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The No. 19 Oregon softball team comes together with one last chance to impress the NCAA selection committee this weekend.

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trol freshman sensation Jennie Clark, who is batting .360 this season. She drove in four runs and knocked out her 15th home run when the Huskies played at Howe Field in April.

The Ducks also have to deal with Husky pitchers Jennifer Spediacci and Jamie Graves who are a combined 53-6 and sport identical earned run averages of 0.62.

Last time the Ducks faced Spediacci, the Washington hurler shut down the usually potent Oregon offense. However, the

Ducks produced five RBIs on two home runs in the last three games.

UCLA is no slouch either. The Ducks have to deal with Amanda Freed, an alternate on the U.S. Olympic team. In their last meeting, Freed held the Ducks to two hits and fanned 11 in a 6-0 win for the Bruins.

But recently Oregon has found the spark in its bats again. In the final home game of the season, Robinson provided a two-run homer and freshman Andrea Vidlund drove in two runs on a bases-loaded single.

The Ducks' pitching has been as steady as always. Both Connie McMurren and Vidlund have

turned in complete game performances recently. McMurren picked up her 15th win in the victory over Cal and Vidlund has a team-best record of 16-7.

While the Ducks are the undisputed underdog in these contests, Gustafson and Robinson would have it no other way.

"Nobody expects us to win," Robinson said. "We have everything to gain and nothing to lose. These are our games to win."

"Coming out and beating the No. 1 and No. 3 teams in the country will surprise the committee," Gustafson added. "We just need to go out there and kick some butt."

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