

Webfoot's Rally Wins Thriller



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All hands are talking baseball today and well they should after yesterday's thriller on Howe field. The details of the game have been amply covered elsewhere on this page, so this corner will settle for a few versions of how the Hobsonmen managed to win the game.

First of all there was grid coach Tex Oliver and his assistants Vaughn Corley and Mike Mikulak. Oliver had declared a "maids night out" for his gridders and they were out en masse to enjoy the ball game. Tex didn't exactly try to take credit for turning the tide in the ninth but he did let the folks know that he really knew when to call off grid practice so boys could take in a baseball game.

Dick Strite, sports editor of the Register-Guard, made no claims in regards to himself, but several of the boys are pointing an accusing finger at him as the one responsible for Mr. Soriano's downfall and the Duck triumph. Strite as official scorekeeper had mentioned nary a word about the beautiful hurling job which the Husky righthander was producing. Dick is always the newspaperman, however, and had his eye open for the no-hitter.

CALL FOR THE PHOTOG

After the Webfoots had ended the eighth inning and were still hitless, Strite called photog Warren Teter over to the scorer's table and very quietly hinted that Soriano was nearing the Hall of Fame. How about a picture? Teter, being the obliging chap he always is, started for the Husky bench. Yes, that was it. Teter got as far as the Washington bench, and came right back. Walt Kirsch had thrown the monkey wrench into Soriano's no-hitter with a sharp single. Poor Teter lost another picture.

Teter wasn't satisfied with this explanation of the ninth inning rally, however. He insists he turned the tide himself when he sneaked over to the end of the Husky bench and took a sip from their water bucket. The angle that sounds best to this corner, though, comes direct from the Webfoot bench. The Ducks had been trying vainly to connect for eight innings, but with absolutely no success. It was the last half of the ninth, and they needed no reminders that it would take five to tie and six to win. That's a mighty big task to ask of the New York Yankees let alone the U of O Ducks, especially when the guy on the hill has chucked eight innings of hitless ball.

The chatter started running down the bench. There was the usual crack about saving so-and-so his ups and then one of the boys explained with several very picturesque army expressions that Mr. Soriano had nothing on the ball and that this was the inning to prove it. And sure enough the Hobsonmen did.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA TURFS

Yesterday's weather was certainly nothing to complain about, but should Tex Oliver run into such a sunny afternoon and dry field next fall, say when the Webfoots meet USC at Los Angeles in late October, you may expect a few tears. This all sounds rather odd, but to those well-versed in the grid game it makes sense.

The usual routine is to have the highly publicized California teams come north and then cry about the rain and muddy field. And they have a legitimate beef. Gridders in the south practice all season long on dry springy turf. Their timing and their plays are all adjusted to this type of playing surface. When they come north they run into a slow soggy field and nothing works. Their plays just aren't timed to a sluggish field.

That story is fairly common, yet the reverse is actually true, though no one ever hears about it. The Webfoot eleven practices on a turf that is sometimes dry, sometimes soggy, sometimes muddy.

Invariably it is a slower turf than one finds in the South. The gridders work until their plays run off to perfection. The reverses and spinners click, the passer is at his spot when the toss arrives. They look sharp. But when they go south they find an even faster field than the one they were playing on up north. The footing feels great to the fast stepping halfback and the hard charging linemen, but when they start to run their plays they find that their timing is off just as much as is the southern team's when it plays up north. That's the side of the story you seldom hear.

Lyle Pettyjohn's Single Climaxes 100-to-1 Shot in Six-Run Ninth Inning

Ducks Held Hitless Until Final Frame By Husky Max Soriano, Then Triumph

A fighting Oregon baseball team came from behind in the ninth inning yesterday afternoon on Howe field before 2,000 howling fans to nose out the University of Washington, 6 to 5, in the story-book finish to end all story-book finishes.

Behind by five runs, held hitless for eight innings by Max Soriano, ace Washington hurler, the Ducks kept their Northern Division record spotless when Relief Pitcher Lyle Pettyjohn smacked a looping single into left field to score the tying and winning runs of a 100-to-1-shot six run rally.

It was all Soriano for the first eight frames. He struck out 10, only two Ducks had managed to get to first base and both had died there. Then his dream of a perfect game exploded.

Walt Kirsch slashed a single to left. Walt Lozoski skied down the left field line and shortstop Bob Tate dropped it after a long run. Soriano lost control and hit Jim Norvell with a pitched ball. The bases were loaded.

Tony Crish slashed a drive through the box and Tate made a great stop and forced Norvell at second with Kirsch scoring on the play. Score—Washington 5, Oregon 1.

Spike Johnson walked on four straight pitches and Dick Rodiger stepped in with the bases jammed again. He looked at a couple and then beat a ground ball back through the box for a single, scoring Lozoski and Crish. Johnson, running hard, went all the way to third base. Score—Washington 5, Oregon 3.

The fans had caught the fever and as Rannie Smith stepped in the stands were in an uproar. Smith banged another one back through the box and Johnson raced in from third and Rodiger held up at second. Score—Washington 5, Oregon 4.

Coach Tubby Graves had a talk with Soriano and he stepped back on the hill to face Al Cohen. Cohen bounced a slow roller to Ray Rice at second base and was thrown out by a step. Rodiger and Smith moved up to third and second base.

There was some delay on the Oregon bench as Coach Howard Hobson surveyed his stock of pinch-hitters. Then he sent Pettyjohn to the plate and Soriano's first pitch to the big thrower ended the ball game.

This afternoon the Huskies will send either Bob Cole or Bob Goldman to the hill in an effort to even the count. Hobson will call on his ace, Hal Saltzman, in an effort to sweep the third home series. It will be the last home game for the Ducks until the middle of May.

