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Sophomore Andrea Vidlund hit a two-run home run in the sixth inning of Sunday's game, the sixth straight loss for the Ducks. R. Ashley Smith Emerald

Softball

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are 0-3 against the Bears this season.

Oregon's offense was held in check Saturday, as Cal pitcher Jocelyn Forest allowed just two hits — both by Vidlund — and recorded 15 strikeouts in a 1-0 win.

Freshman Anissa Meashintubby (2-2) took the loss.

Despite the lack of offensive production, Gamez said he saw signs of improvement.

"We actually played with a lot of heart today and I'm really pleased with how the kids came out," Gamez said after Saturday's game. "The bottom line is Cal's pitcher

threw a great game."

The Ducks landed in Palo Alto, Calif., Friday to face perhaps the hottest team in the country. After just five innings, the Ducks left Palo Alto carrying the burden of an 8-0 loss.

Stanford's Dana Sorensen — averaging 12 strikeouts per game, the best in the nation — struck out eight while allowing seven hits to improve to 18-1 on the season. No. 4 Stanford (35-3, 5-1) was led by Sarah Beeson's 3-for-3 performance, including a home run and four RBI.

In 4-and-a-third innings of work, sophomore Lisa Wangler (4-6) gave up seven runs on seven hits to pick up the loss.

Wangler and Alyssa Laux both were 2-for-3 in the game, but the story of the game was the team's inability to hit with runners in scoring position. Oregon stranded 10 runners in the contest.

"We're just not getting clutch hits when we need them," Gamez said. "It's not a matter of not having confidence against these teams — we're hitting the ball — it's a matter of not hitting the ball at the right time."

After two weeks on the road, Oregon heads back to Howe Field this weekend to host a pair of double-headers. San Jose State comes to town Friday for a 2 p.m. start, while Oregon State heads down for a 12 p.m. start Saturday.

Men's track

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aged a Pacific-10 qualifying mark in placing third with a throw of 174-6.

Freshman Trevor Woods is wasting no time for Oregon in the pole vault. The fourth-ranked prep vaulter last season placed second with a leap of 17-4 1/2. Woods' mark is nearly a foot personal best and equaled the NCAA provisional mark.

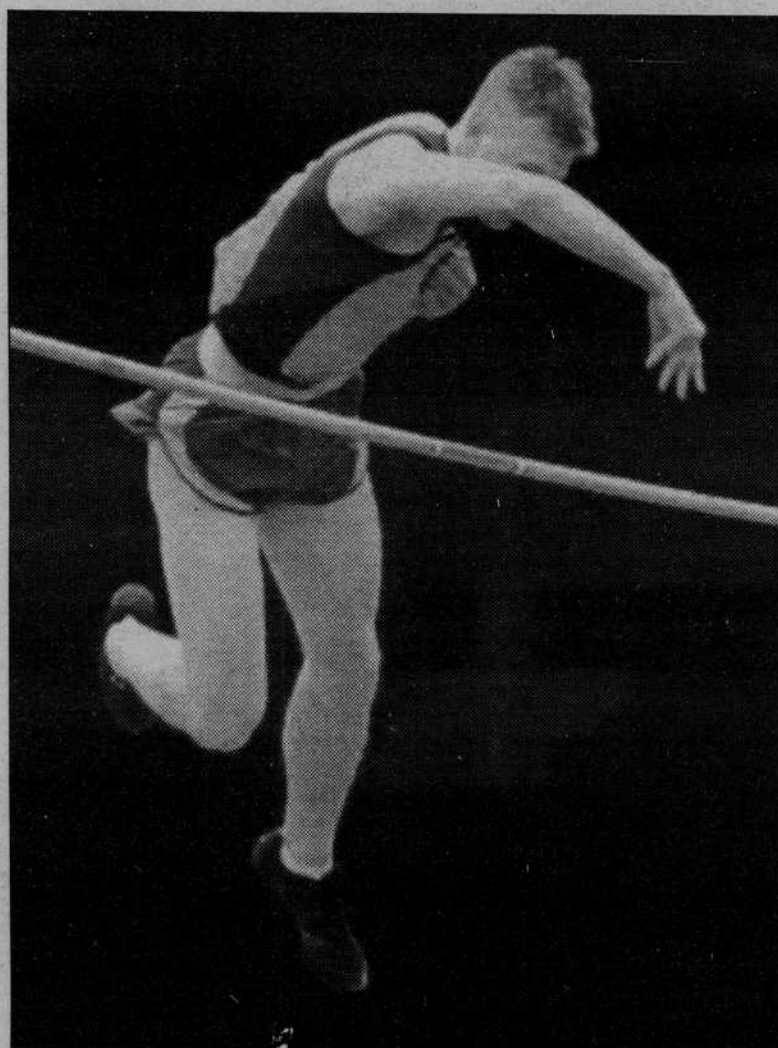
"Usually the better the competition, the better I do," Woods said. "The wind was great — it gave me that much more speed and didn't throw me off at all. It's good to get the NCAA provisional mark out of the way, with another four inches probably meaning a trip to NCAA's."

Sophomore John Stiegeler improved upon his already-qualified mark in the javelin. After a record-breaking tosses at the Oregon Preview and Baldy Castillo Invitational, Stiegeler recorded another personal best, placing second with a throw of 245-9 for the top mark in the nation.

Three other Ducks recorded personal bests on Friday. Sophomore Foluso Akinradewo inched closer to an NCAA provision mark in the triple jump. The Fresno, Calif., native placed eighth with personal best leap of 50-6. Akinradewo has easily qualified for the Pac-10 meet and needs only another foot for a provisional mark.

Senior Ryan Keith uncorked a 10-foot personal best in the javelin, placing second in the "B" section of the javelin. The Salem native now needs only four more feet for a provisional mark.

Sophomore Terry Ellis ran a 14:15 in the 110 hurdles, good



True freshman Trevor Woods became the fifth Duck to earn an NCAA provisional qualifying mark this season. He placed second with an impressive 17-4 1/2 leap. Emerald

enough for third in his heat.

The Ducks were also represented in the Relays portion of the meet. Oregon placed fourth overall in the sprint medley relay in a time of 3 minutes, 23.39 seconds. Harris and freshman Jake Garlick ran opening

200-meter legs, followed by a 400-meter leg by junior Ross Krempsey and an 800 meter anchor leg ran by junior-transfer Simon Kimata.

Oregon returns home next weekend for the annual Washington Dual meet.