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2004 Stanford Softball (41-15, 11-7 Pac-10)

Release #14 — May 11, 2004

| Date | Opponent | Time/Result |
|------|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 2/6 | #6 Alabama [^] | W, 4-1 |
| 2/7 | #6 Alabama [^] | L, 1-2 (8) |
| | San Jose State [^] | W, 8-0 |
| 2/8 | San Jose State [^] | W, 2-0 |
| 2/13 | Santa Clara [%] | W, 5-0 |
| 2/13 | Missouri [%] | W, 2-1 |
| 2/14 | Pacific [%] | W, 3-2 |
| 2/14 | Missouri [%] | W, 5-2 |
| 2/15 | Santa Clara [%] | W, 4-1 |
| 2/20 | Northwestern! | L, 2-4 |
| | USA Olympic Team! (exhib) | L, 0-8 |
| 2/21 | Notre Dame! | W, 4-2 |
| | Coastal Carolina! | W, 3-1 |
| 2/22 | Penn State! | W, 1-0 |
| 2/27 | Oklahoma State ^{\$} | W, 10-0 |
| | #3 Arizona ^{\$} | L, 1-2 |
| 2/28 | #25 South Florida ^{\$} | L, 0-8 |
| | Boston University ^{\$} | W, 8-0 |
| 2/29 | #3 Arizona ^{\$} | L, 5-7 |
| 3/5 | Oklahoma State ^{&} | W, 7-6 |
| | CS Northridge ^{&} | W, 7-3 |
| 3/6 | Portland State ^{&} | W, 4-0 |
| | UC Santa Barbara ^{&} | W, 4-0 |
| 3/7 | CS Fullerton ^{&} | W, 9-0 |
| 3/20 | UC Santa Barbara [@] | W, 4-0 |
| | Illinois-Chicago [@] | W, 3-0 |
| 3/21 | Illinois-Chicago [@] | L, 2-3 |
| | UC Santa Barbara [@] | L, 1-3 |
| 3/24 | #17 Fresno St. | W, 3-2 (8); W, 7-0 |
| 3/26 | Hawaii [~] | W, 1-0 |
| | UC Riverside [~] | W, 3-1 |
| 3/27 | Illinois [~] | W, 5-0 |
| | BYU [~] | W, 7-5 |
| 3/28 | Hawaii [~] | W, 1-0 |
| 4/2 | #14 Oregon State [*] | W, 2-0 |
| 4/3 | #17 Oregon [*] | L, 0-1 |
| 4/4 | #17 Oregon [*] | W 6-1 |
| 4/9 | #4 California [*] | W, 5-3 |
| 4/10 | #4 California [*] (dh) | L, 0-1/L, 0-6 |
| 4/13 | Sacramento St. (dh) | W, 4-0/W, 2-0 |
| 4/16 | #1 Arizona [*] | L, 0-8 |
| 4/17 | Arizona State [*] | W, 7-0 |
| 4/18 | Arizona State [*] | W, 4-0 |
| 4/20 | St. Marys (dh) | L, 1-2/W, 7-0 |
| 4/23 | #4 UCLA [*] | W, 1-0 |
| 4/24 | #6 Washington [*] | W, 12-9 |
| 4/25 | #6 Washington [*] | W, 3-2 (8) |
| 4/30 | Arizona State [*] | W, 7-6 |
| 5/1 | #1 Arizona [*] | L, 0-4 |
| 5/2 | #1 Arizona [*] | W, 2-1 |
| 5/7 | #8 Washington [*] | W, 5-1 |
| 5/8 | #3 UCLA [*] | L, 2-6 |
| 5/8 | #3 UCLA [*] | L, 1-7 |
| 5/14 | #12 Oregon [*] | 2 p.m. |
| 5/15 | #18 Oregon State [*] (dh) | 1 p.m. |

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| Friday, May 14 | at No. 10 Oregon | 2 p.m. |
| Saturday, May 15 | at No. 17 Oregon State (dh) | 1 p.m. |

Cardinal Travel To Oregon To Wrap Up Regular Season:

The seventh-ranked Stanford softball team (41-15, 11-7 Pac-10), end the season on the road, taking on #12 Oregon (37-37, 9-9 Pac-10) on Friday, May 14 at 2 p.m. in Eugene, Ore. The Cardinal then face #18 Oregon State (40-23, 4-14 Pac-10) in a doubleheader on Saturday, May 15 in Corvallis, Ore.

Friday's game versus the Ducks will be televised on a tape-delayed basis by FOX Sports Net. FOX Sports Bay Area is scheduled to televise the game twice - on Sunday, May 16 at 4 p.m. and Monday, May 17 at noon PT.

