

Southern Cal Confident Of Nebraska Jaunt

(Ed. Note—This is the second in a series of three articles giving a preview of baseball teams opposing the University of Oregon in the coming NCAA baseball tournament at Howe field.)

Southern California's confident Trojans will move onto Howe field Friday afternoon to play the Fresno State Spartans in the team's first game of the Western Regional tourney and if things go as they plan they will literally chase the Spartans right off the field.

In fact USC considers itself just about a shoo-in to win the play-offs at Eugene and earn themselves an automatic trip to the national finals at Omaha, the following weekend.

In a phone call with Athletic News Director Art Litchman, H. D. Thoreau, SC's sports news head man, had the following words to say about the Trojan team: "We will do all right at Omaha because we have five good pitchers who can carry the hurling chores on their shoulders through the heavy slate of games."

Trojans Cocky

As can be seen from these words, the Trojans don't consider the regionals to be much of an obstacle. USC plans on making Eugene only a temporary stopover on their way to the national finals at Omaha.

A look at the Southern Cal roster gives one the idea that they may be able to back up their confidence with winning action on the diamond. The Trojans in 40 games this season, have come up with 27 victories against 13 losses. Some of their defeats have come at the hands of some of the top professional teams in the country.

Southern Cal comes to the tourney representing the California Intercollegiate Baseball association with a 11 won and five lost record in league action. The men of Troy also won the Southern Division title with an eight and four mark.

Good Pitchers

Their pitching staff is one that any coach in the nation would be overjoyed to have on hand. The Trojans have relied on three hurlers for most of the workhorse duties. Maryt Zuanich, who is scheduled to open on the hill against Fresno State, has a 7-2 record. Zuanich has given up only 21 walks and has an earned run average of 2.13 to show the tremendous amount of control he possesses.

Slated to pitch the second tourney game for the Trojans is Vic Lapiner who, with action in 18 games under his belt, has been the most used USC pitcher on the team. Lapiner has won eight games and lost three. Ralph Pausig, a basketball star for his school during the winter months, will probably get the pitching call in the third playoff tussle. Pausig, another control specialist, has a 6-2 record and only a week ago clinched the SD crown for the Trojans with a win over UCLA. Pausig has given up only 16 bases

Students Must Pay For Playoff Games

Oregon students will have to pay admission prices for the Region eight National Collegiate Athletic association playoff games this weekend.

NCAA policy forbids acceptance of free students tickets for admission, according to word received by Art Litchman, director of the University's Athletic News bureau earlier this week.

Prices for Friday's doubleheader and for the final games Monday will be \$1.50 for adults and 50 cents for students.

Saturday's tripleheader will cost \$2 for adults and 75 cents for students. Oregon will play Seattle university at 12:30 p. m. Friday and the Southern California-Fresno State college game will follow at 3:30 p. m.

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In addition to their three main pitchers, SC has several nice relief throwers who should be a big help. Jack Lovriche, 2-0; Eddie Allen, 2-3; and Rod Ristow, 1-1, have all been good firemen in games this year.

Mason Leading Hitter

Leading the team in hitting is outfielder Gerry Mason with a .338 average. Mason, playing in all the Trojan contests, has slapped out 47 hits in 139 times at bat. His blows include seven doubles, six triples and 11 home runs. His homer total far outdoes the output of round-trippers of any other member of the team. Mason's six triples are tops in that department, also.

Tony Santino, regular first-baseman, has a batting mark of .327 to hold the runner-up spot to Mason. Santino has hit safely 37 times in 113 tries including four doubles, one triple and a pair of home runs.

Important Football Meeting Thursday

Line coach, Vern Sterling, announced Tuesday afternoon that an important meeting would be held Thursday afternoon at McArthur court for all men planning on turning out for football next fall.

The meeting will begin at 4 o'clock and all squad members are urged to be prompt.

BATS .457

Forbes Takes Batting Title

Norm Forbes, Oregon pitcher and outfielder, hammered out eight hits in 15 times at bat in the Ducks' last four games of the regular season against Oregon State and as a result finished far ahead of his Webfoot teammates with a batting mark of .457.

