

Ducks Nudge Willamette, 5-4

Squeeze Bunt Works For Webfoots in Ninth

By DICK MASE

A neatly-executed squeeze play in the last half of the ninth inning gave the Oregon Ducks a narrow 5-4 victory over the tough Willamette university Bearcats yesterday afternoon on lower Howe field. The game marked the second practice win in a row for the Webfoots.

Third baseman Don Kimball was the key man in the winning play, as he laid down a bunt to the left of the Willamette pitcher, Larry Stocks, which scored Dick Bartle with the winning run.

Coach Don Kirsch's Ducks had been on the short end of a 4-3 score going into the bottom of the ninth, when the fireworks started.

Fireworks Start

Second sacker Walt Kirsch opened the rally with a sharp single between third and shortstop, stole second, and trotted home with the tying run on Bartle's lusty and timely triple to left-center field.

Bearcat Coach Johnny Lewis had his pitcher walk both Al Cohen and Don Dibble intentionally at this point, which set up the game-winning squeeze play.

Mills Started

Webfoot Sid Mills was the starting pitcher and held the opposition to a pair of singles and no runs in his three innings on the mound.

Willamette picked up two runs in the fourth inning off the offerings of the second Oregon hurler, Rube Eesada. The big blow was a single by first baseman Bruce Barker, who drove in three of the four Bearcat runs for the afternoon.

A wild pitch by Besada sent Barker across home plate after he had reached third on Center Fielder Bobby Douglas' double down the right field foul line.

Kovenz Helpful

The Ducks got to Lou Scrivens for a single run in both the third and fifth innings. Both times Duck left fielder Johnny Kovenz contributed a single.

Mel Krause took the mound for the locals for the final three innings, and, although he was nicked for a pair of runs, allowed just three hits.

Both Willamette tallies were scored in the eighth frame on Dick Erouwer's fly ball double, which outfielders Ray Stratton and Don Dibble treated in Alphonse-Gaston fashion, a dropped fly by left-fielder Kovenz, and a single by Barker.

Krause Impressive

Larry Stocks relieved Scrivens in the seventh for the visitors and was charged with the loss. Krause received credit for the win, and in doing so exhibited a good curve ball and plenty of promise to help out a mediocre Duck pitching staff.

Kovenz was the leading hitter for the winners, collecting three hard-

hit singles in four times up. Bartle added a single to his triple, the latter being the longest hit of the year on Howe field, in four trips to the plate.

Sims Reliable

Bob Sims was the starting backstop for Kirsch's clan and served notice that he would be a valuable addition to the untested catching staff. He got a single and scored a run in two official times at bat.

While Sims' performance was good news, the injury of Don Peterson, who had taken over for Sims in the sixth inning, was completely the opposite.

Peterson Out

Peterson re-aggravated a knee injury received during basketball season and Kirsch has announced

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I-M Rivalry Set Monday

MONDAY'S SCHEDULE

Softball

3:50

Kappa Sig vs. Sig Eps
Fizzeds vs. Sigma Nu
Lambda Chi vs. Omega hall

4:55

Phi Delts vs. Sammies
French hall vs. Phi Sigs
Pi Kappa Phi vs. Minutrn hall

Action in intramural sports circles will start Monday afternoon, Jim Vitti, intramural sports manager announced.

All teams are urged to arrive on the field ten to twenty minutes before all contests, to warm up and to enter lineups with the umpires, officials of the PE department said.

This rule particularly applies to softball teams, where the one hour playing limit has been established, causing several disagreements in the past years.

Vitti also said that if two or three more softball teams are interested in entering intramural competition, a new league would be formed. Entrance application may be made at the intramural sports office in the PE building.

Howe Field Again Ready for ND Baseball Opener Against Idaho

It's spring. The sun dances in and out behind black clouds. It's cold, it's baseball time at the "U."

After extensive work on Howe field, Coach Don Kirsch and his Oregon baseballers will again be able to do battle on their home diamond when the Northern Division season opens April 13.

Only the job of returning the infield remains, before the playing surface is ready for conference action. Remaining practice games will still be played on the lower field.

During winter and spring terms of 1948 the University physical plant and the athletic department combined to work over Howe field. A sprinkler and drainage system was put in, the field was graded and a new turf was planted.

Howard Lemons, University athletic business manager, reports that the turf and infield will be in good shape.

Bucks Chance Gone

No longer will WSC Coach Buck Bailey have valid reason to march to the mound, accompanied by the strains of the distant ROTC band, and smooth the dirt or chuck rocks off the playing field.

Back in 1923 the baseball field was in its infancy at the University and little interest was shown the sport.

The diamond was called Anonymous field till April 25, 1936. By this time baseball was an important part of the athletic activities of the University. On his date the field was named after Professor Howard Crombie Howe, the University faculty representative in the Pacific Coast conference.

WPA Helps

In 1938 the WPA came through with \$7,500 and constructed the cement ticket booths and the fence that now borders Howe field. The iron work gates were purchased by the school from donations from graduating classes.

The entrance was dedicated to 47 alumni, students, and faculty members who died in World War I. The dedication was made by Karl W. Onthank, who was then dean of the University.

Howe field has risen from a dirt lot with an anonymous name to a baseball diamond to be proud of.

With an improved outfield, the center fielder's feet will no longer be invisible to the crowd in the stands. The prospect of the shortstop losing a front tooth on a bad hop off a rock has been remedied, and pitchers can even throw downhill now, since the old mound has been worked over.

OREGON DAILY EMERALD SPORTS

Spring Gridders Ready to Go

The pads are dusted, footballs inflated, and the lower practice field is neatly trimmed, all in preparation for herds of cleat-footed spring footballers who are after spots on Oregon's 1949 football team.

When Duck gridders take the field early next week, Coach Jim Aiken and Walt McClure, Aiken's new assistant who arrived on the campus today, will start their search for a passing quarterback to replace last year's All-American, Norm Van Brocklin.

Van Brocklin, who has signed a professional contract and won't compete for the Webfoots this season, plans to assist Aiken with coaching duties this spring, and may be playing pro ball next fall.

'O' Baseballers Slate Weekend Games

Don Kirsch's Oregon baseball crew, victors in two practice games so far this season, take to the road this weekend looking for additions to their preseason victory string.

The Webfoots have ten remaining games before the Northern Division season starts at home against the Idaho Vandals April 13 and 14.

Lewis and Clark is the slated opponent for the Ducks this afternoon in a double header at Portland. Portland university is scheduled in another pair of games Saturday afternoon on the Pilots' home field.

The Oregon squad returns home Monday for another game with Portland U., and Pacific university here on Tuesday.

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