

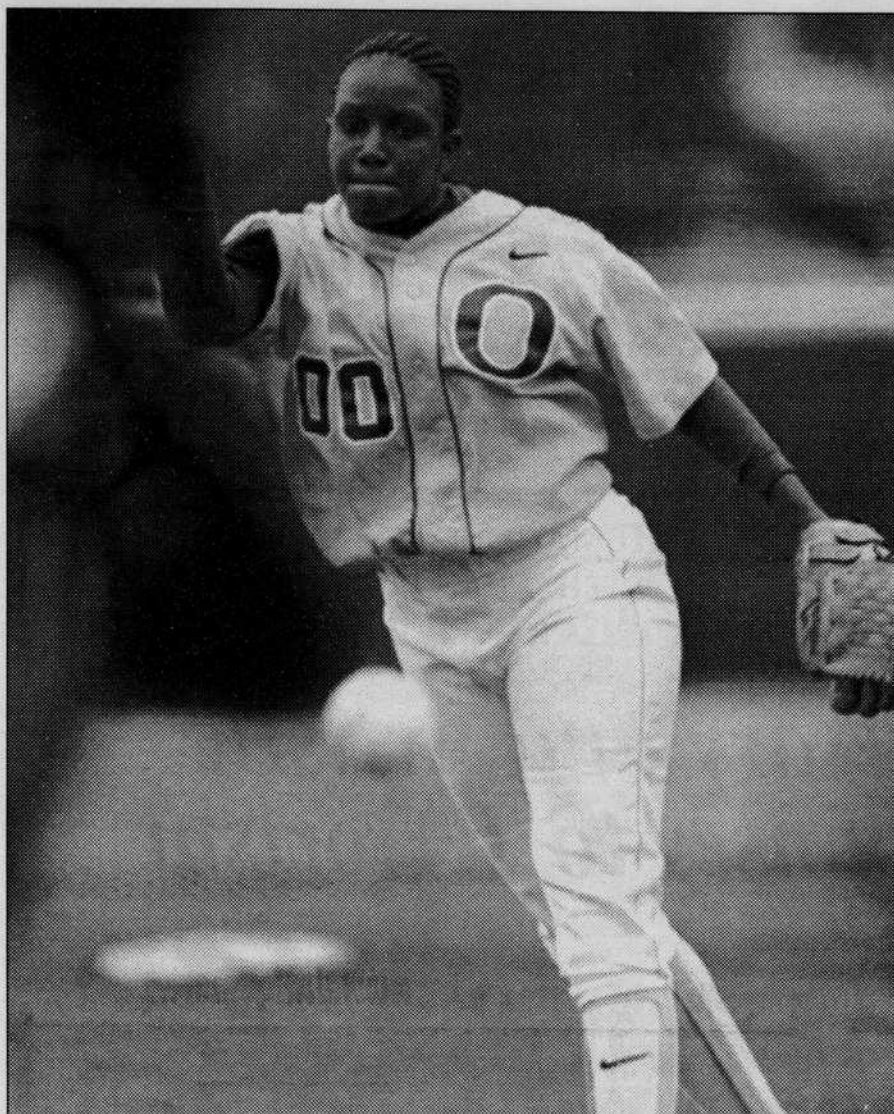
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Sophomore Anissa Meashintubby threw a three-hit shutout in Oregon's 6-0 win on Monday. The win in the first game of the Ducks' double header against Portland State broke Oregon's 12-game losing streak.

Oregon softball snaps skid, splits PSU double header

■ The Ducks end a 12-game skid in Game 1, but 'lack intensity' in the Game 2 loss to Portland State

By Chris Cabot
Oregon Daily Emerald

The Oregon softball team finally broke into the win column with a 6-0 win against Portland State on Tuesday afternoon to snap a 12-game losing streak.

But the enjoyment of the win was short-lived, as the Ducks sank back into the losing skid with a 2-0 defeat in the nightcap of the double header held at Erv Lind Stadium in Portland.

Oregon's record now stands at 19-22 overall (0-12 Pacific-10 Conference), while Portland State is now 17-24 (6-8 Western Athletic Conference).

After winning the first game, the enjoyment of the win quickly dissipated.

"It felt great to get a victory and see some smiles," Oregon head coach Brent Rincon said. "(But) I can't even express my level of disappointment in losing the second game. I hoped we would have stayed hungry."

Rincon said that in the second game his team "lacked intensity" and was "undisciplined at the plate."

The Ducks broke out of their losing

funk in the first game with the combination of pitching from sophomore Anissa Meashintubby, timely hitting and near-flawless defense.

Meashintubby threw a complete game three-hitter, allowing only two walks to go along with eight strikeouts.

Offensively, Oregon smacked 10 hits with shortstop Lynsey Haij leading the way, hitting 3-for-3 with two runs scored. The Ducks scored two runs in the first inning, one in the second and three unearned runs in the sixth. Alyssa Laux, Mari Lyn Petrick and Amber Hutchison all connected for doubles off Portland State's Morgan Seibert, who was named last week's WAC Pitcher of the Week after she compiled a record of 3-0 with no earned runs.

In the contest, Seibert struck out six Oregon hitters, which moved her into first on the all-time strikeout list at Portland State with 550.

The Vikings' Nichole Ivie threw the second game of the evening, holding the Oregon offense to five hits and two walks while striking out four.

