

## SPORTS

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Connie McMurren pitches her final game at Howe Field on Sunday — a 8-0 loss to No. 6 Washington. She also threw Friday against No. 1 UCLA in a 2-1 loss. Senior Kristi Hall and McMurren were honored before the game on Sunday.

## UCLA, Washington topple Duck softball

■ In its final homestand of the season, Oregon falls to No. 1 Bruins and No. 6 Huskies in three games over the weekend

By Chris Cabot  
Oregon Daily Emerald

Chalk up three more losses in the Pacific-10 Conference for the Oregon softball team.

Oregon fell 2-1 to No. 1 UCLA (47-6 overall, 15-3 Pac-10) on Friday, 6-2 to No. 6 Washington (41-16, 10-8) on Saturday and 8-0 to the Huskies on Sunday. The Ducks' record falls to 23-28 overall and 1-17 in the Pac-10.

The three-game set at Howe Field was Oregon's final homestand of the season and the last games for seniors Connie McMurren and Kristi Hall in front of the Eugene crowd. The 8-0 five-inning game (shortened by the eight-run mercy rule) was not an ideal send-off for Oregon's two seniors Sunday.

"We were so emotional about those kids' final day, and we wanted to do so well that once we got started, we kind of got paralyzed by our own emotion," head coach Brent Rincon said. "One of the marks of this team all year is that even through the difficulties we've played hard and we've played with passion and today we lacked those things. Washington is a great ball club — I put them right up there with UCLA and Arizona as the toughest teams we've played all year and in some ways they are more explosive than UCLA. They are on fire right now."

Freshman Mari Lyn Petrick was the only Oregon batter to get a hit off of Washington's combined pitching effort of Tia Bollinger and Leslie Scott.

McMurren started the game in the circle for the Ducks but only lasted three and a third innings, allowing six

earned runs on seven hits and a walk, while striking out one. McMurren's record dropped to 8-11.

One of the Eugene native's losses came on Friday against UCLA, where she pitched one of her best games of the season. The Bruins jumped on McMurren early scoring a run in the first. Except for a solo home run off the bat of Tairia Mims in the third, McMurren shut down the potent UCLA offensive attack. She finished with eight strikeouts to go along with five walks, six hits and two runs allowed.



Oregon struggled offensively against UCLA's ace pitcher Keira Goerl, who improved to 25-4. Early in the contest, Goerl retired 10

consecutive Oregon hitters, including striking out the side in the third. She finished with seven strike outs and no walks, while allowing six hits and one unearned run.

The Ducks finally broke through with a run in the bottom of the seventh when Janell Bergstrom led the final frame off with a hard-hit double to right center. She was advanced to third when Petrick, who was pinch-hitting, followed with a single to left. Bergstrom scored during the following at bat when Bruin catcher Stacey Nuveman let a pitch get by her. Oregon failed to knock Petrick in from second as Rachel Tommasini grounded out to second and Amber Hutchison grounded to Goerl.

"We played with the kind of passion and competitiveness that is takes to play in big games like that, and then Washington comes in and we don't

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## Shoeless freshman runs memorable 5K

■ Eric Logsdon overcomes a missing shoe to run the fastest outdoor 5,000 of Oregon's 2002 season

By Peter Hockaday  
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Just call him Shoeless Eric Logsdon.

Oregon middle-distance runner Logsdon, a redshirt freshman who had never run the 5,000-meter race before Friday, ran the fastest Oregon rookie time in the event since 1980 — and did it with only one shoe.

Logsdon ran the last mile of the Cardinal Invite 5,000 with only one shoe after another athlete inadvertently clipped him and sent one of Logsdon's shoes flying off the track. His time of 14:04.85 qualified him for the Pacific-10 Conference Championships in the event, landed him on the NCAA provisional list and was the fastest time for a Duck freshman since Jim Hill ran 13:48.39 in 1980.

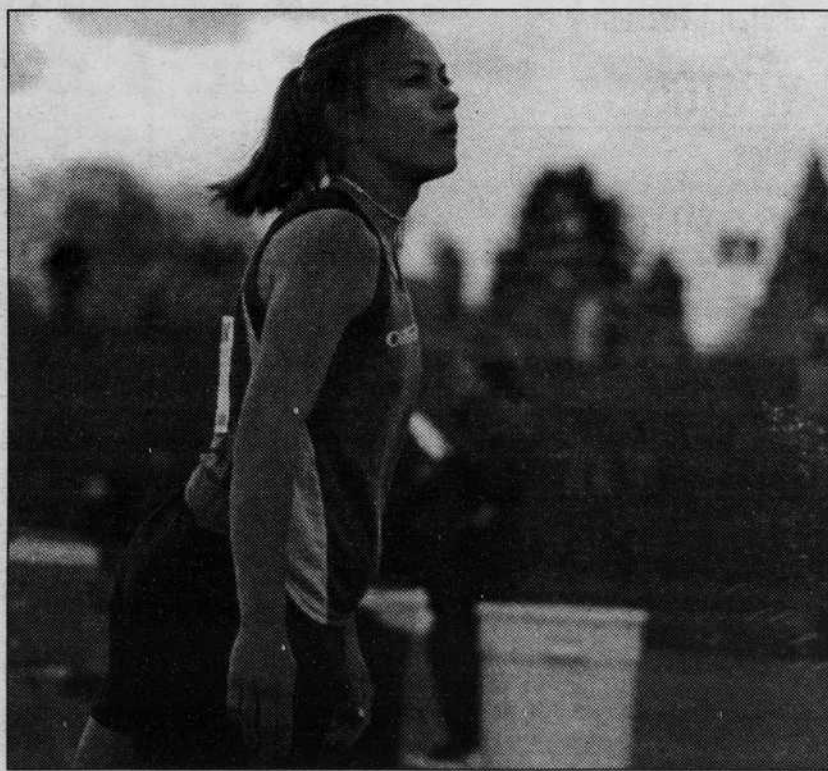
"I came in wanting to run 14:05 or so," Logsdon said. "Considering the circumstances, I was pretty happy overall."

Logsdon had already qualified for the Pac-10 1,500 after a personal best at the Oregon Invitational. His time in the 5,000 was the fastest outdoor time by an Oregon athlete this season, and he finished third overall in Friday's race.

Also at the Cardinal Invitational on Friday, steeplechaser

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## Three UO women take first in Nebraska



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Charyl Weingarten, seen here at the Oregon Invitational, placed third Saturday in the quadrangular meet in Nebraska. The junior has earned an NCAA provisional mark.

■ The Oregon women's track team places second at the Quad meet in Nebraska — which is the Ducks' final road meet this season

By Hank Hager  
Oregon Daily Emerald

Going into Saturday's quadrangular meet in Lincoln, Neb., Oregon was ranked ninth in the nation by [www.team-power.org](http://www.team-power.org), one spot behind Kansas State and four ahead of host Nebraska.

So much for the rankings.

Behind a solid overall effort, the Ducks finished second at the Quad, only flip-flopped with their Midwestern foes. Head coach Tom Heinonen's squad amassed 160 1/2 points on the day, far behind Nebraska's 230, but ahead of Kansas State's 134 1/2.

Wyoming placed fourth on the day with 106 points. The Cowboys took first only once in an individual event, with Kim Demers crossing the finish

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