

UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

Location	Corvallis, Ore.
Founded	1868
Enrollment	20,100
Nickname	Beavers
Colors	Orange and Black
President	Dr. Edward Ray
Director of Athletics	Bob De Carolis
Athletic Faculty Representative	Dr. Kelvin Koong
SWA/Associate A.D.	Marianne Vydra
Affiliation	NCAA Division I
Conference	Pacific-10
Home Facility	OSU Softball Complex
Ticket Office	1-800-GO-BEAVS

HISTORY

First Year of Softball	1975
All-Time Record	840-789-6
NCAA Appearances/Last	9/2007

SOFTBALL STAFF

Head Coach:	Kirk Walker (15th Season)
Alma Mater:	UCLA '88
Oregon State Record:	490-378-3/14 Years
Career Record:	490-378-3/14 Years
Assistant Coach:	Crissy Buck (7th Season)
Alma Mater:	UCLA '02
Assistant Coach:	Shawna Feldt (4th Season)
Alma Mater:	Oregon State '01
Director of Operations:	Heather Smith (8th Season)
Alma Mater:	Oregon State '98
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Athletic Trainer:	Heather Elkinton
Alma Mater:	Oregon State '04

2008 IN REVIEW

2008 Record	28-31
2008 Conference Record/Finish	6-15/7th
Postseason	N/A
Final NFCA Ranking	N/A

2009 PREVIEW

Letterwinners Returning/Lost	13/2
Position Starters Returning/Lost	9/1
Pitchers Returning/Lost	1/1
Newcomers (Redshirts/Freshmen)	1/5

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The Oregon State Athletic Communications office appreciates your interest in the 2009 Oregon State softball team. We look forward to serving members of the media throughout the year and hope this media guide is a helpful tool throughout the season. Please contact Assistant Athletic Communications Director Melody Stockwell for any media needs concerning the Oregon State softball team. She can be reached by email at melody.stockwell@oregonstate.edu or by calling (541) 737-8588.

The following is a set of guidelines for covering the team this season.

Broadcasting Arrangements

Requests for radio, Internet, television or any other broadcasting privileges of Oregon State softball should be addressed to Melody Stockwell in as far in advance as possible.

Game Notes

A set of Oregon State game notes will be made available to members of the media prior to each game. To be included on the Oregon State softball e-mail list to receive the notes, please contact Melody Stockwell. Notes will also be posted on the Oregon State Athletic Website, osubeavers.com.

Interviews

All coach and student-athlete interviews must be arranged through Melody Stockwell. On gamedays, head coach Kirk Walker, his assistants and members of the team will be available shortly after the game's conclusion. Interviews will be done in an informal manner on the field. Please notify Melody Stockwell of any requested players or coaches prior to the conclusion of the game.

For all visiting team interview requests, please contact that respective team's Sports Information Director.

Practices

Practices are held at the OSU Softball Complex or in

the Truax Indoor Center on a daily basis and are generally open to members of the media. Players and coaches are normally available for interviews before and after practice, depending on the schedule for that day. Please contact Melody Stockwell to schedule any interviews.

Please DO NOT contact any players away from Gill Coliseum or the OSU Softball Complex unless previously arranged by Melody Stockwell.

Credentials

Requests for all media credentials should be made to Melody Stockwell at least 24 hours in advance for the necessary game. Season credentials will be made available to media members who will cover the team on a season basis. Single-game credentials are also available.

Credentials will be left at the OSU Softball Complex ticket booth will call or the Oregon State Athletic Communications office. Credentials can be mailed but only if requested.

Media Guides

This media guide is made available for members of the media to provide biographical and historical information regarding the Oregon State softball program, its players, coaches, staff and administration. To request a copy of the guide, please contact Melody Stockwell in the athletic communications office.

A .pdf of the media guide will also be made available on www.osubeavers.com.

Fans wishing to purchase a media guide may do so by sending a check for \$10 made payable to Oregon State Athletics.

Internet

The online home of Oregon State Athletics, osubeavers.com, is the place to go for all Oregon State softball information, including a team roster and bios, schedule, updated game notes and statistics.



