

Oregon State (2)

	AB	H	R	RBI	BB
S. Feldt, SS	4	0	0	0	0
Guthrie, 2B	3	0	0	0	0
Porchaska, DP, PR	2	0	0	0	0
Plant, 3B	2	0	0	0	0
Jodoin, 1B	2	0	1	0	1
Adams, RF	2	1	1	0	1
Notaro, RF	0	0	0	0	0
T. Felt, C	3	0	0	0	0
Maxey, LF	2	0	0	0	0
Rutschman, PH, LF	1	0	0	0	0
Chariton, CF	3	1	0	1	1
Beyster, P	0	0	0	0	1

Totals

24	2	2	1	1
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IP H R ER BB SO

Beyster	7	3	0	0	2	10
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Oregon (0)

	AB	H	R	RBI	BB
Gustafson, 2B	2	0	0	0	1
Coe, C	3	0	0	0	0
Robinson, CF	2	0	0	0	1
Custer, 1B	3	1	0	0	0
Welch, RF	2	0	0	0	0
Dumas, PH	1	0	0	0	0
Ray, SS	3	1	0	0	0
Vidlund, LF	3	0	0	0	0
Planche, DP	3	0	0	0	0
Shelton, 3B	3	1	0	0	0
Hutchinson, PR	0	0	0	0	0
McMurren, P	0	0	0	0	0

Totals

25	3	0	0	2
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IP H R ER BB SO

McMurren	7	2	2	0	3	5
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attendance: 394

Player of the Game



McMURREN

Connie McMurren (9-12) came through with another sparkling performance on the mound against the Beavers. But once again, the sophomore from Eugene didn't get adequate run support, as she lost her third straight start Tuesday.



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NBA: Houston vs. Portland
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Ducks drop another close game



Bryan Dixon Emerald

Senior right fielder Lindsey Welch is one of six Ducks to go hitless against Oregon State on Tuesday.

A second-inning error leads to the only runs of the game as the Ducks drop their fifth game in a row

By Matt O'Neill
Oregon Daily Emerald

This is getting frustrating. Oregon softball dropped its fifth Pacific-10 Conference game in a row as it fell to the No. 12 Oregon State Beavers 2-0.

"Same routine all over again," head coach Rick Gamez said. "Our bats are not getting the job done. Connie [McMurren] threw a pretty good game. But there is not a reason why we shouldn't have scored more runs."

The No. 22 Ducks (24-17 overall, 1-6 Pac-10) continued their slump, getting only three hits and three runners in scoring position. McMurren (9-12) had another good outing, holding the Beavers (27-12-1, 1-6) to only two hits on the day.

The only scoring came in the top of the second when Mc-

Murren walked two batters with one out and the bottom of the lineup coming to bat. She got the Beavers' seventh hitter, Traci Feldt, to ground back to the mound. But when McMurren turned to throw to second for what looked to be an inning-ending double play, her throw went into center field.

That allowed both base runners to score and Feldt to advance to third. McMurren then got two strikeouts to end the inning.

The Ducks' biggest scoring threat came in the fourth inning when Holly Ray and Triawn Custer reached base with two outs. Freshman Andrea Vidlund came to the plate and gave Oregon State starter Tarrah Beyster a battle, fouling off seven pitches before flying out to

■ The unsympathetic Pacific-10 Conference doesn't make getting back on track easy — as the Ducks are finding out

By Mirjam Swanson
Oregon Daily Emerald

Damn, the Pac-10 is a tough softball conference.

But that's common knowledge, right?

It's kind of obvious, seeing that all nine Pac-10 teams are ranked among the nation's top 22 teams. Add to it that eight of those — including Oregon State, Oregon's opponent Tuesday afternoon — are in the top 12.

And the PAC-10's record in non-conference games this season is 247-44-1.

Basically, the Pac-10 is the bomb.

That fact was neatly reaffirmed Tuesday, as the No. 12 Beavers did what both No. 1 Washington and No. 3 UCLA did last weekend. They shut down the Ducks' usually — but recently only potentially — vibrant offense in a 2-0 win.

Like usual, Oregon's Connie McMurren pitched her heart out Tuesday, putting on a stellar showing for 394 fans at Howe Field. With the exception of a rocky second inning, she put her team in a position to win. Instead of getting the victory, the sophomore walked away with another loss, as she had twice last weekend.

During the past five days, McMurren has pitched 20 innings, given up 12 hits and two earned runs, recorded nine strikeouts and, for her efforts, saw her record drop to 9-12.

"I can only focus on myself," a frustrated McMurren said. "I know my team is behind me giving 100 percent, so it's just a matter of time. For some reason, right now, it's just not coming."

One reason, of course, is who the Ducks (24-17 overall, 1-6 Pac-10) are up against. They're playing teams that, according to

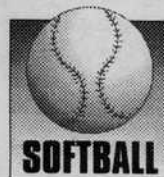


COMMENTARY

Mirjam Swanson

“We're just as good as these other teams, we just have to prove it.”

Connie McMurren pitcher



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No question, Bellotti has set the bar high

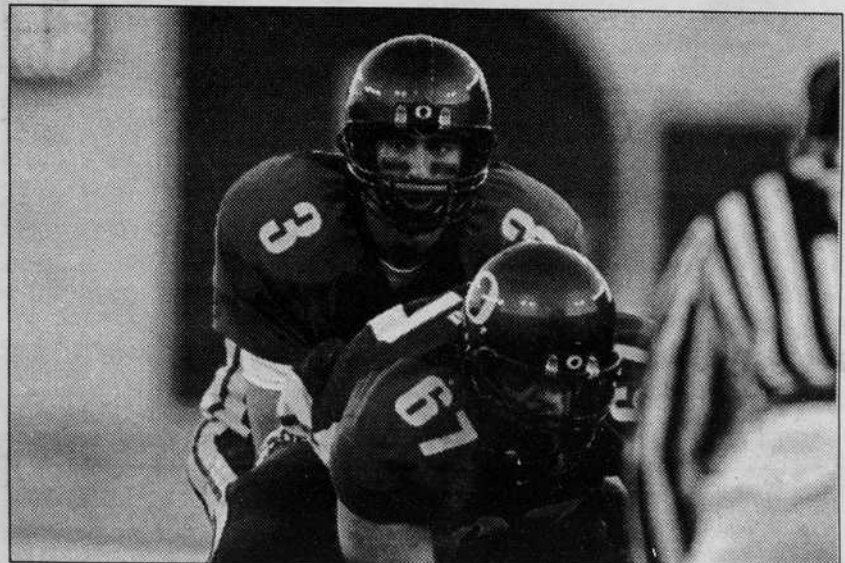
The Oregon football team is finding that they face heightened expectations — even now, during spring drills

By Jeff Smith
Oregon Daily Emerald

It's only the second week of spring practice, but already head coach Mike Bellotti has been doing a lot of coaching.

Bellotti has high expectations for his football team. He knows the type of talent his team possesses and wants to see that talent at its full potential — even in the spring.

After last week's first round of practices, Bellotti described his mood as "disappointed." On Tuesday, however, Bellotti admitted that he may have jumped the gun a bit in his evaluation. "I think my initial reaction was dis-



Bryan Dixon Emerald

Joey Harrington, the Ducks' leading candidate to start at quarterback, is enjoying spring drills.

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