

Ducks Win 6-5 Thriller From Portland Pilots

By PETE CORNACCHIA

Don Kimball's long double in the eighth inning sent Mouse Owens from second with a tie-breaking run and gave the Oregon Webfoots a 6-5 win over the Portland University nine Tuesday at Howe Field.

Errors Costly

The Webfoots almost gave the game away in the seventh when they committed three bobbles which netted the Pilots two free runs, minus tax. These gift markers brought Portland from behind and gave them a one-run edge over the Ducks, although Vince Pesky's men had little or nothing to do with the whole thing.

Don Kirsch sent three of his Web-foot chuckers to the mound during the afternoon, with each of them working three innings. Joe Murphy started on the mound for the Pilots but it just wasn't his day.

Pilot's Lead

His mates gave him a one-run lead in the first when Stan Bozich scored on Leo Grosjacques' single. It was still 1-0 in the bottom of the second when the Ducks, most of them just out of the duckling stage, began throwing the pants in Mr. Murphy's chowder.

Phil Settecase opened with a single and scored on Ray Coley's triple to deep center. A single by Joe Tom sent Coley across the plate. Catcher Jack Smith grounded to Murphy but the duckling chucker let the ball go through him and both men were safe.

Murphy Leaves

Jim Hanns, who started on the mound, advanced the runners to scoring position with a nice sacrifice. Mouse Owens then lined out one of his three hits of the afternoon to score Tom and Smith. Daryle Nelson followed with a single and that was all for Murphy.

Len Hittner came in for the Pilots and promptly put out the fire—or inferno. He got Ray Stratton on a strike out and Don Kimball grounded out.

Runs Scattered

Portland picked up a run in the fourth inning and another in the sixth off Llye Rogers to crawl back into the ball game. Hittner meanwhile allowed the Ducks only three hits—all scattered enough to prevent any scoring.

Sid Mills took over the hurling chores for the Webfoots at the start of the seventh and he didn't allow a hit the rest of the way. All of which sounds very good, except for the fact that the Oregon "rookies" suddenly looked as confused in that horrible seventh as does this school's registration system. When it was all over, three errors—one of them by Mills—had given the Pilots a 5-4 lead.

Score Tied

The Ducks came back in their half of the inning to knot the count, with Kimball denting the plate on one of the three hits in that frame. That's the way it stood in the bottom of the eighth when Kimball, with two away, pounded out his game-winning two-bagger.

Mills Stops Pilots

Mills, looking better all the time, whiffed the first two Portland batters in the ninth, and "Pop" Stratton ended the game with a nice running catch in deep left field.

Hitting has been the big question mark where the sophomore-loaded Ducks are concerned, but they rapped out 14 blows—three for extra bases—off the two Pilot fingers. Tom and Owens each collected three hits in four trips. Kimball and Coley had two apiece, each with a triple.

Hits Scarce

Leo Grosjacques was the only one to get more than one of the Pi-

lot's six hits. The big right fielder collected a triple and a double.

The Ducks go against Lewis and Clark this afternoon if things don't get too wet.

Ducks Face Lewis-Clark Today 3:00

The Oregon Baseball nine will face the Lewis and Clark nine today at three o'clock on Howe Field. It will be the third game of the season for the Ducks and with a two win and no losses column to keep clean.

The starting pitcher has not been announced at the time of the printing.



By MARTY WEITZNER

As major league teams prepared to break camp in Florida, California, and Arizona, and head north for the big league openers next month, a lot of problems cropped up in the various camps, causing experts to wonder just who would be favored in the National and American leagues this season.

Champs Rely on Hurlers

The Brooklyn Dodgers, senior circuit champions, and the New York Yankees, their World Series conquerors, both looked for a first good performance by such hurlers as Vic Raschi, Don Newcombe, Ralph Branca, and Allie Reynolds. The Boston Red Sox have a sore armed brigade, with left hander Charley Stobbs as the chief casualty. Stobbs won 11 games last year. Maurice McDermott, touted all winter as the next Lefty Grove, has issued more bashes on balls this spring than a control pitcher gives up in a season.

The St. Louis Cardinals have the pitching, but no one hits. Stan Musial is not an early season hitter, and nobody is taking up his slack. Billy Southworth's Braves have power in Sid Gordon and Willard Marshall, but lack pitching depth or a brilliant defense either in the infield or the outfield.

Easter Strong

That's how it goes through the league. Cleveland found power hitter Luke Easter, but they are still looking for Bobby Feller. Detroit is happy with Charley Keller, but the catching situation and support for Hal Newhauser still is not bright.

Cincinnati is probably the happiest team in the majors, followed closely by the Phillies. The Reds reeled off seven straight wins, and even a 14-2 dumping by the Yankees cannot dim their ardor. Performances by Ewell Blackwell, Kent Peterson, and Harry Pierkowski, presage some fine Cincinnati pitching.

