams of Stewart Bartlett-Ron Elvin and Coron-Wade Judy both lost, allowing PLU to escape with the 5-4 victory.

"It was a hard-fought, close match," said Summers. "They (PLU) are one of the better teams in the NAIA."

Against Washington, it was simply a case of Oregon being matched against a superior team.

The Ducks did give the Huskies a few close matches. In No. 2 singles, Ron Elvin took UW's Billy Jacobson to three sets

before falling, 4-6, 6-3, 6-0, and the No. 3 doubles team of Coron-Judy went to three sets before losing 6-4, 4-6, 7-5.

But it was as Summers pointed out: "There were some close matches, but the better players win close matches — and they had the better players."

Oregon will try to break back above the .500 mark Tuesday when they entertain the Western Oregon State College Wolves in a 2:30 p.m. match.



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