

Ducks Win, 5-4

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Colby Howe blasted a double to straightaway centerfield with two on in the bottom of the ninth inning Saturday to give Oregon a 5-4 Pacific-8 baseball victory over Oregon State.

Howe also slugged a three-run homer in the third in accounting for all but one of the Duck runs.

OSU struck first blood in the second inning when Tom Tracey hit a solo shot over the left-field wall off Oregon starter Jon Wheeler.

The Webfoots came back in the third with four runs to take a three-run lead.

With one out, Jim Van Wyck singled and Larry Hanson, extending his hitting streak to nine games, knocked a line-drive double off the leftfield fence, scoring Van Wyck.

Scott Cress singled, Hanson holding at third, and Howe followed with a tremendous shot to left center which easily cleared the fence near the 360 foot sign.

"I hit a curve ball," the Duck third baseman said, "that just kind of hung up there."

Beaver pitching ace Ken

Forsch, who took the brunt of the big Ducks' power, didn't last the inning, as Roger Schiewe and Bob Lindsay followed the second out with a walk and a base hit.

Southpaw Jerry Johnson came on to retire the side — in fact, he completely stymied Oregon until the eighth inning, not allowing a runner on base over four and one-third frames.

Meanwhile, the Corvallis club came back to tie the score. Tom Jones, second team All-Coast first baseman last year, hit a fifth inning round-tripper with Tim Gleason on base to bring the Beavers to within one.

In the eighth, Larry Rich reached first on a fielder's choice, stole second, and came home when left-handed third baseman Bob Beall lined a single to left.

Left-hander Mike Nicksic came on to pitch the ninth for the Ducks. He scattered a walk and infield single around three strikeouts. That set the stage for Howe's game-winner.

Johnson retired the first two batters he faced in the ninth, but Hanson, now hitting .364 for the season and .441 in league play, stroked a ground-ball single between third base and shortstop. John Dye, pinch-hitting for Cress, punched a sharp grounder over second base, Hanson holding at second.

Howe swung and missed the first pitch thrown by Johnson and fouled-off the second one. After two balls and another foul, he tore into the horsehide, sending it far over centerfielder Rich's head, all the way to the canvas in the deepest part of the park.

"That one was a fastball," Howe commented after the game. "I got behind him (Johnson), so I had to hang in there. Then I found the one I wanted, and hit it pretty good."

Nicksic was the winner in relief. His record is now 2-1 in conference, 7-1 overall.

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In 80-65 Loss to Beavers

Reverman Runs 1:48.8 880

You couldn't call it a track meet with a lot of outstanding individual performances, because it didn't have a lot of outstanding individual performances.

You can't even say that Oregon should have won it, because Oregon State had the meet in control most of the way.

All you can say is what people usually wind up saying after each Oregon dual meet track loss:

The Ducks lost it in the sprints and jumping events.

The Webfoots were outscored 45-5 in those events Saturday at Hayward Field as they fell to arch-rival Oregon State by an 80-65 score.

As anticipated, Oregon dominated all running events from the 440 up, with sophomore Jim Reverman turning in the best effort of the day in the 880. Add the pole vaulting and weights to that, and OSU is outscored 60-35. Unfortunately, track meets don't work that way.

Reverman Wins

Reverman raced around Hayward Field twice in a time of 1:48.8, steaming past the Beavers' Terry Thompson on the final 220, and finishing with one of the day's meager array of three meet records. Thompson was second in 1:49.0, and teammate John Lilly third in 1:49.1.

Reverman actually tied the meet record, set by the Ducks' Wade Bell last year.

Only two other records were set all day, both by Oregon State. The Beaver 440 relay team of Ernie Smith, Steve Davis, