



Freshman Sandy Scott is back in the swing of things, as are the Ducks, who host Linfield Friday afternoon at Howe Field. Photo by Mark Ylen

## Rematch and breather in store for Ducks in weekend softball action

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After playing top-20 caliber teams for much of the season, the Oregon softball team will take a breather, so to speak, this weekend when the Ducks host Linfield Friday at Howe Field (3 p.m., one game) and travel to Oregon State and Portland State this weekend for double-headers.

On paper, the Ducks (37-13 overall, 7-5 in the Pacific-10 Conference) should conceivably sweep the entire weekend. But coach Teresa Wilson is all too familiar with what the "spoilers" can do, and you can bet the fifth-ranked Ducks will show a lot of action and little mercy over the next three days.

The Beavers, currently 7-20, 1-11 in the Pac-10, recently defeated sixth-ranked Arizona, but are fresh off a double-head-

er loss to Western Oregon. Wilson can't take chances on which Beaver team will show up.

"OSU does have the potential to beat us," Wilson said. "It's an in-state rivalry, and OSU doesn't exactly like us. We're not their favorite team."

The Ducks, led by pitcher Katie Wiese (27-8), are coming off impressive victories over Pacific (5-0, 8-0) and a twin bill split with the Wildcats last Saturday. But a week prior, it was Oregon coming out on the losing end of 4-3 game at Portland State.

"We started off real fast at Arizona at the beginning of the season, then sort of leveled off," Wilson said. "We had kind of fallen into a rut of winning only one game of double-headers the last couple weeks. We're starting to come back. Day after day, having the Ari-

zona's, the Cal's, the UCLA's—it gets to be an emotional drain. Every day you go out there your life's on the line. Hopefully we can reach that same level we had and peak again at the right time of the season."

One of Wilson's pre-season goals was to reach the 40-win plateau. With 37 W's, that goal is right around the corner, so the Ducks have re-set that goal at 50. Players agree it can be done.

"I can see us getting stronger," said freshman outfielder Sandy Scott. "One of our goals is to win the rest of our in-state games."

Scott recently broke out of a slump by belting three doubles and three RBI's last weekend.

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he demolishes (his best)," Berry said, indicating that Harris may need a little more than a good leap to win the competition. "He doesn't know what he's getting into with the Oregon fans. This is Duck territory."

The sprinters, namely freshman Klaus Weigeldt, are preparing for a busy day, with sprint coach George Walcott looking to give Oregon a rare

NCAA qualifier in the sprints.

"It's been about six years since we had an NCAA qualifier here," Walcott, who was the last Oregon runner to do so in 1983, said. "Our goal is to qualify the 400 relay team and both guys (Weigeldt and Davon Russell) in the sprints."

"I think Klaus has a realistic shot to qualify in the 400," he added.

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