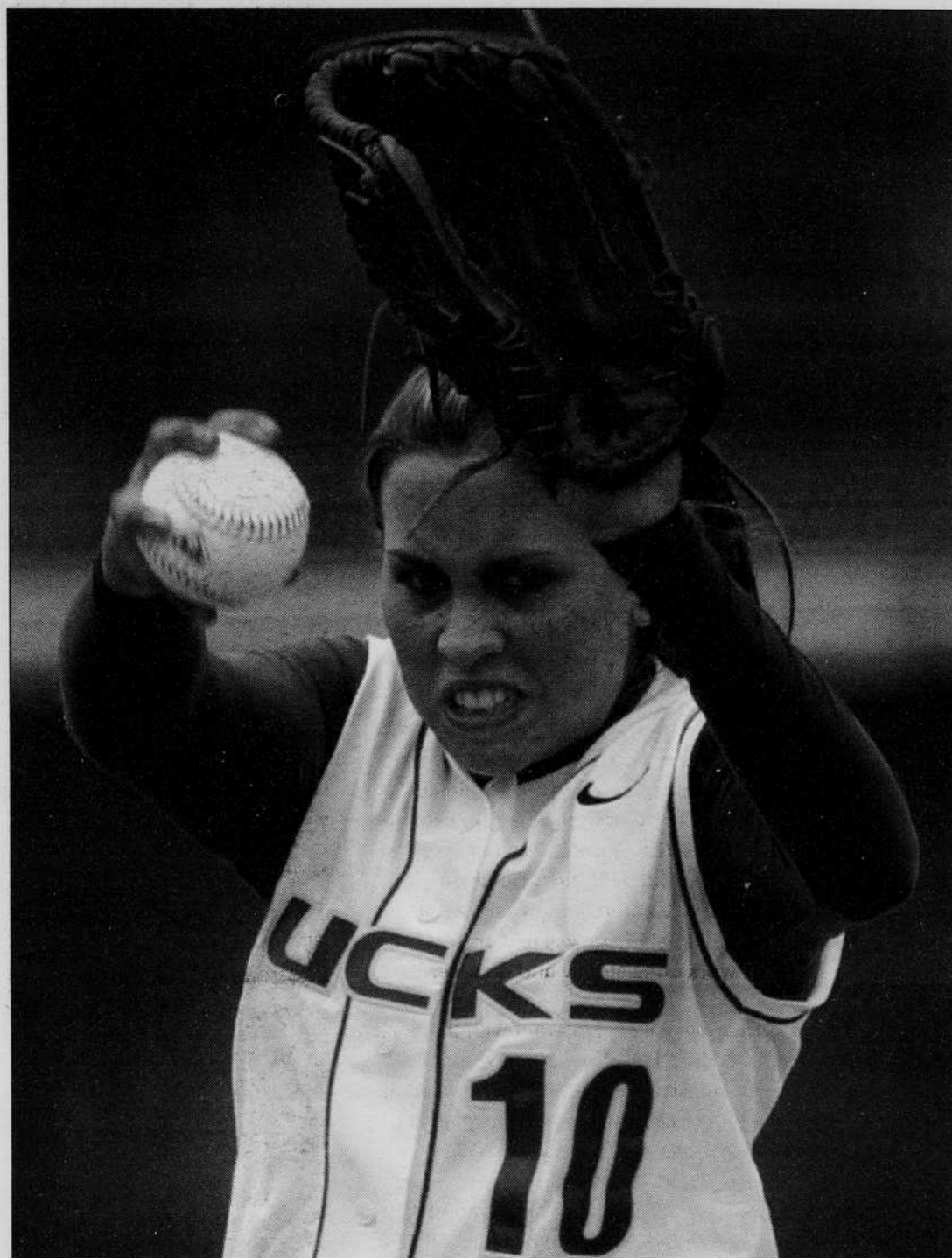


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Mark McCambridge Emerald

Amy Harris moved into Oregon's top 10 in strikeouts with 180, a single-season Duck record, in only her first season.

Softball breaks records 'big time'

Oregon's postseason drive gives the Ducks the opportunity to rewrite sections of their individual record books in 2003

Softball

Mindi Rice
Sports Reporter

Oregon's season ended in dramatic fashion on Sunday with a 6-4 loss in the regional championship game, but the Ducks made the most of their seven-game postseason run.

Andrea Vidlund, a unanimous choice for the All-Tournament team in the Fullerton, Calif., regionals, hit two home runs in the Ducks' win against Louisiana-Lafayette on Sunday.

Vidlund's two home runs — and four in the tournament — put her atop the Oregon career home run list with 37. Her 2003 total of 16 also sets a new Oregon season record.

"She is a big-time player who makes big-time plays," head coach Kathy Arendsen said after Oregon's win against Oklahoma State on Saturday.

The senior came in during the fifth inning to close the 6-5 lead against the Cowgirls, but Vidlund gave up the tying run in the top of the seventh. The game continued on for 12 innings — four hours and 15 minutes — until Vidlund, who was still pitching, drove in the winning run.

"I just decided to relax," Vidlund said after the game. "I just wanted to get a base hit and get the win."

Vidlund led the Ducks through the tournament offensively with a .440 batting average. She drove in 13 of Oregon's 37 runs during the seven games.

The Ducks' other unanimous all-tournament selection, senior designated player Amber Hutchison, scored 10 of Oregon's runs during the tournament. Hutchison

had five stolen bases in the tournament and led the team with 19 on the season.

In the circle, Oregon's career strikeout list was rewritten by a senior, a junior and a freshman.