With three conference games remaining in 2004, the Cardinal have already surpassed their number of wins from 2003 (7-14). Their 11 wins this season, ties the most ever (under the current 21-game schedule) for a Stanford team (went 11-10 in 2001).

With a 41-15 record in 2004, the Cardinal have now notched 40 or more wins in the last seven seasons.

Last Time Out: The Cardinal had a rough homestand last week, going 1-2 against Washington and UCLA. Stanford began the weekend with a 5-1 win over Washington but then dropped the next two against UCLA (L, 2-6; L, 1-7) ... Michelle Thiry hit .500 as a pinch hitter (1-for-2) with two RBI while Lauren Lappin, Catalina Morris and Elizabeth Bendig each hit .375 ... Jessica Allister led the squad with three RBI on the weekend ... Pinch runner Jacki Hansen stole two bases.

About Oregon State: The Beavers (40-23, 4-14 Pac-10) are coached by Kirk Walker who is in his 10th season with the program ... The squad is led by sophomore Vanessa Lapala (.366/68 H/44 RBI) and freshman Mia Longfellow (.314/59 H/35 R) ... In the circle, Brianne McGowan is 10-5 overall with a 1.24 ERA and 78 strikeouts ... Monica Hoffman is 19-14 with a 1.42 ERA and 233 K's while Ta'Tyana McElroy is 11-4 with a 2.44 ERA ... Stanford won the earlier meeting this year in Palo Alto (W, 2-0) ... The Cardinal hold a 23-11 advantage in the overall series with the Beavers.

About Oregon: The Ducks are coached by Kathy Arendsen, who is in her second year at the helm of the program ... Stanford and Oregon split their two earlier meetings in Palo Alto, with the Ducks winning, 1-0, on Saturday and the Cardinal winning, 6-1, on Sunday ... Oregon holds a slim 15-14 edge in the all-time series with Stanford.

Up Next: The Cardinal await word on postseason play as for the third consecutive year, the Division I Softball bracket will be announced exclusively on ESPNNews. The 64-team field will be revealed on Sunday, May 16

Home Games at Smith Family Stadium

* Pac-10 game (dh) indicates doubleheader
[^] Stanford Tournament - Stanford, CA;
[%] Stanford Invitational - Stanford, CA; ^{\$}
Arizona Invite - Tucson, AZ; [!] Palm Springs
Classic - Palm Springs, CA; ^{\$}Worth Invite
- Fullerton, CA; [&]Stanford Round Robin;
[~]Stanford Classic - Stanford, CA

all times local to site

**ESPN.com/USA Softball
Top 25 Poll (May 11, 2004)**

| <u>Pl.</u> | <u>School</u> | <u>Pts.</u> |
|------------|----------------------|-------------|
| 1. | <i>Arizona</i> | 500 |
| 2. | LSU | 457 |
| 3. | <i>California</i> | 454 |
| 4. | <i>UCLA</i> | 437 |
| 5. | Florida State | 435 |
| 6. | Michigan | 399 |
| 7. | Stanford | 387 |
| 8. | <i>Washington</i> | 349 |
| 9. | Louisiana Lafayette | 346 |
| 10. | Tennessee | 318 |
| 11. | Georgia | 289 |
| 12. | <i>Oregon</i> | 277 |
| 13. | <i>Alabama</i> | 248 |
| 14. | Auburn | 221 |
| 15. | Nebraska | 215 |
| 15. | <i>Fresno State</i> | 176 |
| 17. | <i>South Florida</i> | 164 |
| 18. | <i>Oregon State</i> | 161 |
| 19. | Long Beach State | 149 |
| 20. | Oklahoma | 123 |
| 21. | Florida | 103 |
| 22. | Baylor | 95 |
| 23. | Texas A&M | 68 |
| 24. | Georgia Tech | 43 |
| 25. | <i>Notre Dame</i> | 19 |

Also receiving votes:

Florida Atlantic, Southern Illinois, Tulsa, Southern Mississippi, *North-western*, Massachusetts, Seton Hall, *Pacific*, South Carolina, Iowa.
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Cardinal Record When ...

Day Game: 31-13
Night Game: 10-2
7 inning game: 36-12
6 inning game: 1-1
5 inning game: 2-1
Extra inning game: 2-1
One-run game: 11-6
Stanford Scores first: 35-4
Opponent Scores first: 6-11
Stanford leads going into last inning: 38-1
Opponent leads going into last inning: 1-13
Score tied going into last inning: 2-1
Game one of doubleheader: 2-2
Game two of doubleheader: 3-1
Vs. ranked opponents: 11-11
Vs. unranked opponents: 29-4
Last five games: 2-3
Last 10 games: 7-3

between 8:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. Eastern time on ESPNNews (between 5:30 p.m. - 6 p.m. Pacific time). ESPNNews can be found on DirecTV (channel 207), Dish Network (channel 142) and selected cable systems (check your local listings.)

