

Softball travels to Arkansas for three

■ Oregon softball will face Arkansas for three games in a break from tournament play

By Chris Cabot
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The Oregon softball team travels to Arkansas this weekend to take on the 11-5 Razorbacks in a three-game break from early season tournament play.

Three weeks into the season, the Ducks are 7-3 after tournaments in San Marcos, Texas and Las Vegas.

After the Ducks' first 10 games, junior Alyssa Laux is leading the team with a .469 batting average. Four other players — Lakeesha Eversley, Andrea Vidlund, Kristi Hall and MariLyn Petrick — are also hitting above the .400 mark. Laux's .321 career batting average is ninth all-time at Oregon.

Vidlund and Ashley Richards

have picked up hits in all but one of the Ducks' games, and Eversley and Laux are riding five game hitting streaks heading into the weekend. Vidlund also leads the team in home runs with three and RBI with 11.

Three pitchers have taken the circle for head coach Brent Rincon's Ducks so far this season. Lindsey Kontra's 1.56 earned run average and 16 strikeouts lead the way. Anissa Meashintubby has a record of 3-0 and a shutout. Senior Connie McMurren picked up a save for Oregon in a 9-8 victory over Central Michigan.

In five of the team's ten games, the Oregon defense has held the opposition to under three runs.

This weekend's games will be the first ever between Oregon and Arkansas.

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Sports briefs

USC embarrasses Stanford
STANFORD, Calif. (KRT) — Stanford had little trouble with USC's pressure defense Thursday night, but it had no answers for the rest of the Trojans' arsenal.

USC broke open a close game early in the second half and handed Stanford its worst home loss in nine years, a 77-58 defeat so thorough that fans headed to the Maples Pavilion exits with seven minutes remaining.

With a stifling half-court defense and sizzling shooting, the Trojans scored the first 10 points of the second half and grabbed a 15-point advantage with 13 minutes remaining. They carved up Stanford with the precision and poise Stanford used to win three consecutive league titles (1999-01).

Stunned, the Cardinal had no response. The last time it lost this badly at home: an 86-61 loss to Cal in 1992-93, the season Stanford won just seven games.

The loss snapped Stanford's four-game winning streak and dropped the Cardinal (17-7, 10-5)

one game behind Oregon and USC with three remaining.

"There are six teams that have a chance to win the conference right now," Cardinal head coach Mike Montgomery said Tuesday. "We would like to finish on top, but one game will not be the downfall. The important thing now is to get enough wins to ensure a spot in the NCAA Tournament, and then win the conference tournament."

— Jon Wilner
Knight Ridder Newspapers

Track teams begin indoor championships

The Oregon men's and women's track and field teams begin their championship season this weekend, traveling to the Mountain Pacific Championships, in Flagstaff, Ariz.

The Ducks will match up against many of the best teams from the Pacific-10 Conference and Big West Conferences in the University of Northern Arizona's Skydome.

Tentative Duck men's entries include sprinters Allan Amundson, Cory Gray, Brandon Holliday and Samie Parker, hurdlers Micah Harris and Terry Ellis, middle distance runners Simon Kimata and Ross

Krempley, high jumpers Jason Boness, Kyle Johnson and Jake Horner, horizontal jumpers Foluso Akinradewo and Derek Strubel, pole vaulters Trevor Woods, Cody Howell and Jason Slye, and throwers Rian Ingram, Adam Kriz and James March.

The Duck women will also enter a quartet of pole vaulters to compete in a who's who of collegiate pole vaulting, as the top three entries — Arizona's Amy Linnen (4.52m, 14-10), UCLA's Tracy O'Hara (4.36m, 14-3 1/2) and Washington State's Tamara Diles (4.35m, 14-3 1/4) — have each led the nation at some point this season.

A pair of Ducks — juniors Becky Holliday and Niki Reed and their season bests of 13-9 3/4 — fill out a group of six likely entries in this weekend's meet that are ranked among the top eight nationally. Sophomore Kirsten Riley, hopes to improve her NCAA provisional mark and personal best of 12-10 to join her Duck teammates who are already NCAA automatic qualifiers in the NCAA Championships two weekends away in Fayetteville, Ark.

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Horoscope by Linda C. Black

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 22). Settling into a new environment requires more change, but eventually you'll get it just right. That's when you'll find more time for romance in your life. True love can be expensive, though. Don't spend more than you can afford. Work together and pool your resources so that you can get what you both want.

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) - Today is a 7 - How long has it been since you spent the whole weekend at home with your family? A person who doesn't like loud noises deserves more of your attention.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) - Today is a 7 - Save some money to play with this weekend, but set aside enough to pay an old debt. It's amazing how good you'll feel after that's done. It may mean you can't afford an extra treat, but you'll have made a wise choice.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21) - Today is a 7 - Don't forget your main objective. Hint: Your objective is not to impress people with how smart you are. That will happen naturally. Use your skills to raise your income and your status.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) - Today is a 7 - Get those letters written and bills paid. Be sure to schedule a break, too. Dinner for two at an elegant restaurant, followed by a romantic movie, would be perfect.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 6 - There's something nice that you'd like to buy a friend, but can you afford it? Alone, no, but if you get

some other friends to pitch in, perhaps you can.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is a 7 - This day gets better as it goes along. Plan to join friends and your date for a favorite activity as you can.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Today is a 7 - Better not relax quite yet. There may be a review of your work. Did you finish the job yet? No more personal phone calls!

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is a 7 - This will be a wonderful weekend to travel - after you finish an important job. You may not have been given this job yet, so hurry and do all the jobs you already have.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 6 - There's a lot of confusion, but don't lose sight of your goals. Watch for good deals on items you still have to buy. Discuss impending purchases with your partner to avoid arguments later.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is a 7 - No point in becoming a workaholic. Finish up the job quickly so that you can devote more time to personal matters. Somebody's waiting.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is a 7 - Don't let the fun and games intrude upon your workday, or you'll never get done on time. And try not to take the job home. You already have enough at home to keep you busy.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is a 7 - Hurry to put on the finishing touches so that you can entertain tonight and/or this weekend. Tidy things up, and buy a bouquet for your dining room table. Make things nice for a very special guest.

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