

# Duck softball falls to Washington, No. 1 UCLA

■ Oregon, still winless in the in the Pac-10, falls to Washington 7-0 on Friday and UCLA 6-0 Saturday and 3-1 Sunday

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The long trudge through the Pacific-10 Conference season continues for the Oregon softball team.

The Ducks have lost 12 consecutive conference games this season to drop their record to 18-21 overall (0-12 Pac-10). They have lost 32 straight Pac-10 games dating back to April 1, 2001.

The Ducks began their trip on Friday with a 6-0 loss to No. 9 Washington, where they could only tally three hits against a combined pitching Washington pitching effort of Ashley Boek and Leslie Scott. Boek threw the first five innings, striking out eight and walking only one. Scott did not allow a runner to reach base in her two innings. Only three Oregon runners advance to second and the Ducks went down in order in four of seven innings.

"We were not ready to play softball today, and in this conference, you have to be prepared," Oregon head coach Brent Rincon said. "We

made some lack of intensity type of errors and good teams will take advantage of that."

Freshman Lindsey Kontra threw four innings, allowing six runs, two of which were unearned. She gave up eight hits and two walks with five strikeouts. Anissa Meashintubby relieved Kontra in the fifth and pitched two perfect innings, striking out three.

Washington's record, after two wins over No. 14 Oregon State on Saturday and Sunday, now stands at 37-13 overall and 6-5 in the Pac-10.

After flying from Seattle to Los Angeles, the Ducks lost another one-sided game on Saturday. No. 1 UCLA

(40-6 overall, 8-3 Pac-10) blanked Oregon 7-0 behind a strong pitching performance by Amanda Freed, who improved her record to 17-2. Allowing only four hits and two walks, Freed struck out 11 Oregon hitters.

Oregon battled back with a better effort on Sunday but again fell short losing the game 3-1.

"I thought we played very well both offensively and defensively," Rincon said Sunday. "We had our chances and were able to score, but UCLA is a top ball club."

After the Bruins scored in the first, Alyssa Laux drove in Lakeesha Eversley in the third inning to knot the

game. The run broke the Ducks' scoreless innings streak of 17 innings.

UCLA came back with a run of their own in the third from a Claire Sua home run. They tallied an insurance run in the fourth on a Kontra wild pitch that deflected off the plate and into the UCLA dugout, scoring Erin Rahn.

The loss dropped Kontra's record to 5-10, while Keira Goerl improved to 21-4.

Oregon continues its road trip with a double header today at Portland State beginning at 4 p.m.

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# Oregon men's golf team continues streak at U.S. Intercollegiate

■ The Ducks finish in the top six for the fifth straight tournament Sunday

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The Oregon men's golf team now has its fifth straight top six finish after placing fourth at the U.S. Intercollegiate on Sunday.

The Ducks' final round 287 gave them a total 865 for the tournament, finishing just behind UCLA at 862. USC won the tournament with 848 followed by Stanford in second, 10 strokes behind.

Junior Chris Carnahan blazed through the final round with a 67 to finish in a tie for 11th at 215. Junior John Ellis had a rough last round of 77 to fall to a tie for 23rd, followed by sophomore Mike Sica in a tie for 45th, who also shot 67 on the day. Senior Aaron Byers finished in a tie for 51st at 225.

After the first two rounds Saturday, Oregon sat in a tie for third with UCLA after shooting 578 on

the day. The Ducks' two rounds of 282 and 296 placed them six strokes behind Stanford at 572 and 13 strokes behind leader USC.

Ellis shot 69 and 72 to lead the way for the Ducks to place him in a tie for fourth, just five strokes back of leader Phillip Rowe of Stanford. Byers was tied for 12th at four-over 144 after rounds of 69 and 75, with Carnahan in a tie for 36th at 148.

## Women head to Pac-10 Championships

Oregon head coach Shannon Rouillard remembers the scene of the Pac-10 Championships all too well.

Nine years ago, Rouillard, a sophomore, helped the Ducks to their highest finish ever in the Pac-10 Tournament, tying for fourth. On the same course this week, Oregon will try and recapture some of that magic at the Walla Walla Country Club in Walla Walla, Wash.

The Ducks head into the 2002 tournament as the No. 10 seed in a conference that also features six teams ranked among the latest Golfweek/Sagarin top 20.

"We need to do what we are capable of as a team," Rouillard said. "Our mindset is to shoot 305 (each round) or better and this is a good

test to see if we can do that because I believe 305 is the magic number at regionals that will get us to the national championships."

Oregon's lineup includes senior Kathy Cho at No. 1, followed by freshmen Jess Carlyon and Johnna Nealy, sophomore Lacy Erickson, freshman Jaime Seefried and junior Kim Melrose.

