

# UCLA rains on Oregon, sweeps doubleheader

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The weather at Howe Field Sunday was sunny and warm, but the UCLA softball team decided to rain on Oregon's Easter parade anyway.

The top-ranked Bruins swept a doubleheader from the Ducks in front of a crowd of 412 and improved their record to 40-1, 11-1 in the Pacific-10 Conference. The pair of 4-1 defeats dropped Oregon's record to 16-24, 3-9 in the Pac-10.

In the first game, UCLA wasted no time in taking advantage of every chance it was given.

Jennifer Brundage walked to start the second inning, and Joanne Alchin quickly moved her to second with a sacrifice hit. Then Yvonne Gutierrez rapped a sharp single up the middle, and the Bruins were ahead 1-0.

Oregon responded in its half of the second, however. Laura Schmidt led off by drawing a walk from UCLA pitcher DeDe Weiman, who came into the game with a 9-0 record and an unblemished 0.00 ERA.

After Tracey Simmons flied out to center, Oregon sophomore second baseman Jennifer Piper drove a pitch to the left field fence for a double, moving Schmidt to third. Piper's hit came after she fouled off 10 pitches, including seven in a row at one point.

Anna Poore followed Piper with a sacrifice fly to center, and Oregon had scored the first earned run of the season off Weiman to forge a 1-1 tie.

The Ducks were threatening again in the bottom of the third when disaster struck.



Oregon second baseman Jennifer Piper attempts a double play in the fifth inning of a Saturday game against Portland State. Oregon and Portland State split the doubleheader.

Photo by Sol Neeliman

Oregon's — and the Pac-10's — top hitter, Marnie McCall, reached on a fielder's choice. But while sliding safely into second with a stolen base she fractured the fourth metacarpal of her left hand.

McCall was able to continue running the bases but was replaced in the fourth inning by Laurie Fleischauer. McCall will probably hit for the rest of the season, but cannot play defense.

Weiman picked up seven of her 10 strikeouts during the last four innings and ended up sur-

rendering just one hit — Piper's double — en route to her 10th win of the season.

Oregon again played the Bruins tough in the second game, and with the exception of one inning, the Ducks could have handed UCLA its second loss of the season.

In the third inning, the Ducks committed their only mental lapses of the game, consecutive errors that would prove to be the difference.

Nichole Victoria led off by reaching on shortstop Kim Manning's error, and Kathy Ev-

ans followed by taking first on Patty Pyles' throwing error from third base.

Lisa Fernandez drove in the game's first run with an RBI bunt single, but Godwin got Brundage to pop up for the second out.

But then Alchin delivered the big blow, a two-run double to right center to give UCLA a 3-0 lead. Gutierrez followed with a run-scoring single, and the Ducks were down 4-0 against one of the nation's best pitchers.

Oregon did get three singles in the sixth inning, and Piper scored on a passed ball. But the Ducks just couldn't generate enough offense against Fernandez — who improved her record to 18-0 — to overcome the 4-1 deficit.

"Besides that one bad inning, I thought we played very well," Oregon coach Tami Brown said. "They are the No. 1 team in the country."

The Ducks started the weekend by splitting a Saturday doubleheader against Portland State, the sixth-ranked Division II team in the country. The Vikings got only three hits off Rachelle Taylor in the first game but won 1-0 on the Oregon pitcher's throwing error.

The Ducks rebounded for a 4-1 game-two win highlighted by Manning's fifth home run of the season.

Oregon returns to action this afternoon at Howe Field with a non-conference doubleheader against Simon Fraser starting at 2:30 p.m.

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pendicitis; Ryan Marasigan, shoulder; Kevin Settlemyre, knee; and Rob Atkin, eye infection.

Ted Thoren returned for the Ducks after nursing a sore back and promptly won three of his four singles matches. Freshmen Dara Partovi and Josh Prager also provided a spark for the Ducks, winning two singles matches each and combining for a doubles victory.

The split concluded the Ducks' season and evened their record at 12-12.

Things were much brighter for the Oregon women's team, as it swept its dual match on Saturday against Portland (9-0) and Portland State (9-0) in the Rose City.

The two wins give the club 18 on the season, the most ever by an Oregon women's team, bettering the 1988 mark of 17-6.

Oregon coach Tom Greider said this year's shortened schedule (the NCAA trimmed the number of match days from 30 to 25) and the fact that the Ducks played only three home matches makes the record all the more satisfying.

"I also think we showed we can win on the road as 15 of our wins came away from home. If somebody had come to me at the beginning of the year and told me we would win this many, I would have been hard pressed to find those 18 wins," he said.

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