

Softball season ends with controversial defeat

By Steve Mims
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The Oregon softball team did all it could to extend its season before finally losing to Fresno State for the second time in two days Sunday, giving the Bulldogs the Region 6 Championship and a berth in this week's College World Series.

Oregon beat California 2-1 in a five-hour, 20 inning game that took two days to play, to advance to Sunday's championship in Fresno, Calif. Fresno State had already beaten Oregon 1-0 Saturday, so Oregon needed to beat the Bulldogs twice Sunday to advance out of the double-elimination regional.

Fresno State scored five runs in the fifth inning after a few questionable calls from the umpires and Maureen Brady allowed only a single by Oregon's Rose Imbriano, to shut out Oregon 5-0 Sunday afternoon.

Fresno State's Randi Berg opened the fifth inning with a single. One out later,

the Bulldogs' Erika Blanco hit a ground ball up the middle that Oregon shortstop Kathy Stahl fielded, then attempted to tag Berg out before throwing to first base, but both runners were called safe.

"We would have been out of the inning," Oregon head coach Tami Brown said. "Kathy tagged the girl and then threw the other one out."

Fresno State's Jo Pini sacrificed Blanco and Berg to second and third, respectively, and Oregon pitcher Rachelle Taylor intentionally walked Laura Berg to load the bases. Randi Berg scored the first run of the game on an infield hit by Robyn Yorke.

The next batter, Christa Yorke, hit a fly ball down the right field line that Oregon second baseman Jennifer Piper bobbled before dropping. Brown thought the ball landed foul, but the umpires ruled it was fair and both Blanco and Laura Berg scored to give FSU a 3-0 lead.

"That ball was two feet foul when it dropped," Brown said.

Fresno State added two more unearned runs on a single by Kim Maher, scoring Robyn and Christa Yorke to give the Bulldogs a 5-0 lead that would stand up as the final score.

Brown admitted her team was flustered and demoralized by the incidents in the fifth inning.

"I hate to see us let our emotions take us out of a national tournament," Brown said. "I didn't think the game was called fairly. The umpires put us in a big hole and after playing 20 innings in the previous game, I knew it would take a miracle to win."

The Ducks wouldn't get their miracle, as Brady shut them down to give the Bulldogs the championship. Taylor picked up the loss, allowing only five hits and one earned run in six innings.

Oregon advanced to the final after beating the Golden Bears for the second time in two days and the fifth time in six games this season earlier Sunday. The game began Saturday but was suspended

after 17 innings with the game tied 1-1.

Oregon finally ended the marathon in the top of the 20th inning when Lisa Preston singled and Laura Schmidt advanced her to third base with a single. Oregon third baseman Trina Salcido got the game-winning hit with a bloop single that scored Preston and pitcher Barbie Hickson shut down Cal in the bottom of the inning to give the Ducks a 2-1 win.

"I'm super proud of my team for winning that game," Brown said. "It was the longest game we've played since I've been here. It took a lot of intestinal fortitude to win."

Oregon finished the year 38-22 and loses only three players, albeit important ones in Piper, Schmidt and Taylor, next season. Brown said the experience of advancing to postseason for the first time since 1990 should pay dividends next season.

"It was a great experience," the fifth-year coach said. "I see a great future ahead."

Blair's 24 points lead Ducks to fifth

By Dave Charbonneau
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Everything for the Oregon women's track and field team went pretty much as expected at the Pacific-10 Conference championships in Pullman, Wash. over the weekend.

Unfortunately, what was expected was a disappointing, middle of the road finish.

Well, that's exactly what happened as the Ducks finished fifth, 76 points behind UCLA which won its sixth Pac-10 crown in eight years. It was the worst finish ever for Oregon. In fact, the Ducks had never finished worse than third in the conference, and that had only happened once.

Oregon ended up with 51 points, 24 of which came from Kelly Blair's performance.

Blair earned 10 points by winning the title in the heptathlon a week ago. On Friday, Blair earned 10 more by winning the long jump on a leap of 20-00. Saturday, Blair ran a personal best 13.83 to take fourth in the 100-meter hurdles.

Milena Glusac, the lone distance hope for Oregon, had qualified in both the 3,000 and 5,000 events, but opted out of the latter because of stomach problems.

Glusac finished fourth in the 3,000 with a time of 9:54.97, only 11 seconds back of UCLA's Karen Hecox.

Kelsey Stellick, who last week qualified for the NCAA meet with a PR in the javelin, launched a throw of 167-09 to take second behind Stanford's Jenny McCormick.

Other scorers for the Ducks

Men's track takes 6th at conference meet

By Scott Simonson
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The Oregon men's track team has a proud, storied history of excellent team performances in big meets. At the Pacific-10 Conference Championships this weekend, history didn't repeat itself.

Oregon finished in a tie for sixth at the Pac-10 championships Friday and Saturday in Pullman, Wash. The sixth-place finish and the 45 points that the Ducks scored were all-time lows for the Oregon men's program at the conference meet.

UCLA won its third consecutive conference championship. The Bruins' 135 points beat USC, which finished second with 121.5, and Washington State, which was third with 109.

Todd Bleakney delivered

Oregon's top individual performance in the meet. Bleakney leaped to a career best and the fifth-best jump in Oregon history to win the triple jump.

Bleakney's jump of 51 feet, 2.75 inches on Saturday gave Oregon its first victory in an event at the Pac-10 meet since 1992.

Oregon's sprint group accounted for a about one-third of the team's points. Lamont Woods finished third and Dino Philaw finished fourth in the 100 meters.

Woods and Philaw also teamed to run the second two legs in the 4x100 relay. The Ducks finished third in the event.

Scott Nicholas finished third for the Ducks in the

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