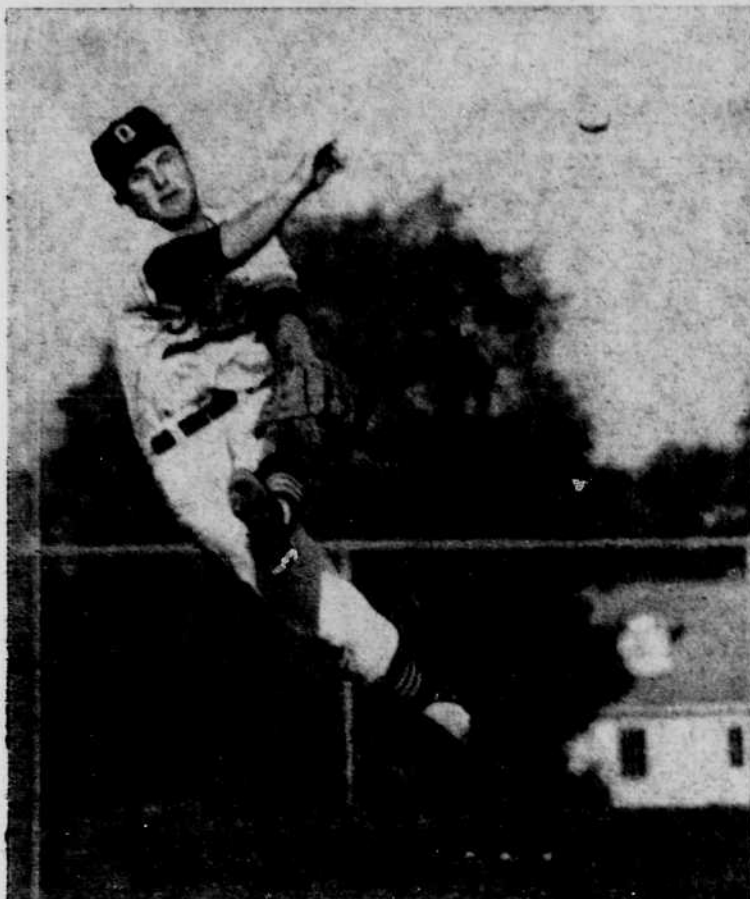


Diamond Team Loses Two to OSU



OREGON shortstop Ron Delplanche fires toward first base for a put out late in the first contest of the Duck-Oregon State diamond series Friday at Howe Field. Delplanche fell to the ground after the play and the Webfoots fell to the Beavers, 3-2.

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It was simply a case of not getting them when they were needed.

In Oregon's weekend baseball series with Oregon State, the Ducks came out on top in every category, except games won.

The Ducks out scored (10 to 9), out hit (24 to 14), and out homered (3 to 1) the Beavers, but still lost two of the three games.

OSU downed the Webfoots, 3-2, on Howe Field Friday, and the teams split a Saturday double-header at Coleman Field in Corvallis.

Oregon took the first game on OSU's home field, 5-2, but the Beavers came back to capture the finale, 4-3.

"We had a lot of opportunities in all the games, but we couldn't get the big hit when we needed it," stated Oregon coach Don Kirsch.

All three games were tight pitching battles with walks, sacrifices, and errors contributing largely to the scoring.

Errors Hurt Ducks

Unfortunately, Oregon also led by a wide margin in the error department, committing nine mis-cues while OSU made only two.

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"Errors hurt us quite a bit. We had a few defensive lapses," commented Kirsch.

These Webfoot errors gave the Beavers five unearned runs, enough to reverse the outcome of the series.

Friday's game went down to the wire with Oregon threatening to pull it out in the ninth.

Oregon State took advantage of a walk and a two-base error on a dropped fly ball to put the first two batters of the second inning in scoring position.

Junior outfielder Jim Skoog drove in one run with a single and another scored on a double play to give the Beavers a 2-0 lead.

Oregon got one run back in the fifth as Dennis Baldrige singled in Wayne Smith from third base.

With the help of another Webfoot error, OSU scored what proved to be the winning run in the seventh inning.

Olrich Homers

Six-foot, six-inch sophomore first baseman Carl Weide, who also was a member of Paul Valenti's PAC champion basketball team, reached base on an error by the Webfoot third-baseman.

Again Skoog provided the hitting power, doubling Weide home with a line shot to the left field fence.

Oregon threatened to catch the Beavers in the ninth. Sophomore third baseman Phil Olrich led off with a 320-foot home run to right. One out later, pinch hitter Steve Bunker rapped a sharp single to left and the Ducks had the tying run on base.

But OSU pitcher Jack Humphrey bore down and retired the top Duck hitters, Baldrige and Ron Delplanche, to end the game. "Our hitting was spotty," added Kirsch. "Several of the boys who should be hitting have not come around yet."

Humphrey, a junior right-hander from Portland, went all the way for his fifth win against one loss.

Ken Hadden, the starter, pitched five innings and was tagged with the loss. Jerry Gjesvold finished up for the Ducks.

"Hadden and Gjesvold pitched pretty well," praised Kirsch.

Ron, Dale Hit Shots

Home runs by Delplanche and Dale Ehler decided Saturday's opener in a hurry. Delplanche hit a solo shot in the first and Ehler smacked a two-run blast in the third.

