

Ducks take two from PLU in doubleheader

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The Oregon women's softball team used a big inning and some impressive pitching to sweep a doubleheader from Pacific Lutheran on Sunday at Howe Field.

In the first game the Ducks broke a scoreless tie by exploding for five runs in the fourth inning and going on to a 6-2 victory.

The Lutes came out as the aggressors, loading the bases in the second, third and fourth innings. However, they were unable to capitalize on the opportunities as Oregon's defense was able to tighten up and hold Pacific Lutheran scoreless each time.

Through the first three innings, the Ducks were only able to get two runners past first base, but with two outs in the fourth inning Oregon made its move.

With runners on second and third, Duck pitcher Amy Godwin helped her cause with an infield single that drove in Oregon's first run of the game.

Marnie McCall — who went three for four in the first game — followed with a two-run single, and the Duck lead grew to 3-0. Jennifer Piper kept the rally alive with another two-run base hit, and Oregon had a solid 5-0 lead.

Pacific Lutheran tried to make a run at the Ducks the fol-

lowing inning when an Oregon error allowed two runs to score on a hit by Leta Baysinger. The Lutes had runners on first and third but couldn't get another run across the plate.

Godwin got the victory to go to 2-2 on the season. McCall and shortstop Kim Manning accounted for six of the Ducks' nine hits in the game.

The nightcap saw Oregon pitcher Rachelle Taylor raise her record to 6-3 on the season as she pitched a five-hit performance in the 6-0 Duck victory.

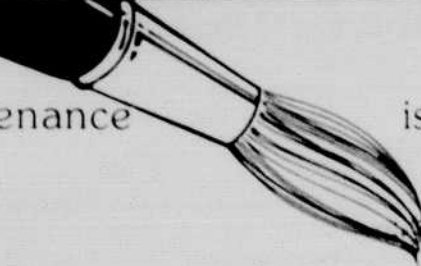
All the scoring the Ducks needed came in the third inning as Piper started the rally with a single up the middle. Laura Schmidt followed with a single down the third baseline, and then catcher Tracy Simmons drove the two runners home with a blast to center field.

Pacific Lutheran tried to come back and had runners on second and third in the fourth inning, but that was as close as it got as Oregon turned the Lutes away yet again.

McCall finished the day with five hits in eight at-bats, scoring four runs and driving in two runs. Manning went six for eight with three RBI, and Simmons had four RBI in the second game.

The victories raised Oregon's record to 8-4 on the season. For the Lutes, the losses were their first of the season, as they fell to 2-2.

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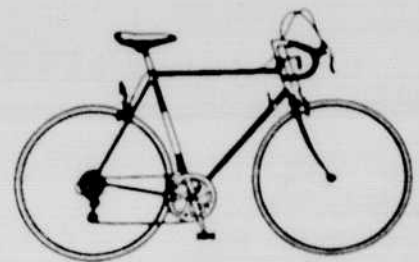
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Oregon ups tennis record to 10-7

The Oregon women's tennis team improved its overall record to 10-7 with a 9-0 win over Whitman Sunday at the campus courts.

The win was the Ducks' fourth straight shutout and final home match of the year. Oregon did not lose a single set out of the nine matches.

No. 1 Oregon player Kara Yoshida moved her record to 10-6 on the year with a 6-4, 6-1 win over Christy Lindquist.

Krissy Barger and Katie Glynn upped their individual marks to 11-5 and 11-4 with wins, respectively.

In doubles, Yoshida and partner Sherry Fairgrieve improved to 9-4 with a 6-2, 7-6 victory over Lindquist and Kris Turner. Glynn and doubles partner Tracey Miller improved to 9-6 on the season.

The Ducks next visit California for a week-long road trip during spring break.

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The Oregon loss overshadowed a brilliant performance by Smith, who finished with 10 points and 10 rebounds to go along with a pair of blocks.

Wallenborn closed out her Oregon career with 15 points and seven boards.

Sporcich had 10 rebounds and 17 points and Vanessa Selden had 12 points on 6 of 9

shooting.

Heiny said if not for the injuries that sidelined almost everyone on the team at least once, the Ducks would have been in either first or second place in the Pac-10.

"One of the top three, for sure," Heiny said. "We're sad that we're still not playing. We really didn't have the whole team the whole time."

"In spite of it, I think we did really well."

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