Stanford Selected As 2004 NCAA Regional Site: The NCAA announced its eight regional sites for the 2004 NCAA Championships and Stanford was one of three Pac-10 schools selected. The eight regional sites, with host institutions are as follows: Tucson, Arizona (University of Arizona); Waco, Texas (Baylor University); Los Angeles (University of California, Los Angeles); Tallahassee, Florida (Florida State University); Athens, Georgia (University of Georgia); Ann Arbor, Michigan (University of Michigan); Lincoln, Nebraska (University of Nebraska, Lincoln); and Stanford, California (Stanford University). Each regional field will feature eight teams, playing a double-elimination format. All regional games are scheduled to be conducted Thursday, May 20, through Sunday, May 23.

Sorensen Rewrites Cardinal Record Book: Senior pitcher Dana Sorensen (San Diego, CA) continues to leave her mark on the Cardinal record book. Sorensen holds the school record for career victories with 97 and career strikeouts with 1,069. She also holds the top three spots for lowest ERA in a single season. Her 1,069 K's ranks third in the Pac-10 in career strikeouts surpassing Arizona's Jennie Finch who has 1,028. Sorensen became only the fourth pitcher in conference history to reach 1,000 K's. She is 26-8 on the year with a 1.51 ERA and a team-leading 273 strikeouts. Her 26 wins in 2004 ties for second on the Cardinal single-season list while her 273 K's ranks third. She is one of only 25 NCAA pitchers nationally to surpass 1,000 strikeouts for a career.

Around The Pac-10: Freshman Jackie Rinehart is 10th in the conference in batting average (.363), tied for 10th in stolen bases (12) and tied for fifth in hits (66) ... Sophomore Catalina Morris is first in triples (6) and hit by pitches (8) and tied for fifth in runs scored (43) ... Katherine Hoffman is sixth in sac bunts (9) and sixth in stolen bases (18) ... Leah Nelson is tied for third in sac flies (3) ... Jessica Allister is first in doubles (18), tied for eighth in RBI (42), 10th in slugging percentage (.589) and tied for seventh in HBP (5) ... Lauren Lappin is second in triples (4) and seventh in doubles (12) ... Senior Dana Sorensen is second in strikeouts (273), tied for first in saves (5), second in innings pitched (226.2), second in wins (26), third in appearances (41) and tied for fifth in opponent batting average (.175).

Catch Me If You Can: In 56 games this season, the Cardinal are 57 of 76 in stolen bases with junior outfielder Katherine Hoffman leading the team with 18 on the year. Jackie Rinehart has 12 and Catalina Morris has 11. Nine different players have at least one stolen base on the Stanford team. Hoffman's 18 stolen bases puts her fourth in the Cardinal single season record book while Rinehart's 12 ranks sixth.

This and That: Elizabeth Bendig is currently on a season-long four game hitting streak ... Jessica Allister's 202 career hits ranks fifth in the Cardinal record books ... Jackie Rinehart leads the team with 17 multiple hit games ... Allister tops on the squad with 11 multiple RBI games ... Stanford is 10-2 in night games this season ... Rinehart has occupied the lead-off spot in the lineup in all 56 games for the Cardinal ... Sorensen is one of six Pac-10 pitchers this year to record a no-hitter ... Catalina

**USA Today/NFCA Poll
Top 25 Poll (May 5, 2004)**

| <u>Pl.</u> | <u>School</u> | <u>Rec.</u> |
|------------|----------------------|--------------|
| 1. | <i>Arizona</i> | 48-2 |
| 2. | Florida State | 52-5 |
| 3. | <i>UCLA</i> | 34-7 |
| 4. | <i>California</i> | 40-11 |
| 5. | LSU | 46-9 |
| 6. | <i>Washington</i> | 34-12 |
| 7. | Stanford | 40-13 |
| 8. | Michigan | 46-9 |
| 9. | Louisiana Lafayette | 48-6 |
| 10. | Georgia | 46-14 |
| 11. | Tennessee | 49-12 |
| 12. | <i>Oregon</i> | 35-14 |
| 13. | Nebraska | 38-14 |
| 14. | <i>Fresno State</i> | 44-15 |
| 15. | Auburn | 38-13 |
| 16. | <i>Alabama</i> | 39-16 |
| 17. | <i>South Florida</i> | 50-10 |
| 18. | Long Beach State | 43-10 |
| 19. | <i>Oregon State</i> | 39-21 |
| 20. | Baylor | 43-13 |
| 21. | Oklahoma | 37-17-1 |
| 22. | <i>Notre Dame</i> | 44-14 |
| 23. | Texas A&M | 31-18 |
| 24. | Florida | 40-15 |
| 25. | Georgia Tech | 41-13 |

