

Bartle Tells How to Boost Hit Average

by DICK MASE

Advice to the baseball novice on how to raise your batting average 292 percentage points: Don't try to pull the ball, get that hitch out of your swing, and have confidence in yourself.

In the opinion of Dick Bartle, Oregon first baseman, his correction of those three faults converted him into a .400 hitter this year from a .108 batter last season.

"Last year when I got up there, I thought I had to pull the ball,"

said Bartle. "This year I've quit that, and just try to hit."

Kirsch's surprise package now not only leads the team in hitting percentage, but is also tops in hits, runs scored, and runs batted in.

"Last season I also had a hitch in my swing that I couldn't get rid of," declared the big, bespectacled first sacker. "Then when I didn't hit at first I lost my confidence."

Bartle started off the first few games hitting at above the .700 mark, but cooled off perceptibly during the recent road trip.

"I'd gotten so many hits that I

was pressing when we played Idaho. Their pitchers were slowing up on me and I was fouling them off. After my disastrous road trip I don't know if I've improved my batting or not," grinned Bartle.

The Portlander first noticed his change for the better last summer when he played for Hills Creek of the Cascade league and batted a healthy .290. He also played on the semi-pro Rialto team of Portland in 1946 which placed fifth nationally at Wichita.

Rates Huskies

Bartle, a sophomore member of Sigma Nu, thinks Washington is

about the toughest team the Ducks have faced and considers the Cougars a very close second.

"Washington is the best ball club in the conference," Bartle said. "They have good hitting and all of them run the bases well. When they get on first, they go all the way to third on a single almost every time."

Bartle rates WSC's first baseman, Gordy Brunswick, as about the top hitter in the league and also has a high regard for the pitching abilities of Max Soriano, Washington hurler, whom he terms a "very smart pitcher."

Net Vets Fall Behind In Tourney

Dave Van Zandt, previously number seven man on the Oregon tennis team, is leading in the round-robin tournament to determine positions for the coming OSC match, Coach Kermit Smith revealed yesterday.

Van Zandt has won four matches, while losing to none. Bert Bowman and Saal Lesser, former number one and two men, respectively, are lagging in the play-offs. Each has won two matches, while dropping the same number.

The round-robin tournament, Coach Smith explained, will not be completed until all men on the squad have played each other in a regulation match.

In the match Saturday, the Beavers will present a slightly different squad from that which beat the Ducks earlier in the season.

Beaver Hugh Findlay will be playing the number one position for the Aggies, while Erwin Douglas will rest in the number two spot.

Jack Carrothers, Wes Brigham, and Bill Husted, make up the rest of the Beaver ladder.

Giant Wins Ring Debut Against Normal Rival

NEW YORK, May 12—(UP)—Jimmy Cully, seven-foot, two-inch giant from Tipperary, Ireland, made his American boxing debut tonight by knocking out Wally Baden, six feet tall, of Scranton, Pa., in 2:13 of the first round at the Jamaica arena.

A crowd of 2,500 booed the uneven contest as Baden went to the floor a total of five times in the brief battling.

Cully, weighing 262 pounds, towered over his normal-sized rival and was obliged to crouch to aim his blows.

Between Innings . . .

Webfoots Must Capture Four Tilts for Title Bid

By BOB REED

Despite the unsympathetic attitude of the weather man, who dropped more showers on Eugene yesterday, the Oregon baseball team put up with the wet field long enough to go through some inside baseball and tricks of the trade in an attempt to sharpen the Duck attack.

Nursing a mitt full of sore arm pitchers, Don Kirsch ordered only a short period of throwing for the mound corps. Those pitchers who have been out—Lokan, DeBernardi, and Brobst—are expected to be ready by the first Oregon State contest Saturday.

Until Saturday then, the Duck schedule will be filled with lengthy and hard practice sessions composed of plenty of time in the hitting cage plus defensive work.

Looking over the remaining games to be played by Northern Division teams within the conference, every team in the league has four games left. Oregon and Oregon State finish their conference play in a four game series against each other. Washington tangles with WSC in two, and Idaho in two; WSC in addition to the two Washington tilts has two with Idaho; and Idaho catches both Washington and WSC.

Who has the inside chance to the championship? WSC would receive the nod because they at present lead the league with six victories and only two defeats and it would take two set-backs before any other club could overtake them.

The only combination of future victories and defeats which would give Oregon the title would be a complete sweep of all the remaining games by Oregon and a .500,

or split in the four games left for WSC.

Mathematically, that is the solution for bringing the title back to Oregon. What actually happens remains to be seen.

Turning attention to major league baseball for a moment, an interesting rumor has been making the circuit to the effect that the New York Giants and the St. Louis Cardinals are taking up a trade, which if completed would send Walker Cooper back to the Cards in exchange for two pitchers.

Whether or not this is true will have to be solved later. But the Cards do need catching badly, and Cooper would fit the bill perfectly. But New York in exchange for Cooper has asked the Cards for Murray Dickson and Howie Pollet. The Cards reportedly consented to giving up Dickson, but balked at turning over Pollet.

Cooper was originally with the Cards but went to the Giants because of what St. Louis sport writers suggested as a grudge held by Cooper against Dyer. If the rumors are true, then possibly Cooper has patched up his differences with the Card manager. And of course Sam Breadon is out the pitcher. Bob Hannegan, the new club owner, may be behind the deal.

Portland Boy Leaves Reds

CINCINNATI, O., May 12—(UP)—The Cincinnati Reds tonight optioned right-handed pitcher Ed Erault to the Syracuse Chiefs of the International league.

The 29-year-old hurler from Portland, Ore., was with the Reds all last year, winning four games and losing nine. He formerly played for Los Angeles.

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75 Gridiron Mentors Expected To Visit Coaching Clinic Here

Forty high school football coaches have already returned registration cards to the University of Oregon athletic department for the second annual coaches' clinic to be held May 21 and 22. The coaches

received the cards only last Monday.

At least 75 mentors are expected to be on hand for the two-day session. Last year 60 coaches attended the clinic.

The program, which will feature instruction in T formation tactics, by Head Coach Jim Aiken, Line Coach Dick Miller, and Backfield Coach Frank Zazula, will be concluded with an intrasquad battle presented by the Oregon grid team. The fray will be performed under regular game conditions on Hayward field. Students will be admitted on their student body cards, and tickets will be for sale for the general public.

Stockton Wins Jaycee Meet

SANTA ROSA, Calif., May 12—(UP)—Stockton won the 24th annual Northern California junior college track and field meet tonight on double victories by hurdler Don Brooks and sprinter Don Hardy.

Stockton scored 52 points to top San Francisco City college, with 43, Modesto with 27 and San Mateo with 21.

Brooks won both hurdle events and placed second in the 100 yard dash to his teammate, Hardy. He raced the high hurdles in 15.5 seconds and the lows in 25 seconds flat. Hardy turned in a 10 flat hundred and a 22.3 second 220 yard dash.

Two new meet records were set, both by San Francisco. The Rams' Seward Champman slashed 17 seconds off the two mile mark by turning eight laps in 9:59.5. The San Francisco mile relay team won in 3:23.3, clipping .2 second off the record.

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