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OREGON SOFTBALL

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California's Maiko Bristow slides home safely before Missy Coe can apply the tag in Oregon's first game loss Sunday afternoon.

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Ducks defenseless in their last stand

The Oregon softball team ended its home season on a sour note, losing three of four

By Mirjam Swanson
Oregon Daily Emerald

The last homestand of the season didn't go at all like the Oregon softball team wanted it to.

No. 19 California completed its weekend sweep of the Oregon schools Sunday by beating the Ducks 10-6 in the first game and 2-0 in the second at Howe Field. Oregon split with No. 14 Stanford on Satur-

day.

"It's a huge disappointment," said infielder Katie Mackey, one of five Duck seniors who won't return next season. "It's really hard to go out like this. It's kind of heartbreaking."

Although Sunday's results were disheartening, Mackey did make history, setting an Oregon record for the most home runs in a season with 13.

The record breaker was a solo shot in the seventh inning of game one, and it cleared the left-field wall by about 30 feet.

"I knew it was out when I hit it," Mackey said. "It felt good, but it didn't mean as

much because we were down."

Catcher Missy Coe also found her way into Oregon's record books. With her single in the sixth inning of game two, the freshman got her school-record 74th hit of the season.

But their accomplishments couldn't help the No. 18 Ducks (39-25 overall, 11-14 Pacific-10 Conference) fend off a hot Cal team.

"We folded," head coach Rick Gamez said. "We've got to do a better job in the pitching department and offensively."

The Ducks' offense was the first to strike in the first game, with three runs in the

second inning on run-scoring singles by Robinson and Coe.

The Bears retaliated quickly, though, scoring twice in the third and then twice in the fourth.

But the Ducks responded. Second baseman Andrea Gustafson reached base on a rare Cal error, leading to Coe's two-run home run off of the scoreboard in right field.

After Cal scored again in the fifth, Gamez replaced senior pitcher Jennie Cook with Danielle Haag in the sixth inning.

Haag retired the first two batters she

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UO sets new bests in loss

Despite a collection of season bests, the women's track and field team still finishes third

By Scott Pesznecker
Oregon Daily Emerald

Winning a scored track meet is a hard thing to do.

And at Saturday's Pepsi Team Invitational, the performances of the Oregon women's track and field team suggested just how hard it can be.

The Ducks combined for nine season-best marks and six personal records. Of those, two were Pacific-10 Conference qualifying marks and three were NCAA provisional marks.

However, Oregon's effort was not enough to win the team contest at Hayward Field. The Ducks finished in third place in their second triangular meet of the season with a score of 120.

Washington edged Oregon for second place with a score of 122, and Nebraska won the invitational with 138.

"We knew Nebraska was very strong. They didn't surprise us — they hardly fal-

tered at all," Oregon head coach Tom Heinonen said. "Washington was really competitive, and I thought it was a really good meet."

The rivalry between Oregon's Tish Henes and Washington's Keisha Griffis made the 400-meter hurdles the most exciting event of the invitational. Griffis prevailed in the final 100 meters with a winning time of 58.31 seconds.

Henes' time of 58.40 was a season best.

Katie Crabb won a close battle in the 800 against Nebraska's Stella Klassen, capturing a Pac-10 qualifying time of 2:09.57.

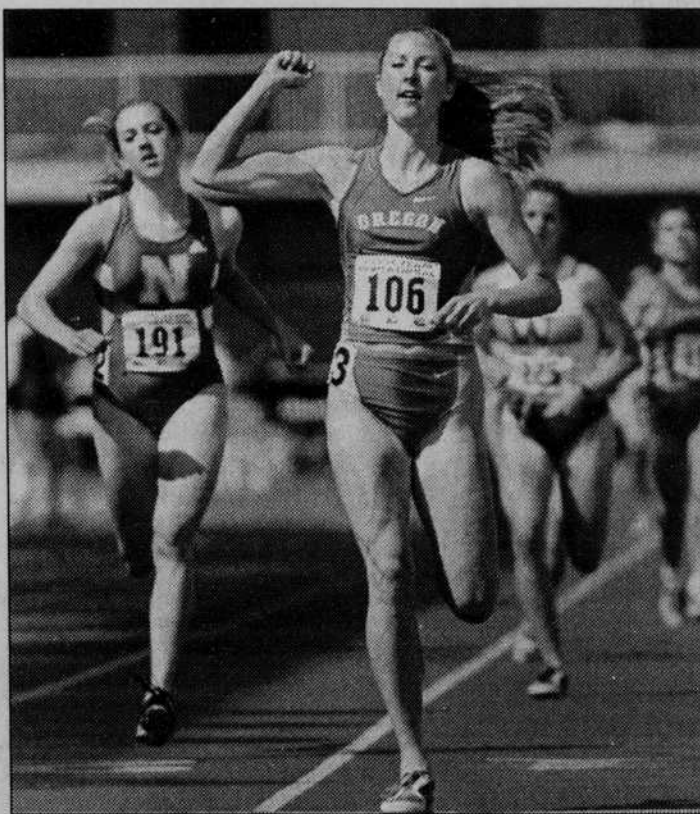
Kaarin Knudson beat Washington's Kara Syrdal in the 1,500 by seven seconds with a time of 4:25.81.

Marie Davis won the 3,000 in 9:34.94 after pulling away from Washington's Anna Aoki (9:38.81) in the final lap.

"It was nice to get a win," Davis said. "I know we only have one home meet left, so it's kind of nice just to soak it all in."

Teammate Heather McMahon finished

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Men's track

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Katie Crabb's time of 2:09.57 in the 800 meters was a season best for the junior.