

## Softball

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on the line today."

Robinson put the home team on the board first with her two-run home run. Fellow senior Andrea Gustafson started the game with a walk and stole second to set up Robinson.

"That gave us the edge," Robinson said. "I don't think we were comfortable with it. We had to battle all day on defense."

Oregon didn't relax at the plate, going right back to work in the third inning. Freshman Amber Hutchison started the rally with a walk with no one out. She then advanced to second when fellow freshman Alyssa Laux drew a free pass of her own.

Both runners moved up on a wild pitch, putting runners on second and third with only one out and Robinson at the plate.

After the wild pitch, the Bears intentionally walked Robinson to load the bases for another freshman, Andrea Vidlund.

Vidlund then delivered a base hit up the middle to score two runs and push the Ducks' lead to 4-0.

"I knew that two runs wasn't going to be enough," Vidlund said. "I really wanted to hit the ball hard on the ground. I waited

for my pitch and hit it up the middle."

Four runs were more than enough for starting pitcher Connie McMurren (15-16), who shut out the Bears, while holding them to only two hits and striking out seven.

"That was so much fun, that was the most fun I've ever had pitching a game," McMurren said. "We were so fired up from the beginning, we were ready to attack."

It was another strong outing from the sophomore, and the seniors got a win on their final day.

"Connie threw an amazing game," Robinson said. "I'm so proud of her; she came out here and got the job done."

Sunday's result was the exact opposite of Saturday's, when the Ducks found themselves on the short end, 4-0.

Cal starter Jocelyn Forrest held Oregon to four hits total, while striking out eight. Her teammates used six hits to get their four runs and give Vidlund (16-7) the loss.

In the top of the first, Cal loaded the bases with none out and the clean-up hitter Veronica Nelson coming to the plate. Vidlund induced a ground out from Nelson, but the runner from third scored to put the visiting team up 1-0.

Pauline Duenas then laced a single to left-center field, driving

in two more runs and increasing the lead to 3-0.

The Bears added a final run in the sixth, as Kristen Morley led off with a double that the outfielders overran. She later scored when she was sacrificed to third and crossed the plate on a Nelson fly-out to right field.

The Ducks' best scoring threat came in the bottom of the first when two runners reached base with no one out. However, Oregon was unable to score as both runners were left stranded.

"We really needed that game," Robinson said Sunday. "That kind of hurt us."

Friday's contest was no better for Oregon. The team started the final conference home stand with a 2-1 defeat.

In the top of the sixth, Robin Walker drew a free pass and Jessica Mendoza was hit by a pitch to put runners on first and second with no outs. A passed ball moved the runners into scoring position. Sarah Beeson grounded back to first but Walker was able to score from third. Maureen LeCocq then reached on an error by Holly Ray that scored Mendoza from third.

The Ducks only scoring came in the bottom of the seventh as Robinson began her record-setting weekend with her 32nd career dinger.

## Tennis

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Cedric Van Haver and junior David Becker.

The Ducks' 12-9 record is the best mark under Russell, who is in his fifth year. What made the difference between a winning and losing record this season was wins against the Arizona schools.

"This is level of play that we have expected to be at and aspired to be," Russell said. "It gives us a chance to take the program a step further."

In addition to the team berth, Oregon has two players in the individual championships. Senior Guillermo Carter and freshman Leslie Eisinga earned a doubles berth after reaching the championship round of the Pac-10 championships. Carter also earned a

singles berth after an impressive run at the Pac-10s. The individual championships will take place in Athens, Georgia on May 24.

Carter and Eisinga "have beaten the No. 1 team in the country and played took the No. 2 team in the country to the third set," said Russell. "If they get hot, they could go very far."

It was expected that the women's season would end at the Pac-10 Championships, but the Ducks earned their third NCAA berth in four years, all under head coach Jack Griffin.

The No. 50 Ducks are 8-14 on the season, with quality wins over NCAA qualifiers San Diego State and Arizona.

Oregon travels to Tempe, Ariz., for a first round match-up with No. 32 Mississippi State. The Bulldogs are a streaky team, open-

ing the season 6-2, while finishing 1-7. With only one player ranked in the top-100, Mississippi State isn't as top-heavy as the Ducks are; however, it is an extremely deep team.

No. 94 Amelie Detriviere leads eight players with significant playing time.

Oregon counters with No. 78 senior Alina Wygonowska and No. 69 freshman Monika Geiczys.

Should the Ducks make it past the first round, they will play the Arizona State-Army winner on May 14. The remainder of the championship matches will be played at Malibu, Calif.

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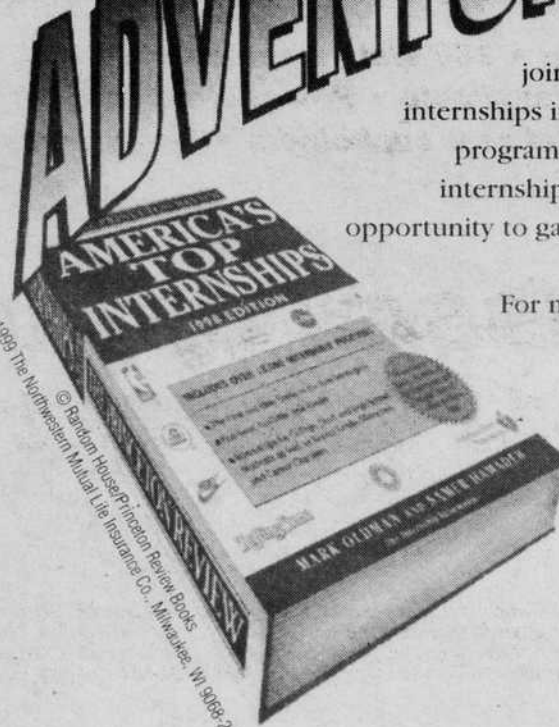
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