Forbes, who specializes in hitting off of right-handed pitching, has slapped out 21 hits in 46 tries at the plate. Among his hits are three doubles, a triple and two home runs.

Second place among the batters is held by center-fielder George Shaw who has pounded out 27 hits in 83 times at bat for a batting average of .325. Shaw has five doubles, two triples and four home runs.

Most of the batters lost ground in the Beaver series but a few of the regulars gained considerably. Besides Forbes—Ron Phillips, Pete Williams and Jerry Ross. Phillips hit safely seven times in twelve tries against OSC to advance from .222 to .298. Williams, who has been climbing steadily for the past month, picked up five safeties in 17 tries to gain ten points from .246 to .256.

Ross Improves

Ross, batting 18 times against the Beavers, socked out five hits and increased his average from .265 to .269.

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Webfoot Batting

	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	Pct.
Norm Forbes	46	9	21	3	1	2	.457
Bill Blodgett	12	1	4	1	0	0	.333
Farrell Albright	3	2	1	0	0	0	.333
George Shaw	83	27	27	5	2	4	.325
Neal Marlett	78	16	24	1	1	3	.308
Ron Phillips	57	7	17	1	0	1	.298
Dick Schlosstein	89	13	26	5	2	2	.292
Bill Garner	7	0	2	0	0	0	.286
Jerry Ross	67	10	18	4	2	0	.269
John Keller	93	20	24	3	1	0	.258
Pete Williams	82	12	21	2	2	0	.256
Bob Wagner	43	10	11	3	0	1	.256
Gene Lewis	4	2	1	0	0	0	.250
Jim Johnson	71	11	16	3	1	0	.225
Trenton Huls	17	2	3	0	0	0	.176
Bernie Averill	32	3	4	0	0	1	.125
Don Hedgepeth	3	0	0	0	0	0	.000
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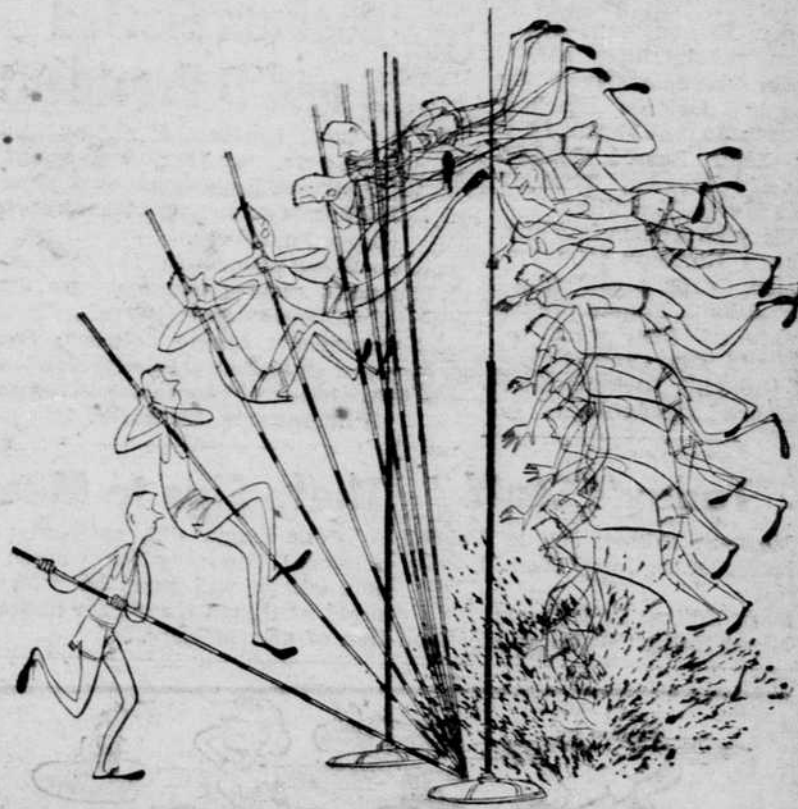
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