Bunker doubled in the third and sixth to drive in one run and

score another.

OSU scored single runs in the fifth and sixth. Sophomore outfielder Geof Lankow, leading Beaver hitter at .420, drove in an unearned run in the fifth.

Darryl Summerfield, another hard-hitting sophomore outfielder, doubled to lead off the sixth, and junior catcher Bill Bonser singled him home.

Mike Nicksic, a sophomore left-hander, went the distance for Oregon, giving up two runs on six hits. He struck out six Beavers and allowed only one walk in gaining his second win against no losses.

Nicksic Shines

"I thought we had reasonable pitching," stated Kirsch. "I was worried about Oregon State's fine hitting, but our pitching kept them pretty well in check. Nicksic pitched well."

Beaver pitchers Tom Hobbs and Denny Tower walked six and struck out five. Hobbs was the loser.

Oregon State started out on the right foot in the final game of the series. Lankow singled, Summerfield walked, and Bonser slammed a 350-foot homer to right.

The Beavers got only one more hit in the game. Summerfield singled in the third, but was quickly erased in a doubleplay. OSU did, however, put together two walks, a sacrifice, and a costly Oregon error for a crucial run in the fifth.

Meanwhile, Oregon tallied once in each of the fourth, fifth, and sixth innings to cut the score to 4-3 going into the last inning.

The big blows were singles by Bunker, Smith, and Don Pooley, a double by Dick Ogan, and a triple by Baldrige.

Delplanche and Rich Armstrong hit back-to-back singles to open the last inning and moved into scoring position on a wild pitch.

But at this point, Leaver hurler Wayne Swango, who went all the way for the victory, settled down and retired the next three men in order to end the first series of the league season in OSU's favor.

"Of course, I'm always disappointed to lose a series to Oregon State," summed up Kirsch, "but there's still a long way to go this season."

Oregon hosts the University of Washington in a three-game series next Friday and Saturday at Howe Field.

Webfoots Top Cal, SJS

In typical Bill Bowerman fashion the Oregon Ducks were not awed by powerful San Jose State or potentially dangerous California Saturday, capturing two dual track and field meets and also nabbing the triangular action at Edwards Stadium on the Cal campus.

Many Ducks came up with their individual efforts or best times this season in whipping SJS, 67 - 64, in triangular competition. Cal garnered 50 counters.

In double dual computations the Ducks beat SJS, 80-65, and Cal, 78-67. The Spartans, led by their amazing sprinter, Tommy Smith, dumped Cal, 81-63.

For the Ducks, Neal Steinhauer and Wade Bell each won two events, Ken Moore finished with a first and second, and Bob Blum got a first and a third.

Brame Surprises

However, the real surprise was Herman Brame, the spindly-legged broad jumper and triple jumper. Brame gained two second places and provided the edge in the triangular competition that allowed the improving Ducks their narrow win.

Brame got a best of 22-8½ in the broad jump and then rested awhile before reeling off a 47-4¾ in the triple jump for his all-time best effort.

Brame led the charge of best performances as nine of Coach Bowerman's spikers ran, threw or jumped to best efforts under the very warm California sun. The heat did have its drawbacks though, as Bowerman conceded that the heat affected a few of his athletes.

Steinhauer, even though he did

not improve on his school records in the shot or the disc, worked for stadium records of 64-½ and 176-½. All of his fair shot-put efforts were over the 60-foot mark.

Bell won both the mile and the half-mile with times of 1:50.1 in the half and a last ditch 4:04.5 win over teammate Ken Moore in the mile. Moore ran second in 4:05.0 and Dave Wilbourn was fourth in 4:12.3.

All Oregon mile times were lifetime best efforts. And in the 880, sophomore ace Mike Crunican from Roseburg reeled of his all-time fastest with a flashy 1:51.8.

Blum 440 Best

Blum continued the assault with a 14.0 clocking in the 120 highs to tie with Paul Kerry, the NCAA champion from 1965, for the best mark on the coast and one of the best in the nation this spring.

Right behind Blum was Lou

IM Schedule

Softball

- 3:50—North field, Alpha vs. Gano.
- South field, Thornton vs. Sherry Ross.
- Upper field, Mat Magnets vs. Boynton.
- 4:55—North field, Parsons vs. Burgess.
- South field, Theta Chi vs. Sigma Chi.
- Upper field, Phi Kappa Psi vs. Delta Upsilon.

Golf

Legal Eagles vs. Clark.

Tennis

4:00—Thornton vs. McAllister.

Kirtman of Cal, followed very closely by Ducks' Marcial Hunter and Paul Elliott.

Blum continued to another best effort of 53.5 for the 440 hurdles and took third in that event. California's Paddy McCrary won the event in a record shattering time of 51.9, also one of the best in the nation this year.

Other Duck winners included Bill Heikkila in the javelin with a toss of 212-11½ and Moore's 9:00.7 two-mile time.

Bob Williams turned in a clocking of 9:05.4 for his all-time best.

The meet's outstanding athlete, Tommy Smith of San Jose, took the 100, the 200, the broadjump, and anchored the winning 440 relay team and the second place mile relay quartet.

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