

'Flawless' key word for softball vs. No. 1 UCLA

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The players and coaches of the Oregon softball team have an incredible feat this weekend as they try to sweep No. 1 UCLA and No. 19 Washington at Howe Field.

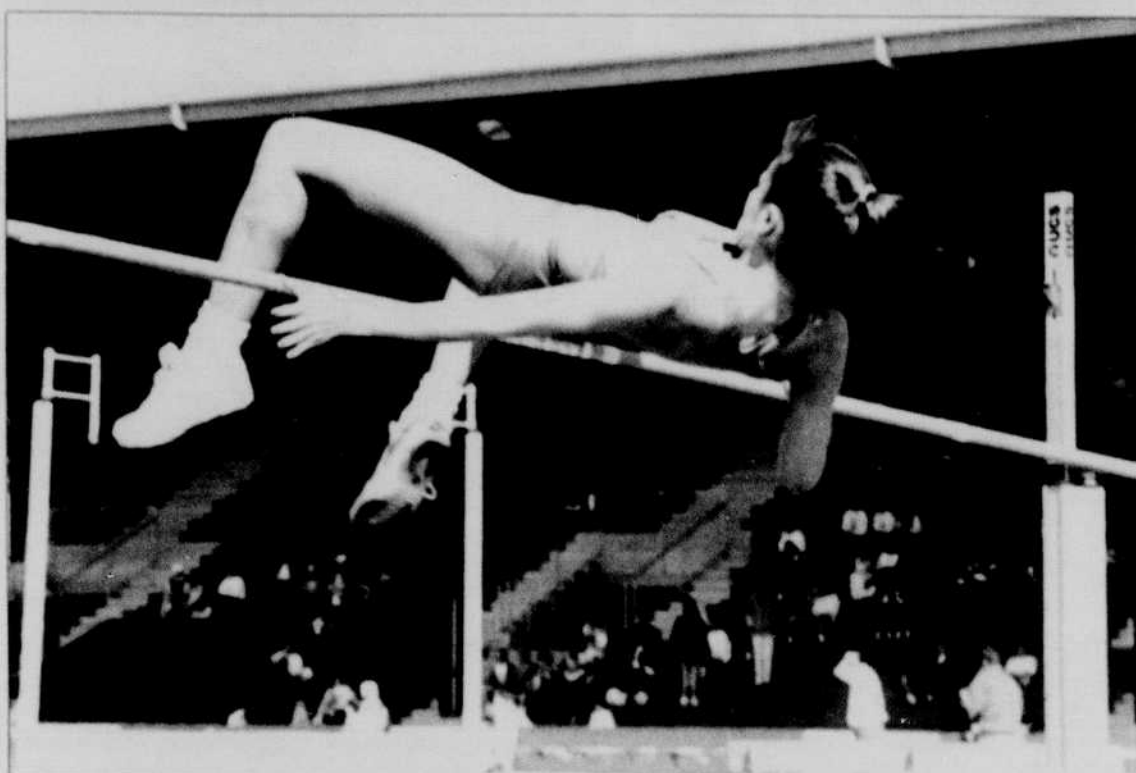
The Bruins (28-2 overall, 11-1 Pac-10) took hold of the No. 1 ranking on Wednesday in the NSCA/USA Today softball poll after a sweep of defending NCAA champion Arizona and No. 7 Cal State Sacramento. The important victories for UCLA became part of its 11-game winning streak.

The Ducks (13-16, 3-5), after splitting a twin-bill with Oregon State nine days ago, got an anticipated break when rain wiped out weekend doubleheaders with Linfield and Portland State. Oregon head coach Tami Brown said she thinks the layoff has been more of a hinder than a help for her sub-.500 team.

"It's definitely hurt us," Brown said. "We've been inside without the dirt, limiting us to throwing and hitting. The only thing that is good from this is that [starting pitcher Kim Kampfer] is refreshed."

Brown and the Ducks know that this weekend's games would have major implications on their Pac-10 and national standings if they could pick up victories in some or all of the

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The Oregon Women's track and field team is using this weekend's Oregon Invitational meet as preparation for next weekend's Pepsi Invitational.

Meet offers breather for Ducks

1995 WOMEN'S TRACK

Meet six: Oregon Inv.

■ THE 4x100 RELAY:

The first track event is the short relay and starts at 4:30 p.m. The first field event starts at 4:35 p.m.

■ THE MATCHUP:

The women look to compare skills with the nation's top athletes.



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The Oregon women can finally relax and turn their concentrations toward personal development with Saturday's Oregon Invitational at Hayward Field.

The invitational will give the Ducks their first break from team-scoring rigors in three weeks as schools from throughout the Northwest, as well as a handful of standout post-collegians, are expected to be on hand for Saturday's action.

The outstanding corps of participants in the invitational should give the current Duck

athletes a tremendous push and potentially boost Oregon's list of 14 conference qualifiers and five NCAA automatic and provisional hopefuls.

