

Duck Tracks

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Oregon baseball fans finally got a chance to see their team in action Wednesday when the Webfoots edged Lewis and Clark at Howe field. Coach Don Kirsch's club showed pretty fair hitting and fine defense. This was to be expected, as most of the lineup is composed of holdovers from last year's Far West champions.

But the nub of Oregon baseball for 1955 is pitching. The pitching could be "satisfactory" or terrible. It is an understatement to say that the loss of star righthander Norm Forbes through bursitis is a blow to Oregon's chances for a third consecutive Northern Division pennant. Forbes was the top pitcher in the league last year and was the wheelhorse of Kirsch's staff. Lefty Trent Huls, the other dependable starter last year, graduated.

Pitching Hinges on Forbes

So Kirsch must manufacture a mound staff out of last year's remnants and what sophomores he has. And meanwhile pray that Forbes' arm ailment will respond to treatment. Bill Blodgett, a big scowling righthander, stands out as the number one pitcher so far this year. Blodgett has looked very good at times in his two varsity seasons and has turned in two good performances so far this year.

He collaborated with lefthander Bill Garner in blanking Stanford 3-0 and shut out Portland 3-0 Tuesday on three singles. But he also dished up six walks and made 119 pitches over the seven-inning route. This averages 153 for nine innings, a very high total. Still, he had good stuff to get out of jams when he needed to. Garner, another letterman from last year, is counted on for heavy duty. The tall lefthander had good control against Portland, fanning nine and walking none in six innings.

After these two, the pitching is very uncertain. Terry Maddox, a soph from Medford, turned in some good work in California. John Lundell, Jim Lehl and Jack Nance, all sophomores, looked good against Lewis and Clark. Ev Stiles did better in California than he did against the Poneers.

Williams May Pitch

A possible starting pitcher is Pete Williams, a three-year infield letterman. Williams has pitched in three games for a total of four innings, and allowed no hits and no runs. But Williams is the top third baseman in the league. His defensive ability at third is sorely needed, but Kirsch may be forced to use him on the mound.

Outside of pitching, the rest of the lineup is very sound. Dick Schlosstein, the junior from Tacoma, holds down first adequately and wields a heavy bat. Jim Johnson is a steady performer at second and his hitting is greatly improved over last year. Against Lewis and Clark Johnson handled 12 chances cleanly afield and sparkled on the pivot on two double plays. The senior from Eugene also collected a pair of singles.

Williams, at third, has a great arm. His hitting is also coming around after a slow start. His batting average is .286. The fourth members of the veteran infield is Shortstop John Keller. Keller is an ideal leadoff man and a good glove performer.

George Shaw stands preeminent in the outfield. On his present hitting, he is a definite All-American candidate (he made third team last year). George is batting .449 and slugging .862.

Outfield Fight On

A number of players are fighting for the other two outfield spots. Jerry Ross is a good outfielder but his hitting hasn't been quite up to par. Jim Pingree, a sophomore, is hitting .333 and may take one of the spots. Bernie Averill, Bob Warner, Maddox and possibly Forbes are also in contention.

Catching is handled competently by 6'3", 195-pound Neal Marlett. Marlett hasn't found his batting eye yet, but is one of Kirsch's most dependable ball players. So actually prospects look quite bright. The Ducks should be up there all the way, and if Forbes' arm should come around, they would be in a position to cop all the marbles.

Philadelphia is the only city in the world with two sports arenas that each hold more than 100,000. The municipal stadium seats 105,000 and Franklin Field at the University of Pennsylvania holds about 100,000.

Joe Louis held the world's heavyweight boxing title longer than any man in history. The Brown Bomber was king of the ring from 1937-49.

The record distance for a baseball throw was set Aug. 23, 1953, by Outfielder Don Grate of Chattanooga in the American Association. The heave measured 443 feet, 3 1/2 inches.

Although the Cleveland Indians set a modern major league record by winning 111 games in 1954, the Chicago Cubs of 1906 holds the all-time record for wins with 116.

Ducks to Play Bearcat Team

Oregon's Ducks will be out for their fourth and fifth consecutive wins when they square off against Willamette university in a doubleheader today on Howe field. Starting time for the first game is 1:30 p.m.

Coach Don Kirsch has indicated that he will start hurlers Terry Maddox and Pete Williams. Andy George and Dan Feller will likely go for Coach John Lewis' Bearcats.

Saturday Oregon will travel to McMinnville for an afternoon doubleheader against Linfield. Roy Helser's club won the Northwest conference title last year and he has his entire pitching staff back.

Willamette finally got its season started Wednesday, losing 3-2 in 15 innings to Oregon State.

Probable first game starting lineups:

Oregon	Willamette
Keller, ss	Ziegelman, 2b
Ross, lf	Nelson, ss
Shaw, cf	Shugarts, cf
Schlosstein, 1b	Neffendorf, 3b
Averill, rf	McCallister, rf
Williams, 3b	Brown, 1b
Johnson, 2b	Patton, c
Marlett, c	Malcolm, rf
Maddox, p	George, p

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