

Ducks Slam PSC Baseball Team

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For half an inning Wednesday it was a pitchers' duel at Howe field.

But after Oregon exploded for nine runs in its half of the first inning in a rain-caused makeup game with Portland State, the Viking hurlers could have just as well have called the whole thing off.

The Ducks added six more runs in three different innings after the initial outburst and wound up with a 15-4 win, their tenth victory against eight losses this

season. The win was also Oregon's eighth in a row and its second over the Viks in eight days.

After Duck pitcher Larry Hills held Portland State scoreless in the first stanza, Oregon blasted seven hits—six of which were for extra bases—past Viking pitching in its half of the inning.

And that was all, obviously, the Webfoots needed for the win. PSC coach Roy Love used three pitchers in the inning and the second hurler, Phil Barnekoff, suffered the loss, allowing five runs in two-thirds of an inning.

"That hitting was good to see," said Oregon coach Don Kirsch. "That's what I've been looking for all season—they're getting consistent now. I was real pleased."

Calling the Ducks power at the plate Wednesday "consistent" would probably have been an understatement.

The first seven batters reached base and two of the seven belted two extra base hits in the same inning.

Balderidge Doubles

Center fielder Dennis Baldrige opened the inning with a double down the left field line and shortstop Ron Delplanche followed with a home run over the right field fence at the 360-foot mark.

Two hits, five runs, two outs, and seven batters later, the duo repeated the act. Baldrige slammed a double into left center field that rolled to the fence and then Delplanche hit his second homer of the inning to about the same spot as before in right field.

Another Hit

That performance should have made any coach happy. But Baldrige had to carry this consistency thing a bit farther. For his next act, this time in the third inning, he lofted a Les Fahey pitch against the fence in right center, sending Ted Amato from first base home to score and winding up with a three-bagger.

Baldrige scored a minute later on an infield out when Delplanche hit a ground ball to the PSC second baseman Bill Heckman.

Kirsch used 18 players in the game, including four pitchers. Hills received the win, after pitching three innings and giving up one hit and now owns a 1-0 record.

Soph Hurlers

He was followed by Mike Snow, three innings and no hits, Mike Powers, one and two-thirds innings, three runs and three hits, and Joe Kniser, one and a third innings, one run and two hits.

All four are sophomores.

"That was Power's first assignment," said Kirsch. "He had a good chance to throw and see

what he could do; but it looked like he was tiring there at last.

"I thought Hills did a fine job," Kirsch added, "and Snow looked pretty good."

Oregon had a total of 15 hits and nine of those were for extra bases—two home runs, two triples and five doubles.

Delplanche finished with 25 and five rbis. Baldrige was 3-4 and knocked in three runs. Right fielder Dave Ehler was the third Duck to gain two hits, going 2-4 with a triple and one rbi.

George Vass scored the big hit for the Vikings, hitting Kniser's first pitch in the ninth over the left field fence. PSC shortstop Paul Johnson went 2-3 with a paid of doubles and three rbis.

EMERALD SPORTS

Oregon Track Dynasty Shows Strength in Distance Events

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There's no denying it. Nuns and priests in and around South Bend, Ind., will always recall fondly the Notre Dame football dynasty of the early 1900's. And CBS the pre-1965 Yankees.

But it should also be noted that whatever the sport on the collegiate scene, and however it is played, a certain segment of track-and-field has been dominated more by one school in the 12 years since 1954 than has any other form of sport.

That segment is distance-running. And the school is Oregon.

The dynasty ultimately brought the University six out of a possible nine NCAA mile championships in the years between 1954 and 1962, seven out of eleven three-mile championships from then until 1964, two out of four steeplechase crowns since 1961, and three of the last five NCAA 880 titles.

There is no denying that this record is impressive. But how it was done, where it was done and who did it makes it even more so.

Started with Dellinger

Probably the instigator of the whole thing was an unlikely-looking, blond and stocky Springfield High School graduate named Bill Dellinger who, in the spring of 1954, was just another "promising" Webfoot distance runner.

Just another "promising" runner until April 30, 1954. On that date he handed Idaho two-miler Lou Gourley his first loss of the season in the excellent time (as the Emerald reported a few days later) of 9:34.5.

The following week, the Emerald noted: "Bill Dellinger, the Ducks' promising sophomore mile, pulled an upset in his specialty when he nipped Bill Parnell, former WSC track star, at the tape in a very good 4:23.4."

But Dellinger was just beginning. In the next five weeks, he was to construct a string of memorable dates:



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• May 21—won the northern division mile with an all-time best of 4:19.4.

• May 29—sprinted from far behind to win the Pacific Coast Conference mile title in 4:14.8 (last lap was a record-breaking 56 seconds).

• June 19—passed nine runners on his final lap, including favorite Lewis Oliver of Army, to win by 50 yards and in 4:13.8 Oregon's first NCAA mile championship.

• June 26—broke the school mile record (4:12.2) set by Ralph Hill in 1930 and won the then-

annual PCC-Big 10 meet in 4:10.6.

After a first year like that, he might have expected to have the field all to himself the following year. But in 1955, the rapidly growing Oregon distance program was even overtaking Bill.

That was the spring after Roger Bannister cracked the four-minute mile barrier. John Landy of Australia had already lowered Bannister's mark and mile times all over the world were drastically improved.

Oregon was ready.

Enter Jim Bailey

Jim Bailey, a sophomore import from Australia, chased Dellinger out of the mile and into the two-mile with impressive clockings.

And with Ken Reiser, who took second in the NCAA two-mile the year before, also returning, there was—for the first time—talk of a Webfoot distance dynasty.

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