

Hardballers Set Cougar Series

Oregon's baseball team takes on the fourth best team in the nation this weekend when they travel to Pullman to meet the defending Northern Division champion Washington State Cougars.

This week's Associated Press poll rated the Cougars as the number four collegiate team in the nation, behind Southern California, Arizona State, and Florida State. WSU also received five first-place votes.

And, furthermore, the Cougars currently lead the Northern Division title race by one over second-place Oregon.

Entire Team Back

Washington State lost to the University of Idaho, 9-8, last Tuesday, to bring their record to 21-7, but still have basically the entire last year's championship team back.

"Of course, Washington State has a good ball club, since they are ranked fourth nationally," said Oregon coach Don Kirsch. "It's always tough to win in Pullman. Our work is cut out for us."

"I feel we must win two of the three to stay in the race," commented Kirsch. "Washington State is definitely in the driver's seat. They have only one more road series left, and will be at home for the other three."

Like WSU, Oregon also lost a game earlier in the week, falling to the University of Portland, 6-5, in Portland Tuesday.

Duck hitting continued to shine against the Pilots, as the team rapped out 13 safeties, including two doubles, a triple, and a home run.

Shortstop Don Delplanche led the attack with a double, triple, and a homer. His two-run shot in the seventh inning put the Ducks ahead, 4-3, but Portland came right back to take the lead again.

Portland tied the score in the bottom half of the seventh and put together four singles for the winning in the eighth.

A last-minute comeback attempted by Oregon fell just short of knotting the score in the ninth.

With two out, Scott Cress singled, Steve Bunker walked, and both advanced on a wild pitch. Dale Ehler singled to score Cress, but Pilot pitcher Tom Eder struck out the next batter to end the threat.

"A Few Mistakes"

Other hitting stars for Oregon were Ehler (3-4), Ted Amato (2-4), and pitcher Charles Hopkins (2-3).

Hopkins and Mike Powers, both sophomores, pitched for the Ducks.

"We made a few mistakes that we shouldn't have made at this point of the season," concluded Kirsch. "We experimented with the pitching, but didn't do too badly. Our fielding wasn't very good (the Ducks committed four errors)."

Duck Spikers Host WSU

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The Oregon track-and-field Ducks host Washington State in their second Hayward Field engagement in as many weeks this Saturday, beginning at 1:15 p.m. for field events, and 2 p.m. for running events.

The Cougars boast many fine individuals but as a team will not compare to the powerful UCLA group that Oregon met last week. The Ducks should add the Cougars to their list of wins.

Mike Deibele, after running a 9.6 upset against Norm Jackson last week, will get another real test this Saturday: he faces two WSU runners who have gone below the 9.6 standard in Dick Hickman and Jim Johnson. Both Cougars have done 9.4 with Hickman's wind aided.

Van Dyk Gone

However, Deibele will be favored in the 220. He has a best of 21.2 compared to 21.8 for Hickman and 21.9 for Johnson.

The Ducks will again be without quarter-miler Jere Van Dyk who is out indefinitely with a possible case of mononucleosis, but still have Gordy Payne who has done 48.4. The Cougars will probably run Rick Van Zandt and Jack McCorkindale, who have run 47.9 and 49.2 respectively.

The Ducks have the class in the half mile with Mike Crunican (1:50.9), and Don Scott (1:50.8). The lone Cougar competitor has a relatively slow 1:52.3.

Duck coach Bill Bowerman hinted that Wade Bell will again

go in the mile and will likely face Chris Westman (4:09.8), and Gary Benson (4:13.2). This could be one of the feature events with Westman capable of close to a four-minute time.

Lindgren Also Out

The two mile was billed as one of the top events of the meet before Gerry Lindgren, who has been recovering from an acute case of the flu, was ruled out. Oregon's Ken Moore should win but Chris Westman, who has done 9:05.2 this spring, will push him.

Bob Blum, who has a best of 13.8, is the class of the high hurdles. The best marks by the Cougars are 15.0 and 15.1, by Dave Kessler and Bob Dally.

In the field competition, the Ducks are favored in all but three events. Washington State's Bob

Keppel and Jim Kolva have jumped 6-8 1/4 and 6-5 1/4 respectively in the high jump while Oregon's Bob Shephard has gone 6-4. Cougar Carl O'Donnell has done 232 1/2 in the javelin and will be favored there.

This leaves the field open for Neil Steinhauer in the shot and the discus, Bob Woodell and Herm Brame in the long jump, and Bob Varley in the pole vault.

In the relay events, the Ducks hold a slight edge in the 440 with a best of 41.4, while the Cougars are 42.1.

Washington State has run a 3:14.8 mile relay and could upset the Ducks who have a 3:13.8 best.

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