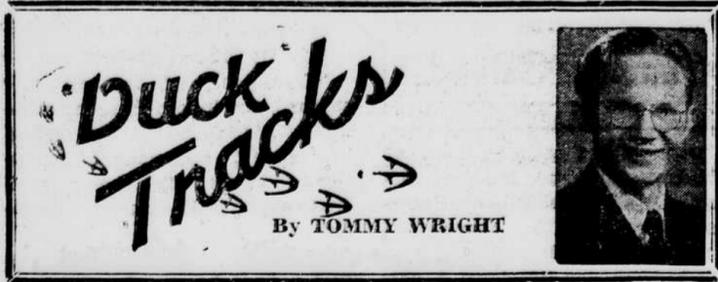


Whitman's Homer Blasts WSC



Ninth Inning Hit Explodes Tieup, Brings 8-5 Win

By DON KIRSCH

WASHINGTON STATE COLLEGE, Pullman, May 15—(Special to Oregon Daily Emerald)—Captain Dick Whitman hit a long home run with two men on in the ninth inning here today to give Oregon's hit crazy Webfoots an 8 to 5 win over the Washington State college Cougars.

The four-base hit broke a 5-5 tie and gave Oregon its eighth straight conference victory, putting them within two games of the Northern division pennant.

NORTHERN DIVISION LEAGUE STANDINGS

	W	L	Pct.
Oregon	9	1	.900
Washington	6	4	.667
Oregon State	8	6	.571
WSO	2	8	.200
Idaho	1	7	.125

Whitman led the 12-hit attack on starting Cougar hurler Bill Sewell, collecting four hits in five trips to the plate, and driving in six of Oregon's eight runs. Bill

Carney slapped out three hits in five trips.

Reider Takes Mound

Nick Begleries started for the Ducks on the mound and pitched fine ball for seven innings but weakened in the eighth allowing the Cougars to tie the score for the second time. He was relieved by Lanky Bob Rieder in the seventh and the tall righthander pitched shutout ball from then on.

The ninth win in 10 starts for the Ducks, the victory gave them four straight wins over the Cougars and a sweep of the four-

If we were a foreign correspondent this column would probably begin something like this—SOMEWHERE IN WASHINGTON, May 16—The University of Oregon's Webfoots prepared to roll their heavy artillery across the Washington state border for a lightning thrust at Forrest Twogood's hapless army of Vandal baseballers.

Just two wins away from the Northern division title, Hobby Hobson's "big guns" at this stage of the season are virtually as far as the pennant is concerned.

Team Built Around Hard Hitters

Taking it for granted that Oregon can't lose now, Hobson has built a strong team around a lineup of heavy hitters and one of the weakest pitching staffs in Webfoot history.

We say it was one of the weakest pitching staffs, even after news of Pete Igoe's shutout game Wednesday, for with the exception of the tight hurling by little Nick Begleries, opposing teams have scored run after run off the rest of the staff.

But at the same time, Hobson came up with his "hittingest club in the conference" to alleviate any lack of pitching.

Ducks Have Averaged 10 Runs a Game

With ten games of the season gone, the lineup of Don Kirsch, Dick Whitman, Chuck Clifford, Buck Berry, Johnny Bubalo, Bill Carney, Bill Calvert, and Bill Hamel, have averaged 10 runs a game, which in any league is enough to win ball games.

Defensively too, the Webfoots misplays have come few and far between. "Yes, we have made mistakes, perhaps four or five bad ones for the season," said Hobson. "But they have been fewer than our opponents."

The second place Oregon State Beavers are obliged to play the rest of the season under pressure. They can't lose or out they go, while the Ducks can lose half of their remaining games and still shoo in the champions.

But can the Northern division hurlers stop Oregon's "murderers' row" for three games? That seems improbable, however, for such experienced players as the Duck lineup boasts.

Idaho's hapless Vandals offer opposition only when Dick Snyder is pitching, and it is doubtful even if he can hold the Ducks in check, and Washington offers competition only when Sierer is doing the hurling, but he was touched by the Beavers for 11 hits in winning Wednesday.

Relay Team Given Chance in Division

Today "maker of champions" Bill Hayward takes his team to Pullman for the Northern division track meet, and though the Webfoot 10-man squad is not expected to place strongly in the meet, Les Steers and the Oregon relay team will make their appearance known.

Steers to win the high jump, and the relay team given an outside chance to do the same.

The relayers made up of McKinney, Lee, Reiner, and Tuckwiler have turned in good enough times to win that event. Against OSC last Saturday the time in the mile relay was 3:25.2 and Tuckwiler running anchor had such a big lead that he figuratively loafed his quarter and still stayed out in front.

After a one year absence, the Oregon high school track meet returns to Hayward field today and tomorrow. And if district meet promises materialize it will be one of the fastest in history. Records are sure to fall with such athletes as Wally Still, Mac-hi sprinter, Racin' Ray Johnson, state champion quarter-miler from Medford, and many other topnotch thincladders returning.