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- Photo Galleries
- Game Recaps
- Season Statistics
- Season Schedule
- GameTracker
- Roster and Bios
- Feature Stories



#	Name	Pos.	B/T	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown (Previous School)
1	McKenna Lowe	OF	L/R	5-7	So.	Tustin, Calif. (Foothill HS)
2	Cristy Hatton	UTIL	R/R	5-3	Sr.	Tigard, Ore. (Lewis and Clark College) (Tigard HS)
3	Karmen Holladay	P/DP	R/R	5-11	RFr.	Corvallis, Ore. (Corvallis HS)
4	Paige Lowe	2B/UTIL	R/R	5-9	Sr.	Tustin, Calif. (Foothill HS)
5	Kellie Roberts	UTIL	R/R	5-8	Sr.	Stayton, Ore. (Regis HS)
6	Erin Guzy	1B/OF	L/L	5-9	So.	Beaverton, Ore. (Southridge HS)
7	Tarah Black	C/UTIL	R/R	5-5	Jr.	Portland, Ore. (Central Catholic HS)
11	Ashley Sanchez	OF	L/L	5-1	Fr.	Alameda, Calif. (Alameda HS)
12	Nicole Luchanski	2B/UTIL	R/R	5-4	Fr.	Edmonton, Alberta, Canada (St. Francis Xavier HS)
13	Alana Ford	INF	R/R	5-2	Jr.	Chula Vista, Calif. (Eastlake HS)
15	Audrey Roderfeld	C/UTIL	R/R	5-5	So.	Vista, Calif. (Vista HS)
16	Mary Claire Brenner	OF/1B	R/R	5-11	Fr.	Portland, Ore. (Jesuit HS)
17	DeAnn Young	INF	R/R	5-8	Sr.	Camarillo, Calif. (Adolfo Camarillo HS)
18	Katelyn Miller	OF	R/R	6-2	Jr.	Camarillo, Calif. (Adolfo Camarillo HS)
19	Dani Chisholm	OF	L/L	5-3	Jr.	Boring, Ore. (Sam Barlow HS)
21	Kelly Dyer	P/UTIL	R/R	5-8	Jr.	Eugene, Ore. (Churchill HS)
22	Paige Hall	P/DP	R/R	5-11	Fr.	Portland, Ore. (Jesuit HS)
24	Stefanie Ewing	C	R/R	5-5	Sr.	Scottsdale, Ariz. (Desert Mountain HS)
44	Nikki Chandler	SS/2B	R/R	5-8	Fr.	Houston, Tex. (Langham Creek HS)

Head Coach: Kirk Walker (UCLA '88) 15th Season
Assistant Coach: Crissy Buck (UCLA '02) Seventh Season
Assistant Coach: Shawna Feldt (Oregon State '01) Fourth Season
Director of Operations: Heather Smith (Oregon State '98) 8th Season
Manager: Daniel Galvan, Fourth Season
Athletic Trainer: Heather Elkinton (Oregon State '04) Second Season

Pronunciation Guide

Tarah Black TARE-uh
Dani Chisholm Chis-UM
Shawna Feldt Felt
Alana Ford UH-lana
Erin Guzy GUZ-ee
Audrey Roderfeld ROD-er-feld

BEAVERS BY STATE

ARIZONA (1)
 Stefanie Ewing (Scottsdale)

CALIFORNIA (7)
 Alana Ford (Chula Vista)
 McKenna Lowe (Tustin)
 Paige Lowe (Tustin)
 Katelyn Miller (Camarillo)
 Audrey Roderfeld (Vista)
 Ashley Sanchez (Alameda)
 DeAnn Young (Camarillo)

OREGON (9)
 Tarah Black (Portland)
 Mary Claire Brenner (Beaverton)
 Dani Chisholm (Boring)
 Kelly Dyer (Eugene)
 Erin Guzy (Beaverton)
 Paige Hall (Portland)
 Cristy Hatton (Tigard)
 Karmen Holladay (Corvallis)
 Kellie Roberts (Stayton)

TEXAS (1)
 Nikki Chandler (Houston)

CANADA (1)
 Nicole Luchanski (Edmonton)

BEAVERS BY POSITION

PITCHERS (3)
 Kelly Dyer
 Paige Hall
 Karmen Holladay

INFIELDERS (6)
 Nikki Chandler
 Alana Ford
 Erin Guzy
 Paige Lowe
 Nicole Luchanski
 DeAnn Young

OUTFIELDERS (6)
 Dani Chisholm
 Erin Guzy
 McKenna Lowe
 Katelyn Miller
 Ashley Sanchez
 DeAnn Young

CATCHERS (3)
 Tarah Black
 Stefanie Ewing
 Audrey Roderfeld

UTILITY PLAYERS (5)
 Tarah Black
 Cristy Hatton
 Paige Lowe
 Kellie Roberts
 Audrey Roderfeld



2009 BEAVERS — Front Row (L-R): Nikki Chandler, Cristy Hatton, Ashley Sanchez, Dani Chisholm. Middle Row (L-R): Alana Ford, Stefanie Ewing, Kelly Dyer, Audrey Roderfeld, Tarah Black, McKenna Lowe, Nicole Luchanski. Back Row (L-R): DeAnn Young, Karmen Holladay, Paige Lowe, Mary Claire Brenner, Katelyn Miller, Paige Hall, Kellie Roberts, Erin Guzy.

