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Oregon's Ces Coulson took over for the injured Sandy Scott in last weekend's Northeast Regional, and hit over .400 in helping the Ducks to the College World Series.

batting average there.

"I didn't feel any pressure taking over for Sandy in that way." Coulson said. "I was nervous because I wanted to do a good job, and because it was regionals, that's why I felt the pressure. I didn't want to hurt the team.'

While Katie Wiese, 41-11 and 341% innings pitched, will undoubtedly receive most, if not

all, of Oregon's mound work. Cal Poly-Pomona will counter with a duo of Lauri Thompson (20-7 and 67 straight scoreless innings) and Nicky Luce (19-11).

The Broncos are led at the plate by all-Big West catcher Denise Correa, who sports a .297 average, and outfielder Nikki Busch, who hit .268.

"We saw them play at the

Tournament," Wilson said. "They have a sound defense. I don't think anybody has the power pitching like UCLA, but they have the same type of pitching as Arizona."

Behind the strength of their schedule, the Ducks should be in good shape at Sunnyvale. despite never having been there before. Oregon gave Oklahoma State one of its four losses, had a 4-2 record against Arizona and won one game against topranked UCLA. In addition, the Ducks have played the most games (69) of any team in the nation.

"Three years ago we would have been scared to death to go to Sunnyvale." Wilson said. 'but this year there isn't a team we haven't seen that's there except for South Carolina."

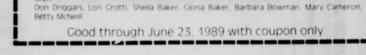
After a 32-26 season a year ago, and 10 new players this year, no one knew what to expect at the beginning of the season. Wilson said.

"We knew we had some talent, but if you had told John (Rittman, assistant coach) and I that we would make it this far we would have laughed," she said. "With 10 new people you always wonder if they will gel together.

"This team doesn't set a lot of personal goals," she added. "There have been a lot of personal sacrifices for the team. I'm proud of what the kids have done. It's been a lot of hard work, and they've put in the time."

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