

Softball team sweeps doubleheader from Cal

Wiese shines in triumph

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When a softball team gets just six hits and two runs in a doubleheader against the nation's eighth-ranked team, the odds of coming away with a sweep seem remote at best.

But with rock-solid defense and nearly flawless pitching added to the equation, the Oregon softball team was able to beat those odds to take a pair of 1-0 wins Friday over Pacific-10 rival California at Howe Field.

"The team did a great job," said Oregon coach Tami Brown. "We've had our ups and downs, but they never played better as a team. The pitching was awesome, the defense was wonderful and our hitters came through when they had to."

The Ducks needed — and got — 11 innings of perfection from sophomore pitcher Katie Wiese and great defense for the first-game win.

Under an international rule in softball for games that go beyond 10 innings, Oregon put second baseman Ces Coulson at second base to start the bottom half of the 11th inning. Coulson went to third on a passed ball by Cal catcher Lidia Stig-

lich.

All Oregon needed for the win was a single or fly ball from second baseman Kristl Okuhara. The 5-foot-2 senior obliged, sending a line-drive over the head of the Cal right fielder, who was drawn in for a possible play at the plate.

"I had to concentrate because I was behind in the count already," Okuhara said. "I just choked up and tried to go with the pitch. I'm just glad I got a piece of it."

Okuhara's hit was only the third of the game off California ace Michele Granger. The sophomore entered the game with a 0.39 ERA while leading the nation in strikeouts. For the game she gave up the run, fanned 12 and walked none in 10 innings.

As overpowering as Granger was, her performance was overshadowed by that of Wiese. The sophomore all-American was nearly untouchable, yielding just two hits while striking out six and walking just one.

"She was the incredible Wiese again today," Brown said. "In the first game they really didn't touch her."

Wiese sank to mere mortality in game two, scattering eight hits and fanning three Bear batters. But when Wiese faltered, the Duck defense stood up to



Photo by Mark Ylen

Ces Coulson (11) scores the winning run in the first game of a doubleheader sweep over California Friday as teammate Tracey Simmons celebrates the victory.

the challenge to keep Cal off the scoreboard.

Wiese said fatigue and the heat — all 83 degrees of it — weren't going to keep her from finishing what she started Friday afternoon.

"That's all mental," Wiese said. "After you pitch 11 innings like that, you can say 'I'm hot and I'm tired' and then you are. I couldn't get that

way. I had to keep going."

Wiese said she was still confident of a shutout even after giving up the hits in the second game.

"The second game they got a lot of hits because I was just being stupid," she said. "I remember once they had someone on third and I thought 'it doesn't matter, she's not going to score.'"

"It wasn't self talk, either. I just knew she wasn't going to score," Wiese said.

Brown said she was aware of what the possible effects from pitching so many innings combined with the heat could have been, but that it wasn't a problem for Wiese.

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