

**NCAA Regional
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Oregon (36-29)**

	AB	R	H	RBI	BB
Gustafson, 2B	3	0	2	0	1
Laux, SS	2	0	0	0	0
Coe, DH	2	0	1	0	2
Hutchison, PR	0	1	0	0	0
Robinson, CF	4	0	1	0	0
Welch, RF	3	0	1	1	1
Custer, 1B	4	0	0	0	0
Vidlund, LF	4	0	1	0	0
Ray, 3b	3	0	0	0	1
Planche, C	2	0	0	0	0
Shelton, PH	1	0	0	0	0

Totals	IP	R	ER	H	SO	BB
28	1	6	1	5		
McMurren	8	3	3	8	3	5

SMU (60-11)

	AB	R	H	RBI	BB
Berman, SS	4	0	1	1	1
Collins, RF	5	0	0	0	0
Stevens, LF	4	0	2	0	0
Johnson, DH/3B	2	2	1	0	1
Ford, 1B	3	1	2	0	0
Seals, PR	0	0	0	0	0
Peters, C	2	0	1	0	1
Gant, 2B	2	0	1	1	2
Tanner, CF	4	0	0	1	0
Martin, 3B	1	0	0	0	0
Edwards, PH/DH	3	0	0	0	0

Totals	IP	R	ER	H	SO	BB
30	3	8	3	5		
Blades	8	1	1	6	12	5

**Player of the Game
Andrea Gustafson**



Gustafson went a combined 4-for-6 against Southern Mississippi pitching sensation Courtney Blades in two losing efforts. The senior had a total of six hits for the Ducks in their four games in the NCAA Regionals. Gustafson also recorded three assists Sunday at second base.

Oregon fights hard, comes up shy

The softball team wins two NCAA Regional games, but the all-time strikeout leader beats them twice and ends their season

By Jeff Smith
Oregon Daily Emerald

Without Courtney Blades, the Ducks may have been headed to Oklahoma City for the College Softball World Series.

With Blades, however, the No. 19 Oregon softball team (36-29) is coming back home, with their season finished.

But at least Oregon can take solace in the fact that their two NCAA Regional losses came at the hands of one of the nation's premier pitchers.

On Thursday, second-seeded Southern Mississippi (60-11) knocked off the Ducks 3-0 behind Blades and her 10 strikeout, complete game performance.

Oregon proceeded to bounce back in the double-elimination tournament by performing a comeback win over Northwestern State 4-1 on Friday, and a wild 4-3 victory over 17th-ranked Louisiana-Lafayette on Saturday.

The two wins set up the rematch with SMU for Sunday, and the Ducks came out ready to conquer the strikeout queen.

Blades, who had 21 strikeouts in 13 innings pitched on Saturday night in her team's heartbreaking 1-0 loss to LSU,

showed no signs of fatigue against the Ducks.

The NCAA record holder for strikeouts in a season and a career added some more victims to her total, as Blades got 12 Ducks to go down on strikes en route to SMU's 3-1 extra inning win.

But it was a win that she had to fight for in front of 566 fans at Tiger Park in Baton Rouge, La.

The Golden Eagles clung on to a 1-0 lead for most of the game, before Oregon tied it up in the bottom of the sixth.

Missy Coe opened the inning with a walk, and Jill Robinson followed that up with a picture-

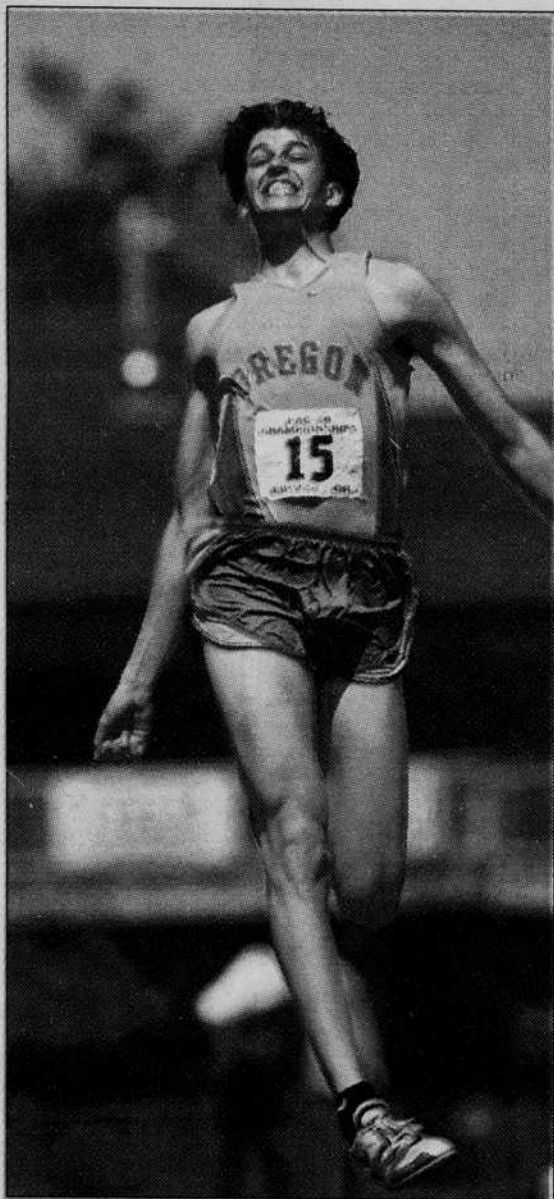
“They played extremely hard this weekend. They never gave up ... from the first pitch all the way to the very last.”

