

Voeller hurls no-hitter as Ducks split pair with Beavers

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Sue Voeller tossed her third no-hitter of the season Wednesday as Oregon won the first game of a double-header against Oregon State, 2-0. The Ducks ended up splitting the pair, however, as the Beavers came out on top in the second game, 3-0.

Voeller got off to a somewhat shaky start, walking three of the first four batters she faced.

Oregon settled down, however, and came up with a fine defensive play, catching Beaver Lianne Watanabe in a

rundown, and Oregon State failed to get any runs across in what turned out to be their best opportunity of the game.

After a scoreless first three innings, the Oregon bats came alive in the bottom of the fourth, as Jeanna King led off with a single up the middle, stole second, and reached third when Kira Lewis sliced a base hit to left.

Paula Barnes lofted a fly ball, and King tagged at third and came into score on Barnes' game-winning RBI.

The Ducks added one more run in the fifth when pinch run-

ner Ronda McKenzie scored on another King base hit, and Oregon had a 2-0 lead.

Voeller, meanwhile, was busy blowing away the Beavers, as she mowed down the last 19 batters in a row she faced, and when she got OSU's Sandra Schoonover to ground out to the Ducks' Capi Lynn at first base, Voeller had her sixth shutout and third no-hitter of the year.

OSU pitcher Karen Schoonover (6-11), gave up two runs on four hits; and Voeller, with four strikeouts, moved her record to 12-15.

Going into the nightcap, the

Beavers were hitless in their last 14 innings, with UCLA no-hitting Oregon State in the Beavs' previous game.

OSU wasted no time in ending the drought, as Beaver Toni Williamson delivered an 0-1 pitch to the fence in left-center field, scoring Mary Ellen Mansfield and Mary Pietrok.

Oregon's center fielder, King, was injured on the play, suffer-

ing a sprained ankle and was forced to leave the game.

"When I got to the fence, my foot was planted wrong and I felt something pop, and I sprained my ankle pretty bad," King said.

Williamson later scored in the inning to give OSU a 3-0 lead, which held up despite Duck

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working for the last 12 months," he declared. "We run hard and our conditioning is superior."

"It's a pretty special thing to make it at nationals. It really is the top 12 teams in the nation. The field at regionals is the toughest it's ever been — there has been talk that the top teams

from our region will go one-two in the nationals."

Most coaches cite the effort of the older, more experienced players as the key to success, but this year Wing attributes Oregon's current status to the team's rookies, most of whom have never played the sport before.

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