

Hardballers Sweep Series from OSU

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Coach Don Kirsch's baseball team claimed second place in the Northern Division Saturday after sweeping an exciting weekend series from Oregon State.

The Ducks first won in a slugger's donnybrook at Corvallis Friday, 9-8, and then returned home to edge the Beavers in two outstanding pitching duels Saturday, 4-0 and 2-1.

The series—final one of the season for both teams—had everything for the fans—from record breaking home run hitting to a spectacular catch by Steve Bunker that pulled Saturday's second game out of the fire.

After starting out as if it were to be a shutout battle between Webfoot pitcher Ken Hadden and Beaver Jack Humphrey, the opening game did an abrupt about-face.

DUCKS HIT 4 STRAIGHT

Humphrey retired the first two Duck batters in the sixth before the roof fell in on him. That was when Ron Delplanche hit his eighth home run of the season. Dale Ehler followed with another solo shot, his fifth of the year. Steve Bunker then hit his second circuit swat, and Scott Cress contributed his fourth.

By the time Humphrey had gotten the final out, the Ducks had belted four consecutive home runs. This feat has been done only once in the major leagues . . . by the then Milwaukee Braves in 1961.

But the game was anything but over.

Oregon State rode home runs by Dave Heniges, Karl Weide, and Darryl Summerfield to six runs in the sixth and seventh innings to take a 6-5 lead into the eighth.

But the Ducks came back. Ehler slammed his sixth homer and Dick Ogan rapped his first to put Oregon back in the lead. The Beavers came back with a run in the bottom of the ninth to tie the game, 7-7.

CRESS SLAMS CRUCIAL HOMER

Cress took care of this situation with a two-run shot, his fifth of the year, in the top of the tenth.

Ron Boley hit a solo-shot in the Beaver half of the inning, but OSU fell one run short and Oregon won, 9-8.

Mike Nicksic pitched three innings in relief of Jerry Gjesvold, who relieved Hadden, and gained the victory, his fourth against three losses. Joe Kniser relieved Nicksic after Boley's homer and retired the last Beaver batter.

The total of 11 home runs by the two teams also equaled a major league record.

Saturday's games were different.

"The best pitching in a doubleheader that we got all season," said Kirsch.

KNISER FIRES SHUTOUT

Kniser went the distance for a nearly flawless victory in the seven inning first game. The sophomore right-hander scattered five hits and walked none while registering his fourth win against two losses.

Dennis Baldrige gave Kniser all the runs he needed in the third inning when he followed Wayne Smith's single with his fourth home run, a towering fly to left center.

Bunker and Bruce Robb contributed run-scoring singles that gave Oregon the final 4-0 margin.

The final game was the tightest of the series. Pitchers Wayne Swango of the Beavers and Charles Hopkins of the Ducks were locked in a tight battle when Karl Weide stepped up with one out in the Beaver fourth.

The OSU first baseman hit a long drive to deep center, but Baldrige leaped into the air and reached over the fence to deflect the ball back into the playing field and rob Weide of a home run.

BUNKER ROBS BEAVERS

But the big Beaver raced to third with a triple and scored moments later on a passed ball to break the scoring drought.

Swango held the Ducks in check until the sixth when Delplanche singled and Ehler hit the final Duck homer, and his seventh of the season. The swat also gave the hard-hitting senior the RBI championship (39).

Larry Hills relieved Hopkins in the sixth and gained the victory, his third against no losses. But he had help.

With one man on base in the seventh and final inning, OSU pinch hitter Tom Tracey sent a long drive to straightaway left field. However, Bunker, following Baldrige's earlier example, jumped and caught the ball a foot above the fence.

With Washington's loss to WSU, the wins clinched the Ducks second place in the Northern Division record. In addition, they took the season's series with Oregon State, four games to two. Oregon is 8-9 for the season.

"It's been a long season for us," Kirsch said afterwards. "But it's sure good to end it on a good note."

Bowing Out



A ROCKING CHAIR, a blanket and a grin symbolize the end of an era for Oregon State baseball. Ralph Coleman, who has coached the Beaver baseball teams for the past 36 years, retired following Saturday's Oregon-Oregon State doubleheader. The Ducks' victory did not dampen either his enthusiasm or the crowd's. Here, in special between-games ceremony, Coleman relaxes with a blanket and a rocking chair—given conjunctively to him by the Order of the "O" and the University Athletic Department.

Photo by Jim Chaskin

EMERALD SPORTS

Ducks Take Third In PAC Track Meet

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PALO ALTO (Special)—The UCLA Bruins thrashed defending champion Oregon and the rest of the AAWU schools in the track and field championships held Friday and Saturday at Stanford.

The Bruins amassed 80 points to 44 for runner-up USC, followed by the Ducks with 37, Stanford with 32, California 21, OSU 21, Washington State with 20, and Washington with 15.

Oregon jumped off to a nine point lead with a one-two finish in Friday's only final event, the 3,000 meter steeplechase. Ken Moore set a new meet and conference mark of 8:49.4 in that event while Bruce Mortenson thrilled the first day spectators with his last second heroics sweeping from fifth to second in the final 85 yards of the race to finish in 8:59.7.

The Bruins captured first and third in the 100 and 440. They swept the first three places in the 220, took both relays in meet record times, and in all captured spots in 16 of the 18 events.

In the 880, Oregon's Wade Bell failed to qualify in Friday's prelims when he boxed himself in near the finish.

The Trojans got outstanding performances from Dennis Carr and Dave Buck in that event. Carr ran one of the fastest 880s in the country with a 1:47.8 clocking, followed by Buck in 1:48.9. The Ducks' Mike Crunican finished fourth with an all-time best of 1:50.5.

The mile was a first-third finish for the Trojans as Bruce Bess set a meet mark of 4:02.4. Wade Bell of Oregon redeemed himself for his 880 effort with a second in 4:03.4.

The Ducks picked up points in the broad jump, shot, discus, javelin, mile, high hurdles, 880, intermediate hurdles, pole vault, and three mile run, to go with the steeple win.

Herm Brame was edged out by Washington's Dave Williams in the broad jump by a mere 3/4 inch. He did not place in the triple jump.

Neal Steinhauer, although off form, was able to set a new meet shot record of 63-8 3/4, erasing Dallas Long's mark by 1 1/2 inches. Steinhauer placed third in the discus with 177-11, behind SC's Gary Carlsen and Stanford's Bob Stoecker.

Bill Heikkila of the Ducks edged out UCLA's Jack Bonkrude by an inch in the javelin competition for fifth spot with a toss of 221-6. Bell was second in the mile with his all-time best clocking.

In the highs, Marcial Hunter of the Ducks finished fifth in 14.7 and Bob Blum last. However, in the 440 hurdles the Ducks got third and fifth when Dean Southam finished in 52.7 and John Buller ran in 54.0. Paddy McCrary of Cal was second but was disqualified.

Bob Varley was fifth in the pole vault with a leap of 15-0. He tied with Chuck Smith of Stanford and Eric Berge of UCLA but places were determined by fewer misses.

The three mile run was supposed to be the event of the meet with little Gerry Lindgren of WSU, the American record holder, and Oregon's Ken Moore present to push him.

Lindgren did win, but his time was well off the 12:53.0 record he set last week in Seattle. Geoff Pyne of UCLA snuck in ahead of Moore for second. Pyne followed Lindgren so closely that the WSU sophomore was "a little worried" and consequently didn't pay close attention to the lap times.

Lindgren's clocking of 13:12.8 was still the third fastest three-mile run by an American. And little Gerry has run both of those faster races. Pyne ran 13:20.6, and Moore, 13:26.2—both personal bests.



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