2004 Stanford opponents in *italics*

2004 Pac-10 Standings

| <u>Team</u> | <u>Pac-10</u> | <u>Overall</u> |
|-----------------|---------------|----------------|
| Arizona | 15-2 | 51-3 |
| Stanford | 11-7 | 41-15 |
| California | 10-8 | 43-11 |
| UCLA | 9-8 | 36-9 |
| Washington | 9-8 | 35-15 |
| Oregon | 9-9 | 37-17 |
| Oregon State | 4-14 | 40-23 |
| Arizona State | 3-14 | 33-28 |

Pac-10 Career Strikeout Leaders

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|--------------------------------|--------------|
| 1. Michele Granger, Cal | 1,640 |
| 2. Jocelyn Forest, Cal | 1,203 |
| 3. Dana Sorensen, Stan. | 1,069 |
| 4. Jennie Finch, Ariz. | 1,028 |
| 5. Keira Goerl, UCLA | 1,000 |
| 6. Leslie Partch, Cal | 982 |
| 7. Jennifer Spediacci, Wash. | 894 |
| 8. Kirsten Voak, ASU | 893 |
| 9. Susie Parra, Ariz. | 874 |
| 10. Lucy Caserez, ASU | 806 |

Morris has hit safely in the past three games.

Notes From The Dugout: Jessica Allister's 27 career homers ranks third in the Stanford record book ... Freshman Jackie Rinehart leads the team with 66 hits ... Sophomore Catalina Morris six triples this season breaks the school record for triples in a single season (her career total is now eight, which ties her for third in career triples on The Farm) ... The Cardinal have outscored its opponents 207-114 ... Morris also leads the team in hit by pitches with eight ... The Cardinal have outscored its opponents 40-14 in the first inning ... Senior pitcher Dana Sorensen leads the staff with a 1.51 ERA and is 26-8 in the circle with team-leading 5 saves ... Stanford has posted 22 shutouts this season ... The Cardinal have played 12 games where they have collected 10 or more hits (season high was 14 vs. CS Northridge) ... Morris leads the team with 43 runs scored.

Home Sweet Home: Stanford will be spending a lot of time in the friendly confines of the Boyd and Jill Smith Family Stadium during the 2004 season as they host four tournaments on the Cardinal campus. The team opened the year with two home tournaments in February and host two more in March before conference play began.

Head Coach John Rittman: Cardinal head coach John Rittman, now in his eighth year on The Farm, will be an assistant coach for the 2004 USA Softball team, set to compete in the Athens Summer Olympics. Rittman has compiled a 333-160-1 overall record at Stanford. He has led the Cardinal to six consecutive NCAA postseason appearances during his tenure and seven consecutive 40 win seasons.

Top That...: The Stanford softball squad will once again face one of the toughest schedules in the nation as all eight conference teams are ranked in the preseason top 25. Four Pac-10 teams are ranked in the top five (UCLA, California, Arizona, Washington). In addition, the Cardinal will take on #6 Alabama, #16 CS Fullerton, #21 Fresno State and #22 Oklahoma State.

Pac-10 Preseason Coaches Poll: After winning the national title last season, UCLA has been selected by the Pac-10 Conference softball coaches as the Conference's top team in 2004. The Bruins received 48 points, including six first place votes. In second place, Arizona, last year's Pac-10 Champion, earned 44 points, including the other two first place votes. California finished third with 36 points, while Washington and Stanford finished fourth and fifth with 30 and 22 points, respectively. Rounding out the rest of the poll was Arizona State with 19 points, Oregon with 13 and Oregon State with 12 points.

Lappin Tabbed Alternate For 2004 USA Softball Team: Sophomore Lauren Lappin (Anaheim, CA) was one of three alternates chosen for the 2004 USA Softball Team set to compete in Athens, Greece this summer at the '04 Summer Olympic Games. The 19-year-old Lappin makes her first appearance among the national team ranks. During the 2003 season, the shortstop/catcher led the USA Softball Elite squad to the gold medal at the Canada Cup and a sweep of Olympic bronze medalist Australia in the Pacific Challenge.

TV Time: The Stanford softball team is slated to appear on CSTV on May 9 as the Cardinal game versus UCLA will be televised. Stanford's May 14 game at Oregon will be shown on a tape-delayed basis on FOX Sports Net.