BEAVERS BY CLASS

SENIORS (5)
 Stefanie Ewing
 Cristy Hatton
 Paige Lowe
 Kellie Roberts
 DeAnn Young

JUNIORS (5)
 Tarah Black
 Dani Chisholm
 Kelly Dyer
 Alana Ford
 Katelyn Miller

SOPHOMORES (3)
 Erin Guzy
 McKenna Lowe
 Audrey Roderfeld

FRESHMEN (6)
 Mary Claire Brenner
 Nikki Chandler
 Paige Hall
 Karmen Holladay
 Nicole Luchanski
 Ashley Sanchez

After a disappointing 2008 season with the Oregon State softball team coming up just short of its 10th consecutive NCAA Tournament appearance, the Beavers are optimistic about 2009 under head coach Kirk Walker in his 15th season.

"Last year as a whole was certainly disappointing because we didn't have an opportunity to go to postseason and we didn't put ourselves in a position to continue competing for a national title," Walker said. "But if you look at the year broken down in segments, the Pac-10 season was not very disappointing to us. We had some great wins, and we certainly competed very hard against top teams in the country and teams that went on to compete for the national title. It was our preseason that really put us so far behind that we had a hard time recovering.

From that standpoint my biggest focus for this year is that our team is prepared, focused, ready to go out from the first game on and in position to be in the postseason. To do that we needed to see a lot more work ethic, competition and overall performance. We saw that in the fall. The freshmen have really stepped in and are very athletic, and we look forward to what they will do this season as well."

Those freshmen include two Oregon state champions in outfielder Mary Claire Brenner (Portland, Ore./Jesuit HS) and pitcher Paige Hall (Portland, Ore./Jesuit, HS), who combined have six All-State honors with Hall also being named the Gatorade Player of the Year in 2008.

Also adding to the mix is Nikki Chandler (Houston, Tex./Langham Creek HS), who coaches see making an immediate impact at shortstop. Nicole Luchanski (Edmonton, Alberta, Canada/St. Francis Xavier HS) and Ashley Sanchez (Alameda, Calif./Alameda HS) will also battle for playing time at second base and in the outfield.

A solid non-conference schedule awaits the Beavers in their preseason before the always tough Pac-10 play begins.

"Anytime you play on the West Coast or in the Pac-10, your schedule is pretty strong," Walker said. "I think we tried to underschedule last year and it worked against us. We're back to a more traditional schedule that we'd normally go after, which has a mix of top 25 teams in the non-conference schedule. I think we're playing some good teams that will be in the hunt for the national title

early on outside their conference. Hopefully that's going to result in some good wins, but also some good learning opportunities."

The team begins at the Cathedral City Kickoff before heading to the Louisville Slugger Invitational, hosted by UNLV. The Beavers then head back to Cathedral City for the Cathedral City Classic (formerly the Palm Springs Classic), then hits up the DiMarini Invitational, hosted by Cal State Fullerton, before wrapping up the tournament circuit at the Hawai'i Invitational. After a doubleheader against Portland State on Mar. 14, Oregon State will kick off its Pac-10 slate at home against Oregon.

After competing last season with a young squad, where three true freshmen were in the lineup every game, the Beavers are optimistic about the upcoming season despite boasting another young team after losing only one starter from last season.

"We return everyone from last year's team except for Cambria Miranda in the starting lineup and that alone gives us a lot of experience," Walker said. "That's going to be important for us. We're still a very young team in terms of who

will be in the starting lineup for us, and we expect to have three sophomores in the starting lineup full-time and another two or three freshman in the lineup full-time. So we have six of our nine starters potentially being fairly young.



Despite the youth in the lineup, it's going to be very important that our seniors and juniors step up. We're still young but the experience we bring in from last year is huge. And we expect that will make a difference for us, hopefully right off the bat in February."