An onslaught of distance standouts will head the invitational field, as well as Oregon's own post-collegian All-Americans Annette Peters, Liz Wilson, Lucy Nusrata and Kelly Blair.

Senior Camara Jones will be among a vast group of returning Oregon Invitational champions. The senior sprinter claimed the 200-meter title in 1993 before returning to set a meet record in

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Men's tennis concludes record-setting year

1995 TENNIS POST-SEASON

April 27-30 Pacific-10 Conference Individual Championships Ojai, Calif.

Hans Forsberg /
Dougal Williams
(Doubles Competition)

April 27-30 Invitational Collegiate Event Ojai, Calif.

Singles competition

Hans Forsberg, Dougal Williams,
Josh Prager, John DeVors, Mike Goldstein, Adelbert Rioldil

Doubles competition

DeVors/Goldstein, Rioldil/Prager

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The Oregon men's tennis team will make the trip north to Seattle to face nationally ranked Washington and Boise State, trying to improve its 28-7 record to conclude the best dual season in Oregon history this weekend.

The scheduled match with Willamette this weekend at the 15th Street courts was canceled due to scheduling changes by Willamette.

"This weekend is going to be tough," Oregon head coach Buzz Summers said. "Washington is going to be the heavy favorite. ... [However] Boise State is damn good."

The Ducks will try to compensate for being the underdog with the recent outstanding play of Mike

Goldstein and John DeVors at the No. 4 and No. 5 spots. Last weekend, Goldstein and DeVors combined for a sweep of the nationally ranked Arizona schools in doubles competition while each took splits in singles action.

"Mike and John have played great together all year," Summers said. "John is playing his best tennis of the year right now."

For the season, Goldstein holds a 16-6 record and DeVors posts a 17-8 mark in singles competition. When paired together, however, they possess the best doubles record on the Ducks' squad with a 14-5 mark.

Following this weekend, the Ducks will have a two-week layoff prior to the Pacific-10 Conference Individual Championships.

Invitational meet attracts Olympians, record holders

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Oregon's men's track and field team plays host to several of track and field's most elite characters at Hayward Field in the Oregon Invitational this Saturday, with the invitational portion of the meet starting at 4:10 p.m.

The day starts off with a developmental meet at 9:30 a.m., in which Jamar Curry, a

sophomore guard for the men's basketball team, will compete in the high jump. Earlier in the season, Curry, who redshirted this basketball season, tried out with the team and cleared the 6-4 mark.

But the highlight of the meet probably will be the participation of Olympians Danny Lopez, who runs the steeplechase, and Lance Deal, a hammer thrower, and decathlon world record holder Dan O'Brien. The three

will provide the stiffest competition the Oregon team will see this season.

According to Johnson, who ran against and kept up with Mike Marsh in the Sunkist meet last year, running against competitors like O'Brien and Lopez puts his career in perspective.

"It was crazy for me to know that I was right there," said Johnson, of running against his

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1995 MEN'S TRACK

Meet five: Oregon Inv.

■ THE MEET:

The developmental portion starts at 9:30 a.m. while the invitational itself starts at 4:10 p.m. with the men's javelin.

■ THE CONTESTANTS:

Among those participating are 3 former Olympians.



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Oregon to interview four people for athletic director

The Oregon athletics department will interview four final candidates for the position of director of intercollegiate athletics, announced Vice President Dan Williams on Thursday.

Williams, who has served as director since last August in addition to his other administrative duties within the University, said the finalists would visit campus over the next three weeks.

The finalists are Dr. Eve Atkinson, athletics director at Lafayette College in Easton, Pa.; Gary Cunningham, athletics director at Fresno State in Fresno, Calif.; Herman Frazier, associate athletics director at Arizona State in Tempe, Ariz.; and Bill Moos, athletics director at the University of Montana in Missoula, Mont.

McFadden leads decathlon

After five events, Pat McFadden led the decathlon with 3,663 points while Portland State's Robin Unger was the top heptathlete after four events with 2,092 points at the first day of the Oregon Invitational multi-event competition on Thursday.

Oregon decathlete Paul Pappas ended up in fourth place with 3,505 points, while the freshman Jennifer Thomas finished the day in fourth place in the heptathlon with 2,665 points. While Thomas, a freshman, already has a qualifying mark for the Pacific 10 Conference meet, Pappas is in the hunt for marks that will qualify him for the meet.

Today's competition begins at 10:30 a.m. with the decathlon 110-meter hurdles.

Pacific-10 All-Academic men's basketball team

David Harbour	Stanford	3.01
Jon Mitchell	Oregon	3.79
J.D. Vetter	OSU	3.26
David Vik	WSU	3.13
George Zidek	UCLA	3.77

Pacific-10 All-Academic women's basketball team

Second Team		
Kerri Barrett	California	3.26
Betty Ann Boeving	Oregon	3.80
Cindie Edamura	Oregon	3.92
Kelli Kronberger	WSU	3.36
Kate Starbird	Stanford	3.07