

# Ducks Win NCAA Regional Playoffs

## Williams Homer Decides Title Tilt

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Pete Williams, Norm Forbes and The Rain combined to give the Oregon Webfoots a 1-0 win over Fresno State Monday afternoon, and with it went a trip to the national NCAA baseball playoffs at Omaha, Neb., June 10-14.

Williams was responsible for the lone run of the game. He blasted a 355-foot home run over the left field fence in the third inning, while Forbes was shutting out the Fresno batters on three hits.

But it was the rain that finally insured the championship for the Ducks. The umpires were forced to call the game at the end of five innings after sprinkles, a heavy shower and finally a hailstorm turned the field into a paradise for anyone who wanted to make mud pies.

The Ducks, lightly regarded when the District 8 playoffs began on Howe field Friday, won the title in three straight games. They handed Seattle university the first of its two straight losses Friday afternoon with a 9-4 win, and then came back Saturday to beat Fresno State 9-5, setting the stage for Monday's game.

But Oregon wasn't the only team that provided upsets in the play-offs. The Bulldogs from Fresno shocked the highly-touted USC Trojans twice.

Fresno, aided by the five-hit pitching of Ted Wills and four USC errors, whipped the Trojans 9-3 Friday afternoon. Then, after USC had eliminated Seattle with a 9-0 win Saturday morning, Fresno sent the Trojans back to Los Angeles with a 7-4 afternoon win.

The second Bulldog victory was pitched by Jack Hannah, a strong-armed outfielder making his first pitching start of the season. He had a record of one win and two losses in relief appearances during the regular season. The Bulldogs were without the services of six members of their squad, including three of their top pitchers, who were ineligible under NCAA rules.

## Duck Nine Leaves Tuesday for Omaha

The University of Oregon baseball team will play the winner of District 7 in their first game of the NCAA's "College World Series" at Omaha, Neb., June 10. Defending NCAA Champion Wyoming, Colorado college and Arizona are currently battling it out for a berth in the tourney from that district and the winner will be decided late this week.

The Duck's game will be the second in the tournament and will be played at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. The time of their other games will not be determined until the first encounter is completed.

The tourney will have the eight top college baseball teams in country on hand. Oregon, Michigan State and Missouri are the only teams to have clinched spots in the play-offs to date.

The tournament will be a double elimination affair which will run for five consecutive days with the championship game to be played Monday, June 14. Each team will be assured of at least two games.

The Webfoot nine and their coach, Don Kirsch, will leave for Omaha next Tuesday morning and will remain in Omaha for the entire tournament, regardless of whether the team remains in action for the full five days.

which permit only three years of varsity competition.

Here is a rundown on the three games won by the Webfoots en route to the pennant:

### OREGON 9, SEATTLE 4

The Ducks had to come from behind to win the opening game of the playoffs. Seattle scored twice in the second inning on a walk, two singles and two long flies to the outfield to take the lead.

Oregon came back the following inning to blast four runs off Seattle hurler Johnny Kelly. Singles by Williams, Jerry Ross and Geo. Shaw and a triple by Pitcher Norm Forbes accounted for the runs. Two Seattle errors were also instrumental.

The Chieftains came back to tie up the game with single runs in the third and fifth innings, but Oregon broke the tie in the sixth and took a 5-4 lead when Shaw singled and Forbes doubled him home. Oregon added three insurance runs in the eighth and one more in the ninth to win going away.

Neal Marlett hit his fourth homer of the year, a 380-foot blast over the left field fence, to account for all three runs in the eighth. The single run in the ninth came when Jimmy Johnson walked, stole second, and scored on Ross' double.

### OREGON 9, FRESNO 5

The Ducks were never behind in the game after a wierd beginning which saw Oregon ahead 5-2 after an inning and a half. Oregon scored three runs in the top of

the first when Fresno pitcher, Rudy Garcia, walked the first three men to face him, got the cleanup hitter on a pop fly, and then walked in one run. Neal Marlett then singled to left, scoring two more.

The bottom of the first was just as bad. The first four Fresno hitters got on safely, and scored two runs on two hits, two errors and a walk before Trent Huls set the next three men down in order.

Oregon came charging back in their half of the second inning to score two more before Garcia got things under control. The big blow of the inning was Johnny Keller's two-run double.

Oregon scored single runs in the fifth and sixth to run the score to 7-2. The two teams added a total of five more runs in the eighth on two homers. Dick Schlosstein hit a two-run homer over the left field fence with Shaw on base in the top of the inning.

Huls set down the first two Fresno hitters in the inning, but Bill Pearson and J. D. Peterson both singled. At that point the rains came down and the umpires halted the game until the shower passed. Some of the fans weren't back into their seats after the downpour when Bob Phair caught Hul's first pitch and drove it over the hedge in right field, driving in three runs and ending the scoring.

### OREGON 1, FRESNO 0

Fresno came back after their first defeat by Oregon to eliminate USC and earn a second chance at the Ducks. Oregon won the title

in what was undoubtedly one of the wettest games ever played.

Williams blow which won the game was a smash into left field that cleared the fence by about three feet. Fresno outfielder Don Peralta went after the ball, knocked out a 20 foot section of the fence and knocked himself out in the process. He was revived and stayed in the game, however.

The game was halted twice, the first time for 15 minutes at the end of the first inning. The second time came at the end of the

fifth inning when a heavy shower suddenly turned into a hailstorm that sent fans and players rushing for cover. The umpires again held up the game, this time for about half an hour.

At the end of that time the umpires came out, inspected the field, and called another 25 minute delay to try to get the field back in shape. At the end of 25 minutes the umpires came out, looked at the field, and it started to rain again. They gave up and called the game.

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