Oregon senior Connie McMurren threw well for the Ducks as she allowed just three hits to go along with five strikeouts. She held the Vikings scoreless through six innings when they tallied the only two they needed. Rincon called McMurren's pitching performance her second-best effort of

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Game results

Game 1:
Oregon 6, PSU 0

Game 2:
PSU 2, Oregon 0



RINCON

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Brent Rincon
head coach

Ducks end first round in 10th place

■ The Oregon women's golf team shoot a 331 in dismal conditions at the Pac-10 Championships

By Jesse Thomas
for the Emerald

The Oregon women's golf team had a rough first round Monday at the Pacific-10 Conference Championships, as the Ducks shot a 331 to sit in 10th place at Walla Walla Country Club in Washington.

Sophomore Lacy Erickson took charge for the Ducks as the low golfer, shooting an 80 to stand in a tie for 36th on a windy day that saw only two players break par.

Senior Kathy Cho, Oregon's No. 1, had a first-round 81 to put her in a tie for 40th, and freshmen Johnna Nealy, Jaime Seefried and Jess Carlyon were tied for 52nd at 85. Junior Kim Melrose anchored the Ducks in a tie for 57th, shooting 86.

"The winds were up today, and the greens were quicker than they were in practice rounds," Oregon head coach Shannon Rouillard said. "It was a rough day all the way around, and the conditions seemed to make us second guess ourselves, which made the course that

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UO women's tennis nabs 'sweet' Pac-10 win

■ Before losing to Washington State on Sunday, the Oregon women's tennis team defeats UW for first Pac-10 win in two years

By Peter Martini
for the Emerald

The long wait is finally over. Behind strong singles play, the Oregon women's tennis team won its first Pacific-10 Conference match in more than two years. The No. 44 Ducks upset No. 19 Washington on Saturday in their first home outdoor match of the season before losing to Washington State on Sunday.

After losing the doubles point, Oregon won three of the first five singles matches to tie the Huskies, 3-3. The fate of the Ducks rested on senior Janice Nyland's shoulders.

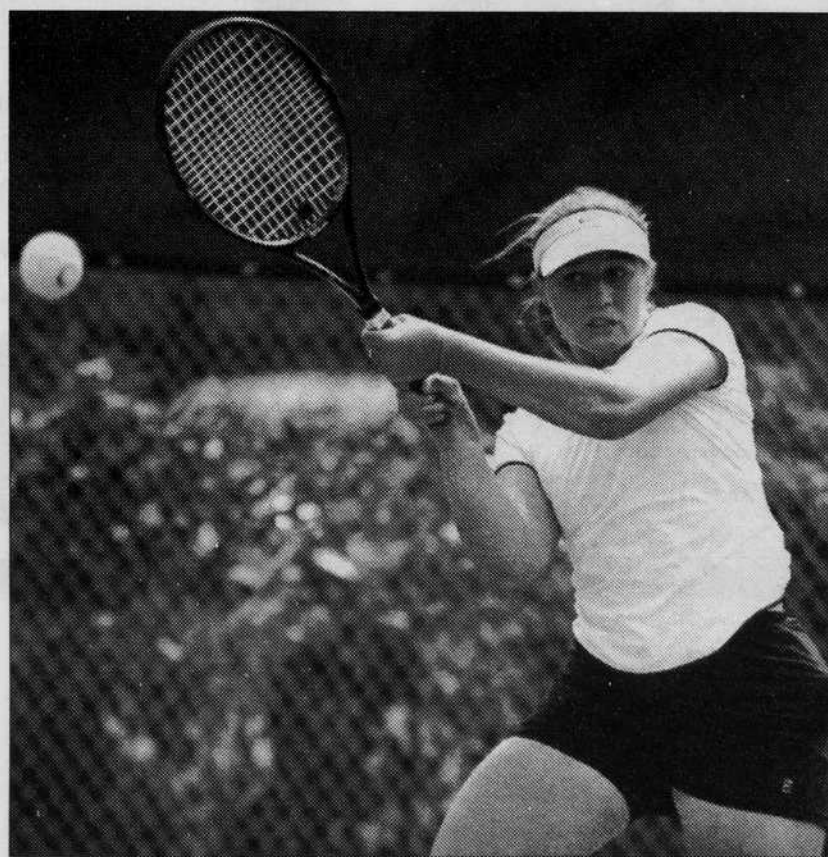
"She's a senior, and we knew she would be able to handle the pressure in that situation," Oregon head coach Jack Griffin said.

When sophomore Davina Mendiburu won her match, which made Nyland's match the decisive point, Nyland trailed 5-4 in her third set.

"I didn't even think about the pressure or the situation," Nyland said. "I just tried to play smart and win smart points. I wanted her to make the mistakes."

Nyland won the next two games to take a 6-5 lead, but Washington's Dea Sumantri won the next game to even the score. Behind the support of her teammates and fans, Nyland won 7-2 in the tie-breaker to win the match 7-5, 1-6, 7-6 (7-2) and end the Ducks' Pac-10 drought.

"I wasn't as fatigued as she seemed to be



Jonathan House Emerald

Senior Janice Nyland won both of her singles matches over the weekend, including the deciding match in Oregon's 4-3 victory over Washington — the Ducks' first Pac-10 win in more than two years.

during the tiebreaker," said Nyland, who also won her singles match when Oregon last beat Washington on March 7, 1999. "It feels awesome to beat a Pac-10 team. One of our goals at the beginning of the season was that we wanted to be respected in the Pac-10, and now we are."

It was the first Pac-10 win for the Ducks

since Feb. 20, 2000, when they beat Arizona.

"This is a sweet victory," Griffin said. "We've had a tough time the last couple of years, losing close matches and losing some players."

Sophomore Courtney Nagle won her

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