

Ducks Top Pioneers in First Test

Oregon Slams 14 Hits As 3 Hurlers Get 9-7 Win

By BOB REED

Old man weather did an abrupt about face, yesterday, and the Oregon Ducks took advantage of the first good baseball weather this season to get a belated start in the 1948 horsehide campaign.

This game marked the first contest for both teams for this year. Lewis and Clark college has suffered the same handicaps as have faced the Ducks during the past two weeks.

The score, 9 to 7, the Ducks over Lewis and Clark was partly responsible for the smile on the face of Don Kirsch. But the most gratifying thing about the whole afternoon's activities was the way Skipper Kirsch's ball players performed under actual game conditions.

Play Like Veterans

Under the watchful eye of Mentor Kirsch, the Ducks moved like veterans in the field. They fielded flawlessly, except for two bad throws past the first baseman, those thrown by Walt Kirsch, each time in an attempt to complete a double play. At the plate, the Ducks garnered fourteen basehits. Bill Burgher, Don Dibble, Don Kimball, and Ray Stratton led the attack with two safeties apiece.

Whitey Lokan and Dick Wilkins remained on the sidelines during the game. Mentor Kirsch is probably saving these two for the opening conference game tomorrow. Four pitchers, who have done little work so far this season were given a chance to hurl.

Henwood Hit

Norm Henwood was on the mound for the three first innings and the Lewis and Clark batters jumped on him in the first inning, combining a walk to Mills, a single by Bob Signer, and another basehit by Dick Nemyer for one run.

Don Wright a lefthander, started for Lewis and Clark and completely baffled the Ducks in the first frame. He struck out Kovenz and Zurcher and fielded an easy grounder hit back to mound by Burgher.

Kimball Doubles

Lewis and Clark added another run in the second, and the Ducks came back in their half of the frame to tie up the ballgame. Bartle was on first due to an error by the third baseman, Don Dibble singled down the left field line, and Don Kimball cleared the bases with a long double over the left fielder's head.

Willard Stradley took the hill for the Ducks in the top of the fourth, shut out his opponents in that frame, gave up one run in the fifth, and held them scoreless again in the sixth. In the meantime, the Ducks pounced on Wright for four runs. They scored one in the fourth, on a hit by Dibble, who subsequently stole second, and scored a minute later on a hit to center by Kimball.

Ducks Score Three

The Ducks found Wright in the sixth to score three quick runs. Cohen was on by an error, Pat Wohlers who batted for Dibble bunted and was safe, and Ray Stratton batting for Kimball put down a sacrifice bunt and beat the throw. Then Al Smolish pinch hit for Stradley, punched a short hit into right field to bring two runs over. Stratton scored the third run as Kovenz was being tossed out at first.

The third Oregon pitcher, Bob Charlton, was somewhat wild and in the eighth, Lewis and Clark found the range, combining three walks with three hits for four runs. Mentor Kirsch hustled Homer Brobst to the mound to stop the rally before they could tie up the ball game. Brobst stopped Lewis and Clark cold in

the ninth, fanning two men in the process.

All in all, it was a very happy afternoon for Don Kirsch and his Oregon ball players.

Notes of the Game—It will be either Whitey Lokan or Dick Wilkins for the Ducks when they go against the Washington State Cougars tomorrow. Our guess is Whitey Lokan . . . Al Cohen, shortstop, retired all three batters for Lewis and Clark in the fourth . . . Cohen made a tricky stop of a grounder hit back of second in the sixth to throw out Thomas by two steps . . . A double by Walt Kirsch in the first was wasted as Zurcher fanned, and Burgher bounced out to the pitcher. . . Fred Wilson, former Oregon JV third baseman, led the Lewis and Clark attack with three hits.

Trackmen Needed

Mentor John Warren issued a call for anyone interested in trying out for the varsity track squad to report to McArthur court today for the varsity-fresh meet, scheduled for 3 p.m. Equipment will be issued to anyone desiring to participate in the varsity locker-room.

Golf Registration Ends

Today is the last day to register for the women's golf tournament, it was announced. Women may file their names until 5 p. m. at the cage in Gerlinger.

Hardly a reformer is now alive who ever saw a permanently successful campaign against gambling.

Freedom of speech includes the right of every citizen to open his mouth at the wrong time.

