

Webfoots Sweep Pair On Van Wyck's Hit

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Jim Van Wyck's bloop single with two down in the seventh inning scored pinch-runner Jon Wheeler from third and lifted the Oregon Ducks to a come-from-behind 2-1 victory and a doubleheader sweep over the University of Portland at Howe Field Saturday.

Oregon won the first game 8-4 behind Scott Cress, who slugged his fourth homer, and Mike Nicksic, who recorded his fourth straight win.

The games, originally scheduled for Portland, had been moved to Eugene because of wet conditions on the Pilots' diamond.

Ducks Trail by Run

The Ducks trailed Portland by a run going into the final inning of the nightcap. Larry Hayes had given up an unearned run in the fifth, and things looked dim with the bottom half of the Webfoots line-up coming to bat in the seventh.

But Coach Don Kirsch sent five consecutive pinch-hitters to the plate and three of them came through with base hits. Colby Howe, who has been referred to by Kirsch as "Tanglefoot" because of his lack of speed, beat out an infield hit with one down. Rod Pitcher ran for Howe and streaked to third when Gary Schultz lined a single into right field.

The squeeze bunt signal was on as John Dye came to bat for catcher Steve Arnold, but when the left side of the infield closed in on the plate in anticipation of a bunt, Dye drilled a grass-cutter between second and short to tie the game.

Van Wyck Comes Through

Ron Malony, batting for Hayes, struck out, but Dave Heuberger walked on four straight pitches to load the bases. Van Wyck came through with his Texas Leaguer to right center, and the game was over.

The Pilots had picked up their only marker in the fourth, after Hayes had pitched perfect ball for the first three innings, on a walk, stolen base, throwing error and single by Terry Pollreis.

Hayes, who picked up his first decision of the season, gave up three hits, struck out nine and walked only two. His earned



Photo by Dean Brickey

JON WHEELER TAKES THIRD

Pinch-runner scored winning run moments later

run average in 24 2/3 innings is now 2.19.

Larry Hanson's first-inning double extended his hitting streak to eleven consecutive games. The shortstop-third baseman, PAC batting champion last season as a sophomore, is now hitting .328 after a slow start.

Nicksic Breezes

In the first game, the Ducks rapped out 10 hits, including three doubles and Cress' homer, and Nicksic struck out 10 while breezing to the 8-4 win.

Hits by Larry Hand and Hanson drove in single runs in the second and third innings, but Portland tied it up in the fourth when Nicksic loaded the bases on two walks and a hit batter, and losing hurler Dennis Denton drove a single into right center to score two runs.

Nicksic helped his own cause in the bottom of the inning when his double into deep center field followed a two-bagger by Schutz and put the Webfoots ahead to stay.

Three more Oregon runs crossed the plate in the fifth. Hanson and Cress (who went three for four) led off with center field singles and Hand walked to load the bases. Phil Olrich's

squeeze bunt single scored one run, shortstop Jim Berg's bobble allowed Cress to score, and a perfectly placed sacrifice bunt by Nicksic brought in the third.

Cress' homer, which capped the Duck scoring in the sixth, cleared the 360-foot mark in right field and came shortly after Van Wyck drove a double into deep left.

Van Wyck, a sophomore who finished his first afternoon of varsity action (he just emerged from a wrist cast) hitting three for six and turning in some fine plays in the field, was a replacement for regular infielder Roger Schiewe, who is out with a bad back. "He's a real good hustler," Kirsch said of Van Wyck.

Schiewe Hurt

Schiewe, who has a history of lower back problems, hurt himself about five days ago lifting a television set. "It's been worse the last couple of days," Kirsch commented. "He's wearing a corset now. We don't know if it's sacroiliac or vertebrae of what—but we expect him back before too long." Schiewe is leading hitter on the club at .342.

The Ducks, now 8-4-1 on the season, are in action again Tuesday when Linfield College travels to Eugene for a 1 p.m. doubleheader. Jon Wheeler and Fred Cardwell are scheduled to pitch.

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'No-Hit' Ducklings

Frosh Split Pair

By STAN HORTON
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The no-hit "disease" which struck down Oregon's varsity baseballers last week seems to be contagious.

The Oregon Frosh appeared to have a clear-cut case of this "sickness" Saturday as they managed only four hits (all doubles) in splitting a twinbill with Clark College.

Two Penguin pitchers limited the Ducklings to one hit in the opening game as Clark edged the Frosh, 2-1. Both squads went scoreless through three innings before Clark took the lead with single runs in the fourth and fifth frames.

Jim Grant and Tom Hannibal had a no-hitter going until the final inning when Rick Verhaeghe laced a pinch-hit double down the left-field line. He later scored on a groundout by Lew Merz to spoil Clark's hopes for a shutout. Hannibal got the win with Oregon hurler Alan Cockerill absorbing the loss.

Oregon was still weak at the bat in the second contest but took advantage of several wild pitches and two key Clark errors to take a 6-3 victory.

Both teams managed one score in the first inning—the

Ducklings were sparked by Gary Nall's hit—but a three-run outburst by the Ducklings in the third proved the difference. Three walks, two Clark errors and two wild pitches scored three runners for Oregon in the wild home half of the third. The Ducklings added insurance runs in the fourth and sixth frames, including back-to-back doubles by Bill Lawrence and Mary Peterson in the sixth.

Doug King went the distance for Oregon and picked up the win. He limited Clark batters to three hits while walking five and recording 11 strikeouts.

The Frosh used their speed on the basepaths to the utmost in the doubleheader as they stole eight bases including three by Peterson in the second game.

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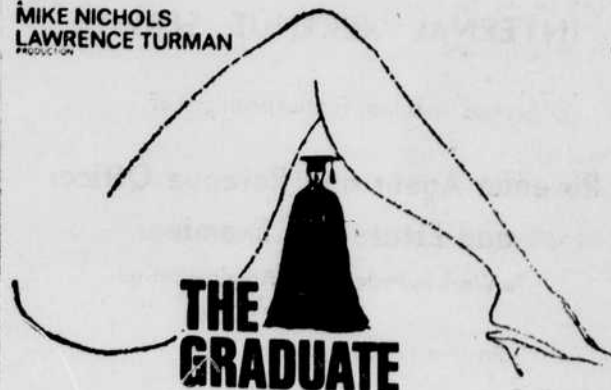
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