Junior Anissa Meashintubby, who started the season at eighth all-time with 138 strikeouts, passed Vidlund and moved up to sixth all-time with 228 strikeouts.

Vidlund, who pitched only 43 2/3 innings during the season and postseason, added 39 strikeouts to her career total. She finished just behind Meashintubby at seventh on the all-time list with 226 strikeouts.

Freshman Amy Harris is next on their heels with 180 strikeouts. She is eighth all-time after pitching 188 innings in her first season. Harris' 180 strikeouts also set a new single-season Oregon record.

Harris and Vidlund combined for 17 saves on the season — a new Pacific-10 Conference single-season record.

Offensively, every Duck had at least one hit during the season with the exception of Harris and Meashintubby. Neither pitcher stepped up to bat during the season.

Vidlund also led the team with a .370 batting average for the season. Seniors Lynsey Haij and Alyssa Laux finished the season with the second and third highest batting averages, respectively. Third baseman Haij hit .347 and first baseman Laux hit .280. All three played in at least 49 of Oregon's 56 games.

"What a tremendous season," Arendsen said on Sunday. "I'm so proud of this team. We have a phenomenal group of seniors and they carried us. This team fought until the very end and always found ways to put ourselves in position to win."

All-Conference honorees

Five Ducks earned Pac-10 All-Conference honors on Tuesday when the conference awards were announced.

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Webb returns, joins top-rated Pre mile field

Alan Webb, who broke the high school mile record at the Prefontaine Classic two years ago, will try to go under the four-minute barrier again this Saturday

Prefontaine Classic

Peter Hockaday
Sports Editor

Alan Webb still has that baby face, but he's not a baby any more.

A lot has changed since Webb won the hearts of the nation with his high school-record mile run two years ago at the Prefontaine Classic.

He went to college, then he went pro, and now he's back where it all started. Webb announced on Monday that he will run in the Pre Classic Bowerman Mile on Saturday at Hayward Field.

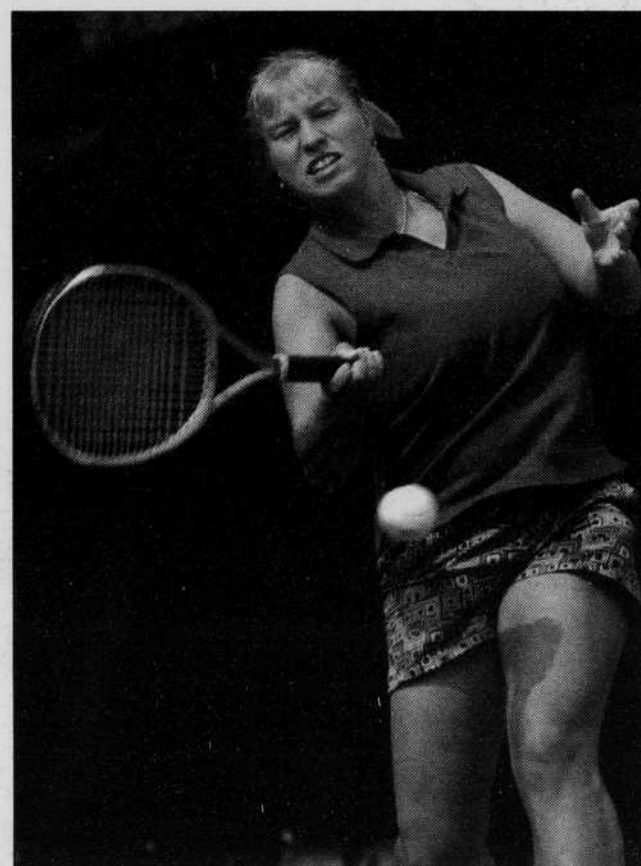
"I think that mile is on everybody's top five list of all-time Prefontaine Classic moments," meet director Tom Jordan said.

Webb joins an already-talented mile field that is filled with some of the best runners in the world and even two high schoolers — Mike McGrath, a Portland native who signed with Oregon on Monday, and Texas-native Steve Magnus — who are trying to duplicate Webb's 2001 feat or at least go under the four-minute mark.

In his first and only collegiate season, Webb didn't make the national mile list as a Michigan Wolverine in 2002. His best mark was a 28th-place finish on the 1,500-meter race list. Meanwhile, four

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Panova advances in NCAA tourney



Adam Amato Emerald

Daria Panova breezed through her first-round match, losing only two games in two sets. She'll face Cal's Christina Fusano today.

Duck sophomore Daria Panova wins on Monday and will continue play in the second round today

Tennis

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Freelance Sports Reporter

The heat and humidity of Gainesville, Fla., weren't enough to slow down Duck sophomore Daria Panova in the first round of the NCAA Championships on Monday.

No. 15 Panova took her match against No. 43 Jaime Wong of Georgia Tech in straight sets despite temperatures in the 90s and more than 90 percent humidity.

The 6-1, 6-1 match lasted a little more than an hour and surprised no one.

"She played solid," Oregon head coach Nils Schyllander said. "It was good to get the first round out of the way. She's still getting used to the climate."

Duck junior Courtney Nagle didn't fare as well as Panova in her first-round matchup.

No. 54 Nagle lost in straight sets to No. 20 Jackie Carleton of UCLA. Carleton beat Panova in a three-set match earlier in the season and will take on No. 33 Julie Smekodub of Tulane today.

Nagle's season is not complete, however, as she and Panova team up today to battle No. 7 Kendall Cline and Aniela Mojzis of North Carolina in the doubles portion of the tourney.

Nagle and Panova have won three matches against top-15 opponents this year. The Duck tandem would take on the winner of the match between Florida's Alexis

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