Box Score

	AB	R	H	PO	A
Lewis & Clark					
Clark	5	1	3	1	1
Wilson, ss	3	2	0	3	0
Mills, cf	3	0	0	0	0
* Coffman	0	0	0	0	0
Pearson, cf	1	0	0	0	0
Signer, B, rf	3	0	2	1	1
Peterson, 1b	5	1	0	9	0
Nemyer, lf	5	0	2	1	0
Acheson, c	4	0	1	5	2
Beima, c	0	0	0	0	0
Signer, D, 2b	4	0	0	2	2
Thomas, 3b	5	1	1	2	0
Wright, p	2	1	1	0	4
Mathus, p	1	1	1	0	1
Winters, p	1	0	0	0	0
Totals	39	7	11	24	11

	AB	R	H	PO	A
Oregon					
Kovenz, lf	5	0	1	1	0
Kirsch, 2b	4	0	1	4	0
Zurcher, cf	5	1	1	1	0
Burgher, c	3	0	2	2	0
Rodiger, c	2	0	0	2	0
Bartle, 1b	5	2	0	9	0
Cohen, ss	4	1	0	3	5
Dibble, rf	2	2	2	0	0
Wohlers, rf	2	1	1	2	0
Kimball, 3b	2	0	2	3	3
Stratton, 3b	2	2	2	0	0
Henwood, p	1	0	1	0	1
Stradley, p	0	0	0	0	0
Smolish	1	0	1	0	0
Charlton, p	0	0	0	0	1
Brobst, p	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	38	9	14	27	10

* Batted for Mills in the eighth.
 † Batted for Mathus in the ninth.
 ‡ Batted for Stradley in the sixth.
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Indians Buy Wensloff

NEW YORK, April 12—(UP) Charley Wensloff, a holdout pitcher with a sore right arm and a unique sense of values—was sold to the Cleveland Indians for \$20,000 by the New York Yankees.

The Yankees had sold Wensloff to the Philadelphia Phils but the National League club couldn't come to terms with him and returned him to New York Saturday.

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Passing Emphasized In Spring Football Drills

Action started again Monday on the football front, as Coach Jim Aiken heeded his 90 odd charges through another rugged practice session, beginning the second week of the scheduled 30-day spring workout.

Screen passing drew the first serious attention of the year yesterday afternoon, as Aiken had Van Brocklin loosen his throwing arm with a lengthy workout on the aerial game, to get an idea of the strength of the burly Oregon forward wall. Ends and halfbacks all had opportunities to exhibit their pass-snagging ability, as Van's automatic arm kept pitching strikes.

Bell Injured

George Bell, regular right halfback, injured his hand early in the practice in a collision with Bill Abbey, and went to the showers early. Extent of the injury was not certain, but an X-ray was slated for this morning. It is not believed to be broken, however.

A number of halfbacks took a turn at Bell's spot in the course of the afternoon, although none looked as promising as the veteran himself. Keith De Courcey made a number of trial runs from the position, and Dick Maudlin, 155-pounder from the frosh eleven, also looked very sharp.

Sanders Shines

Everybody got into the act as pass receivers, and a number looked very promising. Number one in this department was Big Bob Sanders, who really rolled as only he can in yesterday's session. From his fullback spot Sanders was floating out to the sidelines, on the pitchout play, and then gathering in the short aeriels tossed to him by Van Brocklin. From there the big boy turned on the speed, churning up the field like a battleship on the move. And even though Sanders is a hefty lad he is able to cut and twist like a small-sized halfback.

Tennis Team Meets OSC

The postponed tennis match with Oregon State, called off Saturday because of rain in Corvallis, will be played on the OSC courts today at 2 p.m., weather permitting, Coach Kermit Smith announced yesterday.

Rick Tromlitz has been placed in the number five spot on the Duck Squad, Smith said. The deciding tournament was finished Friday afternoon. The team is now complete, with the first four positions filled by Saal Lesser, Bert Bowman, Bob Corgan, and Fred Howard, in that order. Lesser and Howard are lettermen.

Coach Smith said that he expected plenty of trouble from the Beavers in the match today, but that his squad will play to win.

Johnny McKay continued to delight the bystanders with his change-of-pace trickery, which was especially effective after receiving short passes out on the flanks. Woodley Lewis also worked from the left half, and made some nice runs after pass catchers.

Bob "Bunny" Easter, the 5 foot 6 inch half, also took a turn at running the ball, and was quite effective despite his halfpint stature.

Ends Bob Anderson and Dan Garza proved equally adept at pigskin grabbing, and promised to give Oregon a powerful one-two punch at the wingman positions next fall.

Linemen Shaping

Linemen are rapidly shaping up, and the top men are showing themselves. First team tackles are Steve Dotur and Don Stanton, but another coming pair is the team of Sam Nevills and Bob Roberts. (Please turn to page five)

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