

Scoreboard

Oregon State 3, Oregon 1

Game 2

Oregon

	AB	R	H	RBI	BB
Gustafson, 2B	3	0	0	0	0
Laux, SS	3	0	0	0	1
Coe, C	2	1	1	1	2
Robinson, CF	4	0	0	0	0
Welch, RF	2	0	1	0	1
Custer, 1B	4	0	1	0	1
Vidlund, P	3	0	1	0	0
Hutchinson, LF	2	0	0	0	0
Ray, 3B	2	0	2	0	1
Totals	25	1	6	1	5

IP	H	ER	R	BB	SO
Vidlund	6	7	2	3	4

Oregon State

	AB	R	H	RBI	BB
Feldt, SS	3	0	0	0	1
Guthrie, 2B	3	1	1	0	0
Beyster, DP, P	2	1	2	1	1
King, PR	0	0	0	0	0
Jodoin, 1B	3	0	1	0	0
Prochaska, C	2	0	0	1	1
Plant, 3B	3	0	0	0	0
Maxey, LF	3	1	2	0	0
Chariton, CF	2	0	1	0	0
Rutschman, RF	2	0	0	0	1
Draper, P	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	23	3	7	2	4

IP	H	ER	R	BB	SO
Draper	3.1	2	0	0	4
Beyster	3.2	4	1	1	2

Player of the Day

Not only did Oregon State's Tarrah Beyster hit her 50th career home run, but she also pitched 10 strong innings through two games Tuesday, improving her record to 24-9 this season.

The senior picked up both wins, by holding the Ducks to two runs and a scant seven hits. She also recorded five strikeouts.



Best Bet

NBA Playoffs, Seattle vs. Utah 6 p.m., TNT

Sports

Oregon Daily Emerald

Ducks continue slide in Corvallis



Kevin Calame Emerald

Outfielder Amber Hutchinson (11), Kelly Planche (second from right) and Danielle Haag (right) hope to help reverse the Ducks' fortunes down the stretch of the season.

■ Oregon loses two on the road and drops its Pacific-10 Conference record to 5-10 with only five conference games left

By Matt O'Neill
Oregon Daily Emerald

The quick sand has just thickened for the No. 17 Oregon softball team. With only five conference games left, the Ducks find themselves in the midst of a four-game losing streak. The Ducks (33-22 overall, 5-10 Pacific-10 Conference) dropped both games of a doubleheader Tuesday to No. 14 Oregon State (36-14-1, 6-8), 3-1 in the first game and 2-1 in the second.

Oregon managed only nine hits all day as it continued to be mired in a hitting slump. During last weekend's homestand, the Ducks only managed eight hits in three games.

"It's just a matter of not producing when we need to," head coach Rick Gamez said in a released statement. "We are not going to get many wins when our lineup can't produce when we need them to. We left 17 runners on base today [total] and that's not going to beat anybody, let alone Oregon State."

In game two, Oregon State used three one-run innings to get the best of the Ducks. In the first inning, the

Beavers put runners on second and third with one out. Brynne Guthrie scored on a Shelly Prochaska ground out, and the Beavers took a 1-0 lead.

In the third, the Beavers again got to starter Andrea Vidlund (16-6) for a run. Tarrah Beyster belted her 50th home run of her career to push the lead to 2-0. Then in the fourth inning, Oregon State got its final run via an error.

Cara Maxey and Michelle Chariton both singled to start the rally with two outs. Maxey advanced to third on an error by Alyssa Laux and then scored on an error by Lindsey Welch one batter later.

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WNBA president to speak at Law School

Val Ackerman will discuss the challenges of operating the fourth-year league at the fifth-annual Women in Sports Business Symposium

By Mirjam Swanson
Oregon Daily Emerald

Women's National Basketball Association President Val Ackerman will discuss the challenges of operating a women's professional sports league in her keynote address at the Women in Sports Business Symposium, beginning tonight at 7 p.m. in the Auditorium of the William W. Knight Law Center.

The annual symposium, which is in its fifth year, is organized by graduate students from the James H. Warsaw Sports Marketing Center. For the past several years organizers have tried to secure an appearance by Ackerman at the symposium, program director

Rick Burton said.

"Prior to this year the WNBA didn't have a team in Portland," Burton said. "So she may see this as an opportunity to spread some goodwill in one of the states where the WNBA has a team. It's an honor to finally fit it into her schedule."

Ackerman is the biggest name ever, in terms of ongoing presence in the sports world, to speak at the symposium. She works as the commissioner of the four-year-old league. She oversees 12 teams, including the Portland Fire, one of four expansion teams added to the league this season.

In addition to her WNBA duties, the Virginia alumnus cur-

rently serves on the USA Basketball Executive Committee and was a member of the Board of Trustees that created the gold-medal winning 1995-96 USA Basketball Women's National Team Program.

Other panelists that will speak at this year's two-day symposium include representatives from companies like Nike, U.S. Soccer, the Portland Fire and the Leo Burnett advertising agency.

"One of the reasons we do this," Burton said, "is to make sure the women who are a part of our program realize that women play a huge role in the future management and success of sports in America."

On Tap

What: Women in Sports Business Symposium
Who: Val Ackerman, WNBA President
When: 7 p.m.
Where: Auditorium of the William W. Knight Law Center