

Jenn Poore (18) leads the Ducks with a 0.420 batting average and four home runs this season while starting all 22 games.

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team against the other. We hope that they'll soon name her to the Canadian National team."

The game against Team Canada also marks the second consecutive game against an Olympic team for the Ducks. Oregon lost a 7-0 decision to undefeated Team USA Saturday.

"It's always good to play players at that level," Oregon infielder Beth Boskovich said. "We want to try to kick some butt at the same time, but if things don't go our way, we know that it's a different level.'

Boskovich and catcher Jenn Poore lead the Ducks with four home runs each. Poore also leads Oregon with a 0.420 batting average.

The Ducks had a school-record 14-game winning streak snapped Saturday when they dropped a 2-1 game to Coastal Carolina. Oregon was 4-0 in the Speedline Tournament going into the game.

"(The weekend) started off really

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well," Poore said. "Towards the end of the tournament, we got a little tired. We just didn't really pick ourselves up. We really should have won that game (against Coastal Carolina). It was a game we needed to win."

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Kathy Arendsen Oregon head coach

The Ducks had a scare during the weekend with senior pitcher Anissa Meashintubby. She suffered a shoulder injury and had to wait until the team returned to Eugene to have her shoulder evaluated.

"Anissa is probably the most improved player I've ever coached,"

Arendsen said. "Anytime she's not at her best is really a letdown and disappointment for us.

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and leads Oregon with a 1.46 ERA. The senior's 45 strikeouts have jumped her to No. 5 on Oregon's career leaders list with 273

Arendsen said Tuesday that Meashintubby would miss today's game, but will likely be ready to throw at least a few innings in the UNLV Tournament that begins Friday.

With Nyhus and Meashintubby unavailable for today's game, the Ducks will rely on pitchers Amy Harris and Lindsey Kontra. Kontra pitched a complete game against Team USA on Saturday.

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The Ducks next travel to Las Vegas to play four games in the UNLV Tournament Friday and Saturday.

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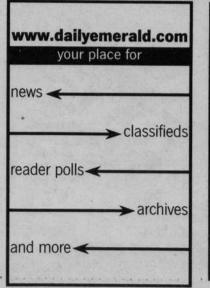
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