

Duck Baseballers Blast OSC, 5-3

Beaver Miscues Aid Webfoot Nine

Oregon got off to a good start in their baseball opener Thursday afternoon as they capitalized on some costly Oregon State errors to down the Beavers, 5-3, at Howe field.

Trailing by a 3-0 score in the bottom half of the fourth inning Don Kirsch's Webfoots tallied four unearned runs off OSC chucker, Al Guidotti, and eventually this proved to be the ball game for the visiting nine.

The Beavers made three miscues in the weird fourth frame and Oregon, playing very alert baseball, cashed in on every one of them.

Ducks Load Bases

Right-fielder Bob Wagner started the fourth with sharp single to center. First-baseman Dick Schlosstein followed this up with another one-baser down the left-field line and when third-sacker Pete Williams beat out a bunt, the Ducks had the bases loaded with no one out.

Then is when the fireworks began. Guidotti settled down considerably in his hurling and forced Jimmy Johnson to hit a weak roller to third base. Irv Heinrich fielded the ball cleanly for the Beavers and threw it home in hopes of nipping Wagner at the plate. But catcher Jack Stephenson let the ball get away from him and Wagner scored unmolested. Seeing the horsehide bounding away from Stephenson, Schlos-

stein saw a chance to tally also and he immediately tore down the base-line.

Wild Throw

Stephenson chased down the ball and appeared to have Schlosstein trapped, what with only a short throw to Heinrich, covering home, to make. But the little Beaver catcher threw the ball over Heinrich's head and Schlosstein crossed the dish with the second Duck run and Williams followed him in with the third and tying marker.

All in all, Stephenson picked up two errors on the play and Oregon scored three unearned runs.

After this few wild minutes of action the game settled down somewhat. But not for long. After Guidotti had fanned Neil Marlett for the first out of the frame and forced pitcher Bill Blodgett to roll out for the second, Heinrich muffed George Shaw's grounder and Johnson scored from second base. This put the Ducks ahead 4-3 and they never relinquished the lead.

The final Oregon counter came in the fifth inning when Marlett's long single to center scored John-

son all the way from first base.

Oregon State scored their three runs in three consecutive innings, the second, third, and fourth. Dick Isbell's base knock in the second frame brought in Chuck Fisk from second with the initial marker of the tussle.

Exley Homers

In the third inning center-fielder Jerry Exley teed off on one of Blodgett's fast balls and smashed it over the left field embankment for a home run and the Orangenmen's second score.

The final Beaver tally came in Ruggles troled and scored on an outfield fly.

Pitching duties for the winning Ducks were divided between Blodgett and southpaw flinger, Trenton Hulls. Blodgett received credit for the victory after hurling the first five innings. He gave up all five of the OSC hits and all of the runs.

Hull Pitches Well

Hulls, who came on in the sixth inning, shut the Beavers out the

rest of the way without a hit or a run. Although he walked several men, Hulls seemed to have complete mastery over the OSC batters as far as hitting was concerned.

Longest hit of the day for the Ducks was delivered by Shaw in the very first inning. He pounded a long triple over the right-fielder's head on Guidotti's first pitch of the game.

The Ducks travel to Portland this afternoon, Friday, for a game

Hill Likes Webfoots

Jess Hill, Southern California football coach, stated recently in a press interview that he thought that Oregon and California would be the teams to watch in the 1954 Pacific Coast Conference football season.

Hill said that both teams have many veterans back and because of this they will both be tough to beat.

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with the Portland Pilots. On Saturday the Webfoots will also be in the "Rose City" for an engagement with Lewis and Clark College.

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Exley, m	3	1	1	0
Dean, lb	4	0	0	0
Fisk, 2b	3	1	1	0
Ruggles, 1	2	1	1	0
Isbell, r	3	0	1	0
Stephenson, c	3	0	1	2
Guidotti, p	2	0	0	0
Wilson, p	1	0	0	0
Weaver, r	1	0	0	0
Withrow, l	1	0	0	0
*Vlastelica	1	0	0	0
x-Pinion	1	0	0	0
	31	3	5	4

Oregon (5)	B	R	H	E
Shaw, m	5	0	1	0
Keller, ss	4	0	0	0
Averill, 1	3	0	0	0
Wagner, r	3	1	1	0
Schlosstein, lb	4	1	1	0
Williams, 3	4	1	1	0
Johnson, 2	3	2	1	0
Marlett, c	2	0	1	1
Blodgett, p	3	0	1	0
Huls, p	0	0	0	0
	32	5	7	1

*-Batted for Wilson in ninth.
 x-Batted for Heinrich in ninth.
 HR-Exley.
 3B-Shaw, Ruggles.
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