Homers Frequent

The Phils have been tearing

Spring Football Sees Good Men

Jim Aiken's spring football practice rolled into its second session yesterday. Surprisingly enough, there was not too great a drop in attendance at the turf-tearing class.

Last fall's regular defensive line backing team of Dick Patrick and Dick Daugherty hasn't fallen down a bit from last season's performance standards. The two stalwarts refused to be moved by slashing line plays.

In the offensive fullback spot, Big Carl Ervin showed himself as a strong contender for the heavy spot in the backfield. Coach Aiken said after practice that Chuck Misfeldt, now working out with Bill Bowerman's track team, will be a possibility for the fullback position next fall.

And at the end positions, Jake Williams and Emery Barnes, also ex-Frosh players, drew some attention. Williams, now under the tu-

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down Florida fences. Ed Waitkus is fully recovered from his Chicago episode of last summer. Dick Whitman provides the club with the extra outfielder they have always needed. Ashburn, Ennis, Hollmig, and "Puddinhead" Jones are driving home the runs. Russ Meyer, Simmons, Roberts, and Heintzelman are a pitching order that (don't laugh) could wheel the Philadelphians right into a World Series.

Leo Durocher, starting on the northward swing from Arizona, is beginning to wonder as to who got the best out of that trade with the Braves this winter. He also would like to know who is going to give the excellent-appearing Sheldon Jones some support on the mound.

Mack Puzzled

Even ageless Connie Mack has a pile of questions. Why is Pitcher Lou Brissie good one outing, and bad the next? What is wrong with Phil Marchildon? Can his club continue winning most of their games by one run? It's enough to change even the color of Mr. Mack's hair.

Things like these will probably be coming up and leaving us right on through the opening round of games, and on into the campaign. The baseball wars are a constantly changing panorama; one day can make a contender an also ran. It's times like those that make following the game so darn interesting for the fans, and so blood curdling for the guy they call the manager.

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Cindermen to Face Time Clock Today

Top Scores Feature IM Nine Action

By CLYDE FAHLMAN

The sun glowed but their was no joy in scorekeeperville as ostentatious, "loaded" scores featured play in IM softball action.

Beta Theta Pi, Sigma Phi Epsilon, Sigma Hall, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Phi Gamma Delta, and Stan Ray Hall posted opening round victories.

Forfeits Occur

Sigma Hall and Sigma Alpha Epsilon tallied mythical "7-0" victories when Sederstrom and Yeomen failed to field nines.

Best game of the afternoon was the Phi Sig-Sig Ep hook-up, the latter crew winning 4-0.

Phi Sigs Blanked

Although the Phi Sigs scored three runs in the top half of the final inning they were not officially counted because of an intramural ruling, stating in effect, that no "half-innings" will be counted in the scoring. The Sig Eps did not come to bat in the final inning because of the one hour time limit.

Action started out slow and easy: no ruff puffs, only draws. Both teams loaded the bases in the initial inning, but this was the extent of the cycle.

Sig Eps Rally

After the Phi Sigs 1-2-3 in the first half of the second inning Sig Ep Rex Young walked, moved to second on a passed ball, took third on a ground-out and scored the first run on Mert Meeker's fly-out.

In the Sig Ep half of the third inning Bart Cross walked, and Jim Ekston doubled to right-center field; Dommie Provost made it three runs with a long four bag blow to left field. This was the extent of scoring "officially" speaking.

Late Rally

However, in the top half of the sixth inning Russ Hawk, Jerry Kelly, Darrell Thompson, and Bill Mickelson rapped out sharp singles to tally three runs.

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Time and distance trials to determine the respective entries in the various events are scheduled for 2 p.m. today as head track coach Bill Bowerman continues to prepare his Webfoot thinclads for the Oregon-Oregon State relays Saturday.

Workouts Tough

Heavy workouts on the grass were the order of the day yesterday as the Duck mentor added the finishing touches to his touches to his charges before sending them to the starting blocks for their tests against the clock. This will be the final rough conditioning drill that the cinderman will undergo before facing the invading Beavers this weekend on Hayward Field.

On the basis of their pre-season performances, Oregon's Mutt and Jeff combination of vaulter George Rasmussen and sprinter Davey Henthorne look to be the foundation from which Bowerman will construct his team. Both men have already turned in midseason exhibitions of their skill as they return to the Duck camp for their fourth varsity track letter.

Stars Pushed

However, both Rasmussen and the piston-legged Henthorne will be pressed closely for their supreme positions. Don Pickens and Lloyd Hickok will continue to force Rasmussen to greater heights, while Henthorne is faced with two very formidable foes in Bill Fell and Albie Bullier. Fell, a transfer from Compton, California, Junior College, ran against such internationally recognized stars as Mel Patton, Lloyd La Beach, and Herb McKenley last spring, but his potentialities this year remains a mystery.

Eligibility forms for the track squad were received yesterday by Orlando Hollis, dean of the law school and Oregon representative of the Pacific Coast Conference, but he hasn't had time to study the report from the Registrar's office.

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