

Kirsch's Troops Slate UW Series

Oregon's diamondmen try to get back on the winning track this weekend as they travel to Seattle to challenge the rebounding University of Washington Huskies.

While the Ducks were losing three times to league-leading Washington State last weekend, Washington was in the process of dropping Oregon State three times in succession.

Coach Don Kirsch's Webfoots defeated the Huskies three times in the first meeting between the two teams, winning 4-2, 8-3, and 13-6.

When asked about the upcoming games, Kirsch shot back, "I hope we win them. Washington probably has confidence now, after sweeping the series with Oregon State last weekend. They have a good ball club.

Huskies Improve

"They hit right along with us," pointed out Kirsch. "Their pitching helped us win. Walks helped us considerably. They should be a lot tougher this time.

"We expect a tough series," he summarized.

In reference to last weekend's triple loss at Pullman, Kirsch stated: "Washington State broke open the first game with their hitting. We were in the other two, and could have won them both, but our errors killed us."

"We hit well, but couldn't get enough hits with men on base." Washington State now holds a commanding lead in the conference. The Cougars, fourth-ranked nationally, have won eight and lost only one in league competition. Oregon and Washington are tied for second at 4-5, and Oregon State is in the cellar with a 2-7 record.

"Must Win All"

"WSU is in good shape now," stated Kirsch. "They have only one more road series left. That one is against us here. I feel we will have to win all our remaining games to have a chance at the title."

After 29 games, junior center fielder Dennis Baldrige continues to lead the Duck regulars in batting, hitting opposing pitchers for a .396 percentage.

Baldrige also leads in doubles with seven, and has three triples, six stolen bases, and 20 RBIs. He has scored 34 times in 96

trips to the plate.

Junior shortstop Ron Delplanche is the number two hitter. Delplanche, who bats behind lead-off batter Baldrige, is currently averaging .345, while driving in 24 runs on seven home runs, five doubles, and two triples.

Veteran catcher Dale Ehler has taken over the RBI leadership with 26, and is the third ranking hitter at .323. He has rapped four home runs and three triples.

Cress Hitting Hard

Ted Amato, sophomore second sacker, is averaging an even .300, and outfielder Steve Bunker, who doubles as an end on Len Casanova's football team, has a .293 average.

Bunker, incidentally, will not make the trip to Seattle, due to a sudden case of the flu. Sophomore Ted Novack will make the trip in his place.

The most rapid improvement on the team has come from another footballer—sophomore first baseman Scott Cress. Several weeks ago Cress reached a low of .143. Then he found his eye and started hitting. Today he is sporting a .275 average and leads the team in bases on balls with 20.

As a team, the Ducks have raised their batting average to a good .290, as compared to .245 for their opponents.

Starting pitchers for this weekend's games will be Mike Nicksic (3-1, 3.42), Jerry Gjesvold (2-2, 2.70), and Ken Hadden (3-3 3.96). Nicksic and Gjesvold are sophomores, while Hadden is the only senior on the mound staff.

After this weekend, Oregon will face Oregon State three times next week and will close out the season with the second series against Washington State.

Frosh Spikers Triumph

The frosh track team, paced by Roscoe Divine's 1:52 half mile, rolled over an outmanned Clark Junior College team, 104-38, yesterday afternoon on Hayward Field.

The frosh shut out Clark in six events in recording their second straight dual meet victory.

Divine missed breaking Dyrrol Burleson's freshman 880 record by four-tenths of a second in leading an Oregon sweep of that event.

Dave Durant and Jim Johnson were the top frosh point getters. Durant took the 120 high hurdles in 14.6 and doubled back to win the 440 intermediates while Johnson doubled in the broad jump with a leap of 23-4, and

the triple jump, 43-1, Oregon placed one, two, three in the high hurdles, broad jump, and triple jump.

Tom Morrow took the two-mile event in 9:19 while Hal Jackson won the mile in 4:16.7, edging out John Woodward who was timed in 4:19.6.

Johnson and Bob Barclay, running the third and fourth legs of the mile relay, helped the frosh come from behind to win in 3:55.

Al Tuttle and Larry Sanguras gave the frosh a sweep in the high jump, while Bob Bauer and Barclay finished one-two in the 440.

Dan Houghlum won the shot put with a toss of 50 - 8 1/2, and Charles Mitchell took the discus with a 128-8 heave.

Larry Strutz doubled for Clark, taking both the 100 and 220-yard dashes. The winning time in the

100 was 11.5, due to the fact that an official's mistake made the race measure out to 115 yards.

The frosh 440 relay team, which won handily, was disqualified for an illegal baton pass. The pole-vault and javelin were the only other two events in which the Clark athletes were victorious. The winning javelin toss was 101-10, while the pole vault was won in 13-8.

Swimmers Travel

Oregon swimming coach Don Van Rossen will take 15 of his better swimmers—freshman and varsity—to Vancouver, B.C. for the Vancouver Amateur Swimming Club's Northwest International Open and Age Group Swimming and Diving Meet, Saturday and Sunday.

Ruggers Slate Corvallis Game

About 19 rugby players from Oregon and Oregon State Universities will join ranks Saturday at Corvallis for an exhibition game against a group of British Columbia all-stars.

This game is the second in a series of four to determine which of the players will compete in the state of Oregon's first international rugby tour to England and Wales later this summer.

The 50 candidates for the trip have been divided into several groups of about 15 men each. Each group will participate in a game, after which team selections will be made. Eventually 30 players will make the trip.

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