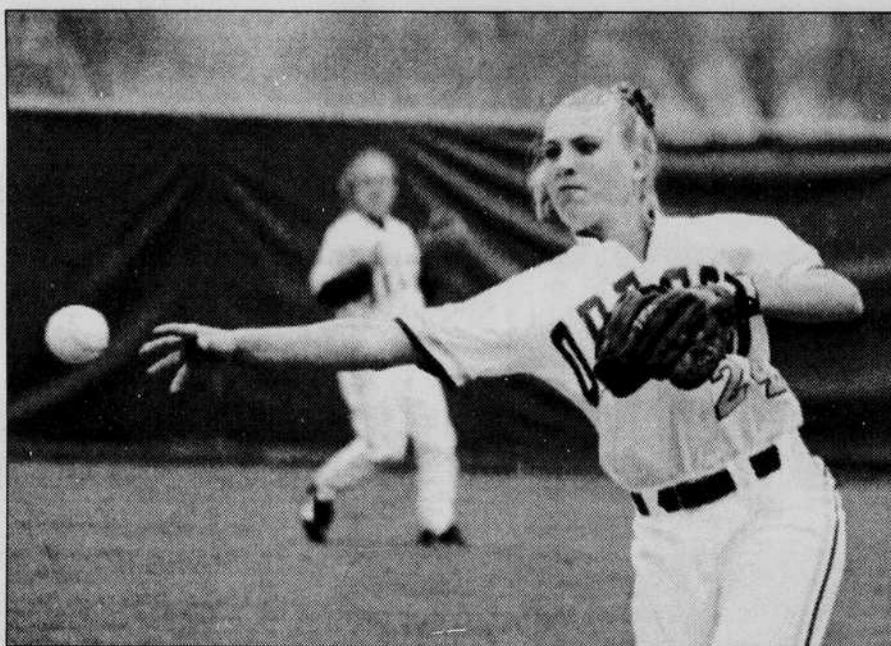


Oregon
second baseman
Angie LeRoy and the
rest of the Ducks
take on No. 6
Washington today
at 3 p.m. on
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UO softball hosts No. 6 Huskies

By Alex Pond
Sports Reporter

Coming off a 1-3 road trip that included a pair of games against the No. 1 team in the nation, the schedule doesn't get much easier for the Oregon softball team today when it hosts No. 6 Washington in a doubleheader beginning at 3 p.m. at Howe Field.

Oregon (4-16 Pacific-10 Conference, 19-32-1 overall) comes into the game with the momentum of splitting with No. 14 Arizona State Saturday and a narrowly missed sweep of the Sun Devils, falling 8-7

in the second game.

The murderous trip began with a pair of losses to No. 1 Arizona Friday.

"We played a lot better than we have been," head coach Rick Gamez said. "We battled back and showed a lot of positive signs. [The players] showed a lot more intensity and a lot more effort."

Gamez said he hopes the strong showing in the desert will carry over to today's games.

The Huskies come into the games with a 43-13 overall record and are 14-7 in the Pac-10. Wash-

ington split with No. 23 California Sunday, winning the first game 5-3 and losing the second 6-5.

"We're just going to go out and play hard," Gamez said. "Hopefully we'll come up with a couple of victories tomorrow, but we know we're going to have to play hard. Washington is a good ball club, and we're going to have to do all the little things right."

Washington is led at the plate by the dynamic duo of Becky Newbry and Sara Pickering. Newbry is currently batting .393 and Pickering .392.

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So if Whitsitt decides to make a move, he better not make a change just for the sake of changing, but hire a proven coach like Chuck Daly.

Rumors that Mike Dunleavy will be the Blazers' next coach are ridiculous. Sure he took the Lakers to an appearance in the finals, and as the GM for the Bucks he has made some good acquisitions.

But he's also the guy who gave Portland Gary Trent for Shawn Respert.

George Karl's name has often been connected with any Blazers' coaching vacancy because of his connection with Whitsitt when he was Seattle's GM.

Karl has taken Seattle to the finals, but he has also flopped in the playoffs. Again, that's not always the coach's fault. His relationship with his players has come into question in the past, and that's not what the Blazers need right now.

Bringing Adelman back would be an interesting scenario, but his style of coaching is probably better with a veteran team. He's a player's coach who is respected, but he probably wouldn't be best at keep-

ing J.R. Rider and the other fellows in line.

My choice would be Daly, if he's willing to do it. Daly's been at the highest level as an NBA coach and also coached the original Dream Team to a gold medal.

Daly made it no secret during TNT telecasts that he was impressed with Wallace's game. Does that translate into Daly wanting to coach Wallace?

With Whitsitt in command, the only concern about Daly is that he probably wouldn't have much power in player personnel decisions.

But if Daly wants to add another championship ring in the next three or four years, Portland might be the only coaching vacancy with that opportunity.

Before Whitsitt decides to pull the plug on P.J. he better make sure Daly's ready to sign on the dotted line.

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