

# Ducks take their time in softball sweep of Clan

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It took nearly five hours and at least half of the 124 fans at Howe Field had long since left, but the Oregon softball team finally completed a non-conference doubleheader sweep of Simon Fraser on Monday evening.

Oregon senior shortstop Kim Manning's two-out bloop single with a full count in the bottom of the ninth inning scored Lynn Kinnaman and led the Ducks to a 3-2 game-two win.

Rachelle Taylor threw a five-hitter for her fifth shutout of the season to lead Oregon to a 2-0 win in the first game.

The Ducks improved their overall record to 18-24, 3-9 in the Pacific-10 Conference. The Clan dropped to 19-12.

Oregon head coach Tami Brown was relieved to get the two wins over Simon Fraser, an NAIA school located in Burnaby, British Columbia.

"[Simon Fraser] played up to our level," Brown said. "I thought we played pretty consistent. We held our heads pretty well and played pretty solidly."

"They're a good NAIA team. They're a very solid team."

Oregon jumped on the Clan right away in the first game. Manning led off with a solid single to left and promptly stole second base.

Marnie McCall — who broke a bone in her left hand in the first game of the Ducks' doubleheader Sunday against UCLA — followed with an infield single, and Manning scored on a Simon Fraser error.

The Clan loaded the bases with just one out in the fourth before Taylor retired Jennifer Gregg and Lesley McPherson to end the threat.



Oregon shortstop Kim Manning waits for the throw as a Simon Fraser runner slides safely during the Ducks' doubleheader sweep Monday.

Taylor was strong in the final three innings, allowing no hits and just two baserunners. Oregon catcher Tracey Simmons added some insurance in the bottom of the sixth with a triple to the right center field fence that scored Laura Schmidt to give the Ducks the 2-0 win.

Manning was three for three for Oregon in the first game, with one run scored.

Simon Fraser pounced on Oregon pitcher Amy Godwin in the first inning of the second game and took a quick 1-0 lead on Julie Barnes' RBI single.

The Ducks tied the score with a run in the fourth on Jennifer Piper's two-out RBI double, but Simon Fraser responded with a run of its own in the

sixth inning to retake the lead.

Natasha Dumoski replaced Godwin in the sixth inning and shut the Clan down the rest of the way.

The shadows had lengthened considerably by the time Manning came to the plate in the bottom of the ninth, the second extra inning Kinnaman had led off with a walk, moving to second on a wild pitch. After Rose Imbriano was walked intentionally to set up the force at third base, Shelly Schumacher struck out and Patty Pyles flew out to right field.

Manning — who had hit the ball hard in her previous six trips to the plate — worked Simon Fraser pitcher Vicky LeBlanc for a full count before

blooping a single to shallow left that dropped between the shortstop and left fielder.

"I know that the outfield was back," Manning said. "I didn't try to bloop it in, but I knew that was all we needed."

"Kim Manning, I thought, did a great job today, and it's pretty ironic that a little Texas leaguer fell in for her because she'd been driving the ball all day," Brown said. "She deserved that one, no matter what it was."

The Ducks will play their fourth doubleheader in as many days Wednesday afternoon at Portland State at 3:30 p.m.

R.I.M. RESULTS	
<b>Softball</b>	
Score/League	
Apr. 13	
The Defectors v. The Cutters —	rained out/M1
Fiji '1' v. Phi Psi A — rained out/M1	
ATO Team '2B' d. Flaccid Cirth —	forfeit/M2
Theta Chi B d. TKE 16-2/M2	
Hawaiian Heat v. Sigma Nu B 6-8/M3	
ATO/Chi Omega d. ATO/KAO	10-3/Coed
Crepitation d. Chi Psi/Kappa	12-4/Coed
Apr. 14	
The Jefferson's d. Pike '2' 6-5/M2	
Delta Upsilon d. Chi Psi '2' 9-2/M2	
Sigma Nu/Alpha Phi 1. Sigma	Kap/Theta Chi 7-7/Coed2
SAE/Phi Psi d. Kut & Phi 14-7/Coed2	
Fever Weasels d. Sigma Chi '2B'	6-0/MDH
Rim Job d. Sigma Chi '2B' 9-1/MDH	
Kuhn Tucker Fried v. Rim Job	12-12/MDH
Fever Weasels d. Kuhn Tucker Fried	15-10/MDH
Da Girls d. Chi Omega — forfeit/W	
Apr. 15	
SAE d. ATO Team '1' 4-0/M1	
There Was One 7 d. Sig Ep A	12-3/M1
Team Phi d. Ballbangers 7-6/M2	
Team '5' d. Phi Psi B 5-2/M2	
Fiji d. Baiwings — forfeit/M2	
Big Bats d. Your Mother — forfeit/M2	
Solid D d. Da Bears 9-3/C3	
Chicken in a Biscuit d. Chou Dofu	6-4/C3
NCC '2' d. NCC '1' 10-2/C3	
DUKD d. Hawaiian Islanders 7-1/C3	
Em's d. Sweetser 17-13/C3	
Dymet d. Box Lunch 23-7/C3	
Apr. 17	
Just Stroke It d. Kappa Sigma 6-4/M2	
Just Stroke It d. Weenie Bandidos	13-0/M2
Hawaiian Heat d. Sigma Nu 5-4/M2	
Kappa Sigma d. Tuna Fish 8-0/M2	
Keg Tappers d. Sig Ep — forfeit/M2	
Tuna Fish d. Weenie Bandidos	7-5/M2
Tennis	
Score/League	
Apr. 16	
SAE d. Team Turbo EX 2-1/M1	
Lambda Chi v. Sigma Nu — draw/M1	
Kappa Sigma d. Delta Upsilon	2-1/M1
Soccer	
Score/League	
Apr. 16	
Fiji d. Theta Chi A 2-1/M1	
Phi Psi A d. The Passes 1-0/M1	

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