Rick Gamez
head coach

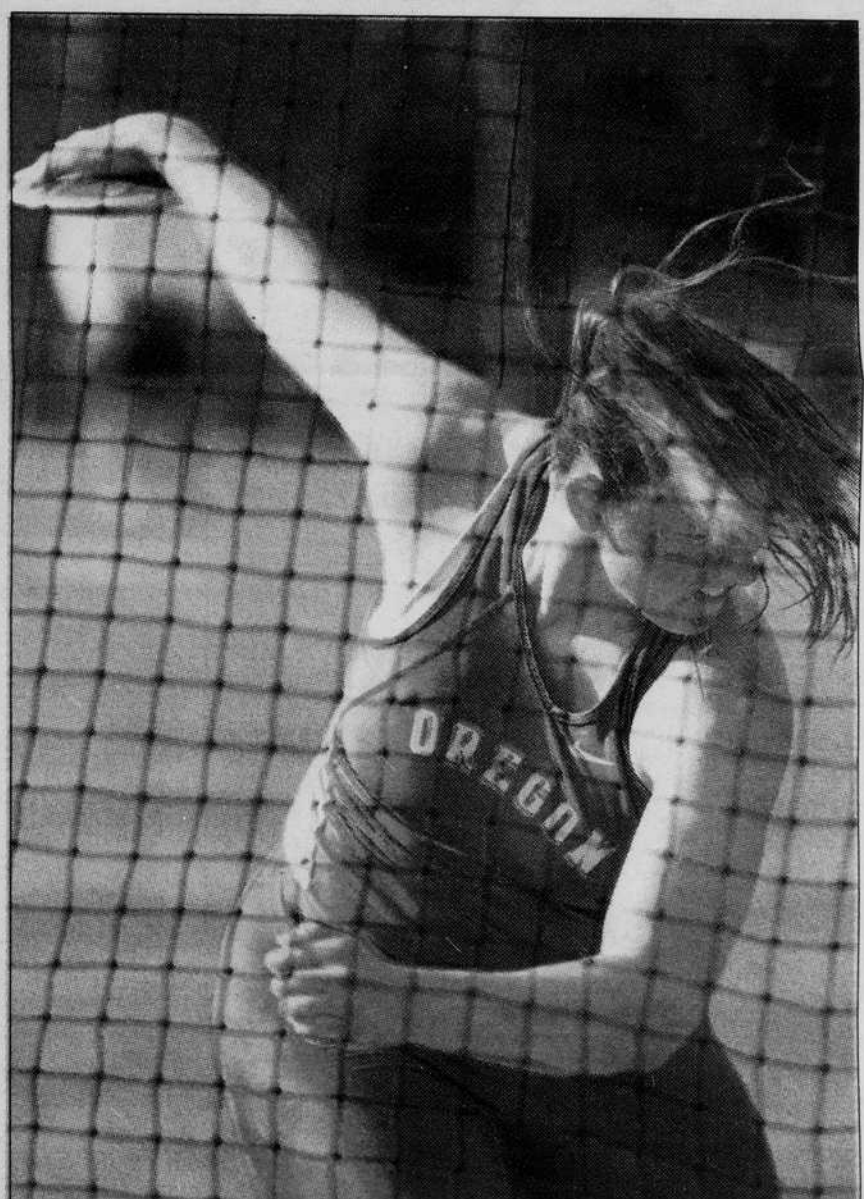
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SOFTBALL



Nat Johnson finishes third in the long jump.



Mary Etter scores points for the Ducks with her third-place finish in the discus throw.

Men 'Fein,' women not-so-fine at Pac-10

Jason Boness takes home the high jump Pac-10 title as the men finish seventh overall at the conference title meet

By Scott Pesznecker
Oregon Daily Emerald

Under the hot sun and against gusty winds, Oregon's Steve Fein was running in close second behind Stanford's Brad Hauser with less than two laps to go in the 5,000 meters.

The race was Fein's first at that distance since last June's U.S. Track and Field Championships at Hayward Field. But he was determined to not let that show, and midway through the bell lap, Fein launched his final attack.

Amidst Prefontaine-esque chants of "STEVE! STEVE! STEVE!" from the Hayward Field audience, the Ducks' senior took the lead with 300

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■ The young Oregon women's squad struggles at the Pac-10 Championships

By Mirjam Swanson
Oregon Daily Emerald

Head coach Tom Heinonen knows about turnarounds.

"The year after we won the NCAA track title [in 1985] we scored zero points in the NCAA meet — at that point I thought we would never be a factor again," Heinonen said. "And then we won two [Pacific-10 Conference] titles [in 1991 and 92] and got fourth in

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