The tournament begins today and goes through Wednesday, with teams playing 18 holes each day. Oregon finished ninth in the Pac-10 last year.

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## Sports briefs

### Curry goes pro

The wait is over for former Oregon guard Ednisha Curry. The Palmdale, Calif., native was selected by the WNBA's Charlotte Sting in the third round (41st overall) on Friday.

Curry was the third player from the Pacific-10 Conference to be chosen, following Oregon State's Felicia Ragland (28th, Seattle) and Stanford's Lindsey Yamasaki (29th, Miami).

"I'm just in shock right now," Curry said. "This has been a dream

come true to be in a position to play professional basketball, especially in the United States."

After spending her first three seasons at Cal State Northridge, where she earned the Big Sky Conference's Freshman of the Year honor following the 1997-98 season, Curry transferred to Oregon in 2000. Curry averaged 9.8 points and 3.3 assists last season for the Ducks.

"I'm not nervous anymore," Curry said about waiting for her selection. "I was like, 'Oh my God, it's getting later and later and later.' Charlotte wanted me and it's a good spot. I have a good chance of mak-

ing that team and playing behind Dawn Staley."

Curry is the third Oregon player to be drafted in the WNBA, joining Jenny Mowe, who played for the Portland Fire after being drafted in the second round last season, and Angelina Wolverter, who was drafted by the Cleveland Rockers with the 43rd pick last year, but currently plays in Italy.

— Hank Hager

### Kent hires new assistant

When assistant coach Greg Graham left the Oregon basketball team to accept the head coaching position at Boise State, head coach

Ernie Kent worked quickly to fill the vacancy.

Kent plugged the hole left by Graham with John Cooper, a former assistant to Eddie Fogler at South Carolina. Cooper coached at South Carolina for six years.

"In the short time he was here in town (for his interview), we felt like we had known John for the last 10 years," Kent said. "I think he is going to be a great addition to our staff."

Cooper, who graduated from Wichita State in 1991, was a star forward for the Shockers and scored 1,153 points over his career. He played in the Continental Basketball Association and in Eu-

rope before working as an assistant coach at Division II Fayetteville State in Fayetteville, N.C. From there he was hired by Fogler, who was Cooper's head coach at Wichita State.

Cooper said he was "elated" to join the Oregon staff.

"Ernie has done a great job with the program, and coming off the year that Oregon had makes it a little more special to have the opportunity to join a staff that has taken a program to the level it is," Cooper said. "I just hope to come in and add a little bit to it."

— Peter Hockaday

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### Horoscope by Linda C. Black

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (April 22). There are still a few odds and ends to tie up this year. The more of them you take care of, the better you'll feel. Build yourself the perfect love nest. Some things you'll have to buy, but most of it comes through your own imagination and talent. Get creative!

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 6 - It may take a while to wipe that grin off your face, but it's time to get back to work. You may have just decided that money isn't all that important, but you might as well have some anyway.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) - Today is an 8 - You should be just about ready. When the planning and preparation is complete, you can begin your new endeavor, assured of success. Leave nothing to chance.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21) - Today is a 6 - You may want to spend the day in bed. Will your boss accept this note as your excuse? Maybe you'd better claim to have a cold instead.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22) - Today is a 7 - It may be later today or tomorrow before everything starts making sense. You may still have more reading to do, but you're headed in the right direction. Keep at it.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 7 - It's not a done deal yet, but the money could be flowing soon. Finish up all the little things you promised to do. Hold disagreements and critical comments for later.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is a 7 - Tie up loose odds and ends. You'll want to start a new

project late tomorrow or the next day. If you don't know what that project is yet, don't worry. You will by then.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Today is a 7 - Your friend's enthusiasm is contagious, but could it bring trouble? You could get away with goofing off yesterday, but that isn't the case now. Look alive!

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is a 7 - At first you might feel stuck. Then, opportunity knocks. It's a friend with a different perspective. All of a sudden, everything is possible again. If the right friend doesn't show up, call.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 5 - Although you're busy, don't forget to do the reading. Something in that pile of paperwork will be quite useful. Prepare for an upcoming test.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is a 7 - People will be stuck in their ways. If you want a positive answer to your question, wait until tomorrow to ask. There might be delays then, but the overall outcome looks good. Unlike right now.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is a 6 - You should have your plans pretty well figured out. Now comes the interesting part: finding the money. There's plenty of work out there. Do more of it.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is an 8 - The tough part should be over by now. You've either succeeded or failed. Either way, it's good practice. The feedback you get from a critic is icing on the cake.

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