

REMEMBER WHEN

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Remember the date, May 21, 1957? This was the day the Oregon Webfoots clinched the Northern Division Baseball Championships by playing Seattle University.

The Don Kirsch managed Ducks finally dropped the Chieftans 1-0 after collecting 17 hits in 14 innings. The Kirschmen left a total of 15 men on base in the first 13 innings.

It all started in the bottom of the first when the Duck's Pifer walked, Maddox singled and Pingree got on with an error. But the Seattle pitcher bore down and struck out Ellis Olson and Jerry Urness, to retire the side.

Opening inning sets trend

This seemed to set a trend because again in the second the Ducks threatened. Ron Whittaker singled and all-northern division outfielder Wimp Hastings doubled. Neither could score.

In the third, the Ducks once more loaded the bags only to have one of Seattle's three double plays end the inning.

Every inning after this, with the exception of the 13th, the Ducks had a man on base but could not find the RBI power to drive him in.

Duck hurlers tough

However, the Duck's superb pitching, one of the main factors that had put them in the lead in the Northern Division race, kept them in the ball game.

Kirsch used five hurlers in the long contest and only two or three times were the Chieftans close to scoring.

Ron Whittaker, Rollie Heath, Don Lane, and Stan Domochowsky each worked three innings, giving up between them a total of six safeties. Domochowsky quelled the only serious trouble, when in the eighth inning he picked two men off base.

As the game began to drag into extra innings, the rain began to fall, harder and harder. Not a fan left his seat though, as the exciting Ducks threatened all the time.

Chieftans threaten

Finally, in the top of the 14th inning the Chieftans began to make some hay. Pennington doubled off Webfoot third-baseman Jim Pifer's glove. Michaelson then hit the ball deep into right field for a hit. Urness picked up the ball and rifled it straight to the plate where Olson tagged Pennington in an extremely close call.

With a runner on first and two men out, hurler Denny Olsen gave two intentional walks to fill the bases. The threat was ended when catcher Doug Orr flew out to Terry Maddox in left.

The Webfoots came up in their half of the inning looking for blood. Wimp Hastings got on with a bunt single. Pifer then followed with another bunt which the third-baseman handled badly, leaving men on first and second. Maddox and Pingree then flew out to left field.

Ellis Olson walked calmly up to the plate and stroked a clean single to left, scoring Hastings and winning the game, 1-0.

How was it clinched?

The question still remains as to how the Ducks could clinch the Northern Division title playing Seattle, a team that is not even in the league.

It's very simple. On the same day, Washington University defeated Oregon State twice, knocking the second place Beavers out of the title and mathematically clinching it for the Ducks.

The final standings in the ND showed the league-leading Kirschmen with a 11-3 record. Far behind in second place were the Huskies with a 8-7 total. The Beavers were at 8-8, the Idaho Vandals were at 5-8, and Washington State brought up the tail end with a 5-11 record.

The Ducks were dropped however by California in the Pacific Coast Conference championship playoffs.

Spring football opens for 68 Webfoots

In other sections of the nation Spring is in the air and baseball season has begun, but on the University of Oregon campus the weather is autumn-like and footballs fill the air.

LEN CASANOVA greeted 68 men and 14 lettermen in the first day of spring football practice Monday.

The Oregon Duck football squad of 1960 will work four or five days a week through the next month, a total of 20 practices, and will wind up with a new innovation, an alumni-varsity game, May 14.

Besides the 14 lettermen on hand Casanova has, in his tenth year as Webfoot head mentor, a handful of reserves from last year, a promising group of sophomores from the strong 1959 Duckling team, and about a dozen others who are taking their first try at football here.

OUT OF these 68 men, Casanova must fill many holes left by graduation.

The only returning regulars are quarterback Dave Grosz, right guard Dave Urell, and right halfback Dave Grayson.

Non-regular lettermen returning include, Paul Bauge, Kent Peterson, and Len Burnett at end; Riley Mattson and Ron Anderson at tackle; Mike Rose, Al Weigel and George Luna at guard; Joe Clesceri at center; and quarterbacks Sandy Fraser and Dick Arbuckle.

SANDY FRASER was out of school last year, but played two years ago.

Missing from the group of lettermen in Spring practice is flashy halfback Cleveland Jones. He is expected back for the fall season.

Among the top transfers "Cas" welcomed are guard Bill Del Baggio from USC, end Bob Mautz of Harvard, and junior college backs Jib Josephson, Pete Holt, Ben Brown, John Polo, Bruce

Snyder, Chris Machado and Joe Sutton. Del Baggio, Mautz and Josephson worked with the varsity last fall.

THE CROP of sophomores moving up will also be counted on to provide much of the replacement strength. The outstanding rookies include Rich Dixon and

Jerry Fredizzi at end, Ron Snidow, Steve Barnett, and Ray Johnson at tackle, Mickey Ordning, Dennis Prozinski and Jim Anaya at guard, and Bill Swain at center.

Sophomore backs include Duane Cargill at fullback and Jack Shanley at halfback.



ARNOLD PALMER (right) gestures as he discusses final round of Masters Golf with Bobby Jones after winning by a single stroke at Augusta, Georgia. Palmer won with a 282. Jones is president of the Augusta National Golf Club.

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