

Sophomore Amy Harris (center) hugs catcher Heather Munson on Saturday at softball's Senior Day festivities. Munson is one of four Ducks who will not return next year. The Ducks marked the end of the careers of the four at Howe Field by going 1-2 over the weekend.

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held to one hit in the 3-1 loss in the first game before getting five hits in

"We didn't play up to our level and that's just frustrating in itself, no matter if it's our last weekend or not," Poore said. "We didn't get our bats going."

All four Oregon pitchers - Nyhus, sophomore Amy Harris, senior Anissa Meashintubby and junior Lindsey Kontra - saw action on the same day for the first time during the Pac-10 season.

Meashintubby started the first game, allowing one run on five hits before Harris relieved her to start the fifth. Harris allowed two runs on three hits before she left the game after California right fielder Kristen Bayless lined a base-hit off of the pitcher's leg.

Kontra came in and allowed the bases to load before third baseman Ashley Richards dove to catch a foul popup to end the top of the seventh.

Oregon's lone run in the first game came on a squeeze play with the bases loaded and one out. Sabol laid down a bunt toward first base to score Boskovich. The Ducks didn't get their only hit until Richards cracked a double in the sixth.

In the second game, Nyhus gave up four runs and eight hits in 2 2/3

innings before Kontra relieved her. Kontra, who had pitched just three innings in conference play this season, threw 4 1/3 innings and allowed just one run on six hits.

The Ducks scored both their runs in the third. Boskovich, back at designated player to end the weekend, hit a lead-off home run for the first run. Second baseman Erin Goodell followed with a double and scored on a double to left-center field by right fielder Dani Baird.

It was the final weekend at Howe for four Oregon players - seniors Julie Jaime, Meashintubby, Poore and junior Heather Munson.

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was left out of the postseason.

Then came the Tallahassee regional. "We kind of picked out three that we thought for sure," second base-man Erin Goodell said. "We thought either Florida State, Georgia or Michigan. We were kind of hoping not Florida State because they had the higher ranking, but you've just got to take what you get."

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> **Ani Nyhus** Oregon pitcher

Oregon's region is dominated by teams from the host state - host school Florida State, Oregon opponent Bethune-Cookman, No. 3seeded Southern Florida and No. 4seeded Florida.

"It doesn't make much difference (to be the host)," Arendsen said. "Fullerton probably thought that last year, but Louisiana (Lafayette) and Oregon were in the final. It all comes down to who plays well and who

wants it the most."

The remaining opponents in the region are No. 5-seeded Cal State Northridge, No. 6-seeded Ohio State and No. 8-seeded Long Island.

The Ducks have faced three of their regional foes already this season. On Feb. 14, Oregon lost to Ohio State, 3-1, then bounced back and beat Northridge, 6-1, later that day. On March 13, the Ducks finished their preseason tournament schedule with a 9-1 victory against Long Island.

"I think that we're ready to pick up and go," pitcher Ani Nyhus said. "We're ready to get on a run and get ourselves to the World Series. I think, after this weekend, all of us are very focused and we're ready to go to practice tomorrow and get ourselves ready to leave on Tuesday.

Although travel plans were being finalized late Sunday night, the Ducks will likely fly out of Eugene or Portland on Tuesday, giving them a full day of practice in Florida on Wednesday before tournament play begins.

If Oregon wins the regional, it will likely fly directly to Oklahoma City for the Women's College World Series. The winners of each eight regions open the World Series on May 26.

"We're going to go down there prepared and knowing what to expect," Goodell said. "As long as we're on our game and ready to play it, anything's possible."

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Heeke staying at Oregon

Dave Heeke, Oregon's senior associate athletic director, announced Sunday he will not leave Eugene to take the vacant athletic director position at Northern Arizona.

Heeke, who has been with the Ducks for 16 years, will continue to oversee Oregon's external operations. That includes broadcasting, marketing and promotions, media services, sponsorships and video offices.

"The Northern Arizona job was a great opportunity, but for many reasons this was not the right time for my family," he said. "I'm thrilled to be able to continue my career at Oregon and to continue working in a tremendous Athletic Department."

However, just a few days ago, the Arizona Daily Sun and the Greeley Tribune had Northern Arizona set to announce Heeke's hiring as its new director. He reportedly was in Flagstaff last week.

"I'm not going to comment on any

press conference," he told the Tribune on Tuesday. "I'm here visiting."

Northern Arizona has been searching for a new director since Steve Holton was fired in January.

Rollin' for a Remedy called a 'success'

With almost half the lower section of McArthur Court full on Friday night, Rollin' for a Remedy founder Lauren Westendorf termed the second annual event a "success."

"We're really happy," she said. "All the players really enjoyed it.'

The Eugene Express defeated the Oregon basketball players, 58-36, but the score had little to do with the game.

'It's for (Davie Untz)," former men's basketball player Jay Anderson said of the child who has leukemia and needs money for a bone marrow transplant. "We appreciate all the fans that came out.

Westendorf said almost \$1,200 was raised for Untz, which is double what the event raised last year.

- Hank Hager



