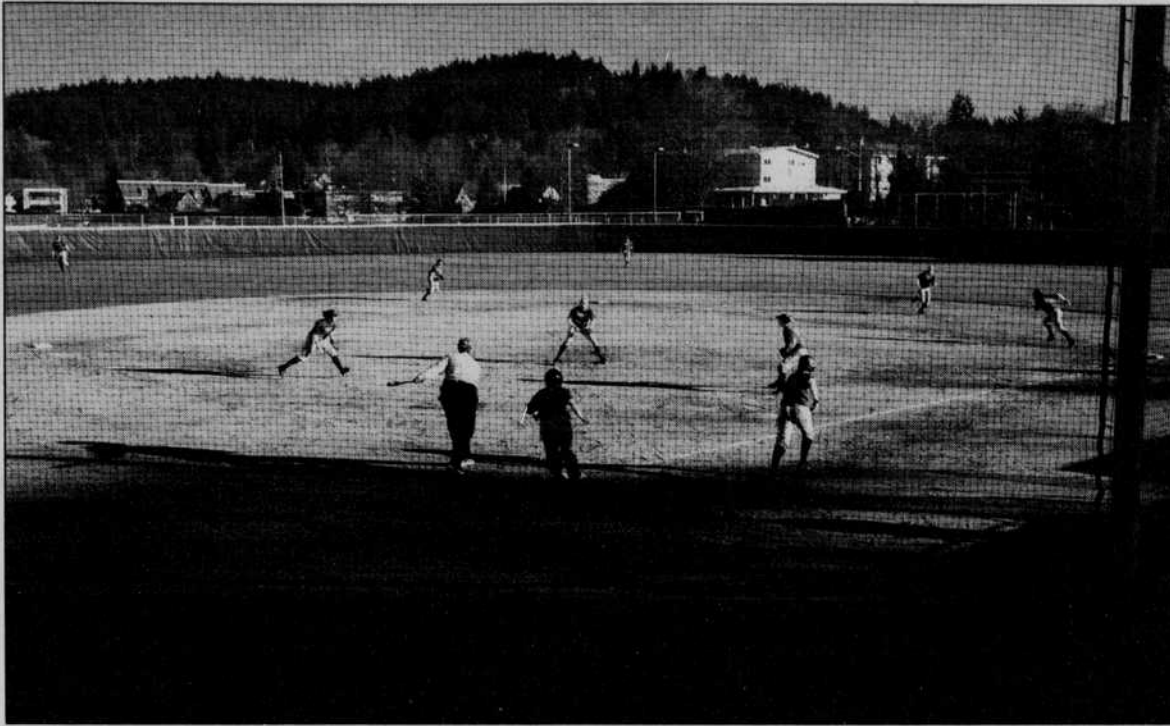


■ Duck softball



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The Oregon softball team, seen here practicing earlier this week, travels to California to play in the UC Riverside Invitational starting today. The Ducks hope to break their current two-game losing streak against Portland State starting at 10 a.m.

Oregon hopes to regroup at UC Riverside Invitational

The Ducks take on Portland State and San Diego today and host UC Riverside on Saturday afternoon

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If there were ever a time for the 13th-ranked Oregon softball team to turn around a slight losing skid, this is it.

The Ducks (5-3 overall) are on the tails of a two-game losing streak — to No. 8 Michigan 9-0 and to Oklahoma

State 3-2 — but head down to California today to play in the UC Riverside Invitational against teams with a combined 3-13 record.

"We never want to split a series and we were pretty upset coming home that we had lost two games," first baseman Beth Boskovich said. "Especially losing one to an

unranked team and getting shut out by Michigan."

Center fielder Suzie Barnes, coming off perhaps the best offensive weekend of the sophomore's collegiate career, echoed Boskovich's sentiments.

"It was frustrating because we know we can compete with Michigan," Barnes said. "We know we can compete with Oklahoma State, but we just didn't show it."

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