Still and Johnson After Prep Records

Still is a potential record shatterer in the century, which he has already tied at 9.9, and Johnson will be making his last Oregon attempt to break the national interscholastic record of 48.2 in his 440-yard event. Can he do it, speaking of Johnson? Former Webfoot football and track star Bill Bowerman, and coach of the Medford entry thinks so. So does Oregon's Bill Hayward, and he should know.



Out of season? Good filler anyway.

Donut Softball

Makeup schedule for Saturday, May 17.

- 9:00 a.m.
 - Sawdust No. 1, Campbell vs. Theta Chi.
 - Sawdust No. 2, Kappa Sig vs. Yeomen.
 - Military, SAE vs. Kirkwood.
 - Frosh, Alpha vs. Chi Psi.
- 10:00 a.m.
 - Sawdust No. 1, Gamma vs. Superchargers.
 - Sawdust No. 2, Beta vs. Fijl.
 - Military, ATO vs. DU.
 - Frosh, Zeta vs. Pi Kap.
- 11:00 a.m.
 - Sawdust No. 1, Sig Eps vs. Phi Sigs.
 - Sawdust No. 2, Phi Delt vs. Sigma Chi.
 - Military, Sammies vs. Sherry Ross.
 - Frosh, Delts vs. Yeomen

game series.

While the Cougars were taking it on the chin from the bats of the battering Webfoots, Tubby Graves' University of Washington Huskies were shoving the Oregon State Beavers into third place in the standings with an 8 to 7 win.

Second Straight Dunk

It was the second straight loss for the Beavers, and their sixth for the season as against eight wins. With the win, the Huskies moved into second place with six wins and four losses.

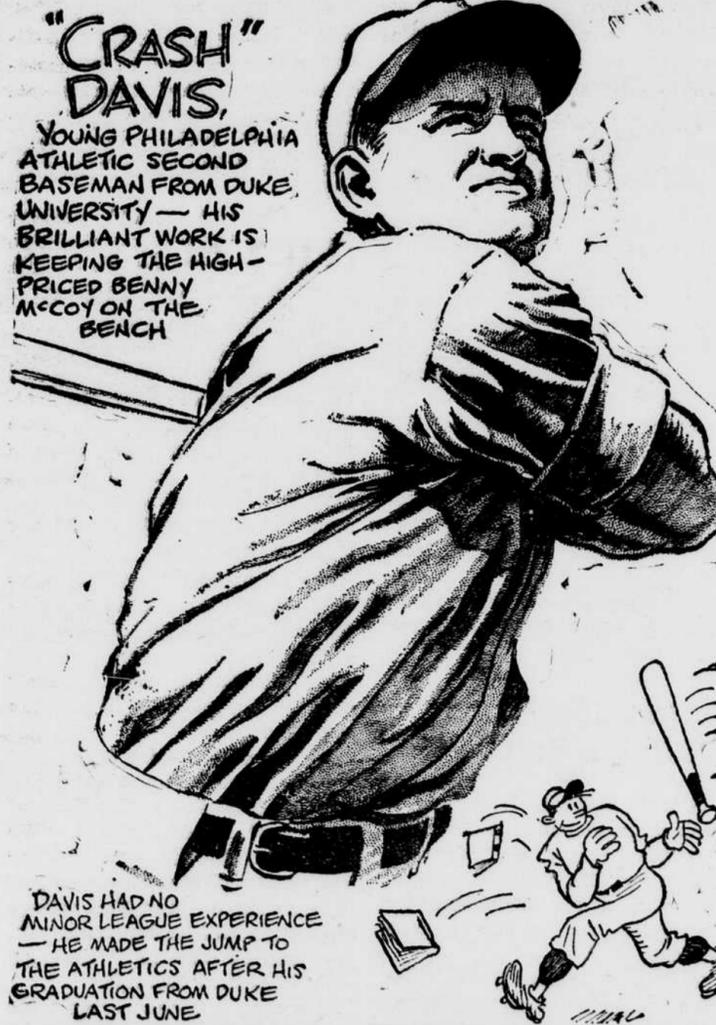
Oregon's first place Webfoots travel to Moscow tonight for a two-game series with the cellarite Idaho Vandals, Friday and Saturday. Sunday they head for Seattle for two games with the Huskies.

In winning from the Cougars today, Oregon held onto its blistering batting pace. They collected 23 hits and 17 runs in the two-game series, while the Ducks' pitching trio of Igoe, Begleries, and Rieder were stopping opposing batters with 12 hits and five runs.

Score:

University of Oregon .. 8 12 3
 Washington State 5 8 0
 Batteries: Begleries, Rieder (7) and Calvert. Sewell and Van Slyke.

Errors, Kirsch, Berry, Hamel. Two base hits, Whitman, Carney. Home run, Whitman. Base on balls off Begleries 3, Sewell 3, Rieder 1. Strike-outs by, Begleries 3, Rieder 2, Sewell 1. Innings pitched by Begleries 7 1-3, Rieder 12-3. Winning pitcher Rieder. Double plays, Whitman to Clifford.



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