

Who Won Game?—Nobody Knows

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Who won it? Nobody knows. Baseball fans who viewed the Northern Division opener between Oregon and Washington State Wednesday may have witnessed a baseball first, a game where no one won, as yet.

THE GAME, late to get under way, turned into one of the wildest contests in Webfoot diamond history. Pitchers on both clubs were hit by their own catchers attempting to throw down to second and a multitude of other incidents occurred.

Cougar Bob Stephens took one on the shoulder from WSU catcher John Olerud in the third, but managed to get out of the inning after one Webfoot tally.

Robbie Snow, Duck hurler, was hit on the chin by Webfoot backstop Ken Jensen.

THE CONTEST also featured a pinch runner for a pinch runner, and four close plays at the plate. The crowning touch was added in the eighth inning when the umpires called the game with the score tied 6-6 because of darkness.

The conflict arose over the tie score. Under the Northern Division rules, no rules are provided for a tie game called because of darkness.

Normal procedure would revert the game to the last complete inning played which would have given Oregon the game 6-4.

HOWEVER, the Northern Division does not provide any governing power to rule in such cases, and no one could seem to come up with a solution satisfactory to both sides.

The umpires tried, the coaches tried, and the athletic directors of both schools were consulted,

but they all drew a big blank. With a tight Northern Division race in the making, the game is a big one for both clubs. The Cougars contend that the game should be finished before today's second game of the twin slate.

ON THE OTHER hand, Don Kirsch, Webfoot coach, feels the game should be decided by the last complete inning.

The final decision will not be known until later today when the athletic directors try to come to some kind of agreement. Whatever the outcome, it will certainly be a game to remember. "This game set baseball back a long ways," commented coach Kirsch.

The Webfoots fashioned the first score of the game in the third on a single by John Livingston and two Cougar errors.

THE COUGARS evened the count in their half of the fourth on a pair of singles and a double. Ron Langhans lead off with a single and scored on a two-bagger by Olerud.

The Ducks cut off the Cougar rally with a pair of fine throws from the outfield nipping two WSU players at the plate.

In the fifth, the Ducks took the lead again behind the hitting of Don Banderas, Bob Porter, and Cal Dean. Banderas got on with a bunt single and moved to third on an error and a stolen base.

PORTER HUSTLED him home with a single, and Cal Dean topped off the inning with a blast over right-center fence.

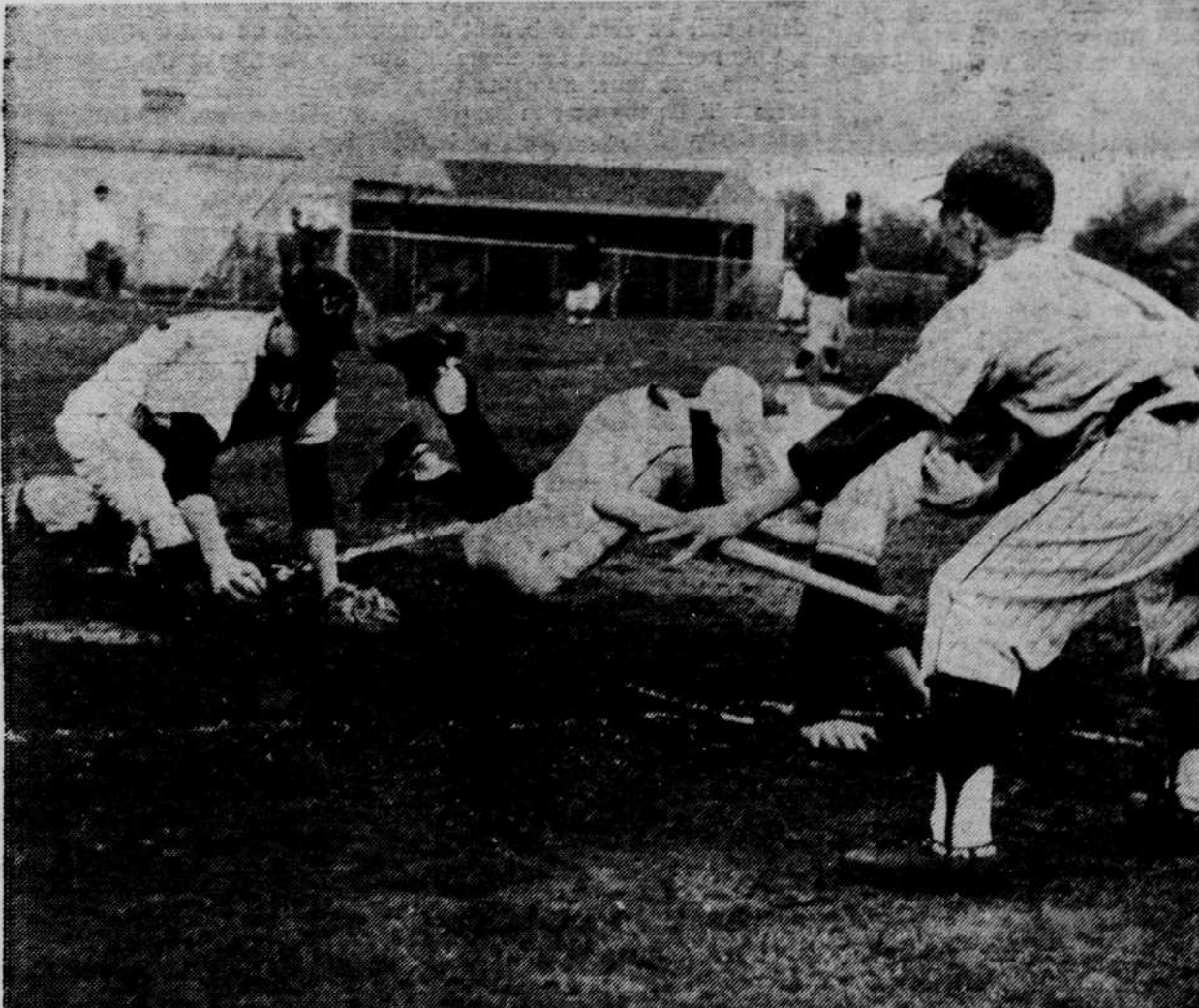
Not to be denied a win, the Cougars knotted the score in the seventh, quickly taking advantage of five Webfoot errors in the inning on a single by WSU hurler Bob Stephens.

The Ducks grabbed the lead in their half of the seventh on a pair

of walks and a triple by Jeff Allen. To set the stage for the classic conflict, the Cougars evened

the score on three singles and a wild pitch by relief pitcher Loyd Gallaher in the eighth.

Until the controversy is resolved, the starting time for today's game will not be known.



COUGAR CATCHER John Olerud was tagged out in this action at home plate by Oregon catcher Ken Jensen in Wednesday's Northern Division baseball opener between Washington State and Oregon. The two teams meet again today at Howe Field. Emerald Photo by John Buchner

WASHINGTON STATE pitcher Bob Stevens grimaces in pain after he was accidentally hit on the shoulder by ball thrown by WSU catcher John Olerud to second base. Unusual accident was first of many in Northern Division opener between Oregon and the Cougars.

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HUMPHREYS is a returning varsity letterman from Virginia and Ward is a highly touted California golfer who is playing No 1 man on the freshman golf squad. Humphreys fired a 73 over the rugged Eugene Country Club course and Ward a 76.

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