Some of those upperclassmen returning are senior Paige Lowe (Tustin, Calif.), who will make the transition back to second base after a strong season at shortstop in 2008, which culminated in All-Pacific Region Second Team honors and an All-Pac-10 nod. Senior DeAnn Young (Camarillo, Calif.) will move to the left side in the infield, splitting time at third base with junior Alana Ford (Chula Vista, Calif.).

Behind the plate, senior Stefanie Ewing (Scottsdale, Ariz.) looks to battle back from a long-time injury to regain full catching duties. Junior Dani Chisholm (Boring, Ore.) will anchor the outfield in center field, and junior Kelly Dyer (Eugene, Ore.) emerges as the No. 1 pitcher again this season. Junior Katelyn Miller (Camarillo, Calif.) will compete for playing time in right field, while senior Kellie Roberts (Stayton, Ore.) could see time in left field.

Sophomores Erin Guzy (Beaverton, Ore.), McKenna Lowe (Tustin, Calif.) and Audrey Roderfeld (Vista, Calif.) all made substantial names for themselves after their rookie seasons. Guzy makes the move from right field to first base this season, while M. Lowe will most likely stay in left field and Roderfeld will continue with catching duties.



CATCHERS



We bring back Audrey Roderfeld, who did a great job for us at the end of the year when Stefanie Ewing got hurt. We have Stefanie returning and are hoping that she's going to be back physically and able to contribute for us more behind the plate. Tarah Black continues to be consistent for us back there if we need to give the other two time off or if they're not hitting. Between the three, we bring back a lot of experience. Audrey as a freshman caught the bulk of the Pac-10, so coming back as a sophomore with that experience is going to be beneficial for our overall pitching/catching battery scenario.

INFIELD



Clearly the infield is stronger and deeper than we've had in a long time. Bringing in Nikki Chandler to take on those major responsibilities at shortstop has proven to be very solid and brings us a spark and a leadership there that allows us to move Paige Lowe back over to second base full-time. And it allows us to be a little stronger up the middle than we were last year. At the corners, we've seen some different things going on. Obviously Alana Ford has been playing very well and has stepped up her game going into her third year. DeAnn Young has done very well at third, and we've pretty much had her full-time there. On the right side, it looks like Erin Guzy is going to be primarily at first base, which is bringing her in from the outfield. Erin's been playing great at first base and is showing signs of leadership.



OUTFIELD



"We're returning our pitching staff from last year, and adding in two more pitchers this year. We're excited about returning Kelly Dyer for an opportunity to start off the season and do some things differently at the beginning of the season. She finished strong for us in the Pac-10. We look for her to continue to lead us in the circle and with her overall leadership from what she gained from last year's experience. Adding in Paige Hall and Karmen Holladay, I think it will give us a really good staff that complements each other well. Overall, there's a lot of experience coming in and far more talent than we had last year, so that's obviously a good place to be."



In the outfield we've got a huge arsenal in options to work with. Starting with center field, we look for Dani Chisholm to bring that leadership as a junior coming back. She's shown that she's a leader in the outfield and stepped up her game. McKenna Lowe returns in left field after a great freshman year, barring the injury that took her out for part of the Pac-10 season. But before that injury she was our leading hitter. We've seen a lot of growth from her. In right field we have two athletes competing really hard for that spot, a freshman Mary Claire Brenner and a junior Katelyn Miller. They've kind of gone back and forth on who has the inside edge to it, so I think it's a very healthy competition to get that playing time. Both of them are power hitters and are very solid on defense and both have very strong arms.

PITCHERS

OREGON STATE SOFTBALL



1
McKenna Lowe
So. • 5-7 • OF/2B
Tustin, Calif.
(Foothill HS)



2
Cristy Hatton
Sr. • 5-3 • INF/OF
Tigard, Ore.
(Lewis and Clark)



3
Karmen Holladay
RFr. • 5-11 • RHP/DP
Corvallis, Ore.
(Corvallis HS)



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Paige Lowe
Sr. • 5-9 • SS/2B/UTIL
Tustin, Calif.
(Foothill HS)



5
Kellie Roberts
Sr. • 5-8 • UTIL
Stayton, Ore.
(Regis HS)



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Erin Guzy
So. • 5-9 • OF/1B
Beaverton, Ore.
(Southridge HS)



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Tarah Black
Jr. • 5-5 • C/UTIL
Portland, Ore.
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Assistant Coach
Seventh Season
(UCLA '02)



Shawna Feldt
Assistant Coach
Fourth Season
(Oregon State '01)



Heather Smith
Director of Operations
Eighth Season
(Oregon State '98)