It wasn't all Soriano on the mound yesterday. Homer Bropst matched him inning for inning until the eighth. He allowed only two hits and pitched himself out of several holes with the help of some great fielding on the part of the Duck defense.

In the Washington eighth Norm Dalthorp doubled to left and moved to third on an infield out. Soriano singled him home with the first run of the game and then was forced at second by Tate.

Rice singled infield and Tate moved to third when Bropst dropped Kirsch's throw while covering first base. Rice stole second and Don Ryan was passed purposely to fill the bases. Larny Knust lined to center field and when Johnny Jones misjudged the ball it

went for a homer and four Washington runs.

Then came the Oregon ninth.

The Ducks threatened twice to break the charm of Soriano's hopping fast ball. Kirsch and Don Dibble both lined deep to left only to have the ball curve foul.

Kirsch had a great day at second base with eight assists and four putouts. Smith came up with two backhanded stabs at short to pull Bropst out of a hole in the second and third innings. Lozoski made the catch of the day in the third inning when he pulled down Soriano's drive in center after a tremendous run. He saved another run in the seventh with a charging catch of Bob Swysgood's looper into short left field.

Tate's play at short and Frank Constantino's able handling of Soriano highlighted the Husky defensive play.

BOX SCORE

| Washington (5) | AB | R | H | PO | A |
|----------------|----|---|---|----|---|
| Tate, ss | 4 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 4 |
| Rice, 2b | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| Ryan, 3b | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Knust, lf | 4 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Milroy, rf | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Briggs, rf | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Swysgood, lb | 4 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 0 |
| Dalthorp, cf | 4 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Constantino, c | 4 | 0 | 2 | 11 | 0 |
| Soriano, p | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |

Totals 35 5 8 26x 10
x Two men out when winning run scored.

| Oregon (6) | AB | R | H | PO | A |
|----------------|----|---|---|----|---|
| Kirsch, 2b-cf | 4 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 8 |
| Lozoski, cf-lf | 4 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| Norvell, 3b | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Crish, rf | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Johnson, 1b | 3 | 1 | 0 | 11 | 0 |
| Rodiger, c | 3 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 0 |
| Smith, ss | 4 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 2 |
| Dibble, lf | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Long, cf | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Jones, cf | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Dyer, x | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cohen, 2b | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Bropst, p | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| Wilkins, xx | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Pettyjohn, p | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |

Totals 32 6 4 27 17
Washington 000 000 050
Oregon 000 000 006
x Batted for Jones in the 8th.
xx Batted for Bropst in the 8th.

Errors—Johnson, Smith, Long, Bropst, Tate 2. Runs batted in—Soriano, Knust 4, Pettyjohn 2, Rodiger 2, Smith, Crish, Doubles—Dalthorp. Homer—Knust. Struck out by Soriano 10, Bropst 4. Walked by Soriano 3, Bropst 1. Hit by pitcher—Norvell by Soriano. Earned runs off Soriano 3, Bropst 2. Innings pitched by Bropst 8, Pettyjohn 1. Winning pitcher—Pettyjohn. Umpires—Dennison and Taylor. Time—2 hours.

NEW YORK, April 26.—(UP)—Eddie Brannick, secretary of the New York Giants, said tonight that starting pitcher Harry Feldman and relief pitcher Ace Adams had jumped to the Mexican league, but said that he "didn't think the Giants were losing anything."

Feldman has lost two and won none, and Adams lost one while winning none.

NORTHERN DIVISION STANDINGS

| | Won | Lost | Pct. |
|------------|-----|------|-------|
| Oregon | 5 | 0 | 1.000 |
| OSC | 3 | 1 | .750 |
| Washington | 3 | 2 | .600 |
| Idaho | 2 | 4 | .333 |
| WSC | 0 | 6 | .000 |

Softball Nines Take Day Off

Because of the Oregon-Washington baseball game yesterday, intramural softball games were scheduled.

The schedule will be resumed Monday with the following teams slated to play:

Pi Kappa Alpha vs. Alpha Tau Omega, 4 p.m., field 1.

The Bums vs. Sigma Phi Epsilon, 4 p.m., field 2.

Sigma Alpha Mu vs. Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 5 p.m., field 1.

Campbell Club vs. Phi Delta Theta, 5 p.m., field 2.

National Sport News

NEW YORK, April 26.—(UP)—Referee Arthur Donovan, the third man in the ring during most of the heavyweight championship fights during the past decade, formally was charged with homicide today in the death of his long-time friend and drinking companion, 54-year-old David Corcoran.

Donovan, 57, boxing's most famous referee, was arrested last Saturday after an all-night tour of nightclubs ended in an early morning scuffle which resulted in Corcoran's death.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 26.—(UP)—Kenneth J. Shaw, 35, former University of Santa Clara all-around athlete, today was named commissioner of the American Basketball league at a salary reported "around" \$10,000 per year for three years.

Charles (Chuck) Saunders, president of the San Francisco entry in the league, said that plans for next season still were in the embryo stage, but that there was the possibility that Oakland, Calif., Pocatello, Ida., Oklahoma City, Okla., and Wichita, Kan., might be included in the circuit next season.

DONCASTER, England, April 26.—(UP)—Bruce Woodcock, heavyweight champion of the British Empire, advised his home folks that he likes everything in New York except the noise and his inability to get a good cup of tea, his mother said today.

LOS ANGELES, April 26.—(UP)—Betting odds stood at 10 to 7 in favor of Lightweight Champion Ike Williams tonight as he and Challenger Enrique Bolanos neared completion of training for their outdoor match at Wrigley Field Tuesday night.

DES MOINES, Ia., April 26.—(UP)—The Flying Longhorns of Texas university today led the qualifiers in two spring relay events as the 37th annual Drake relays opened here today.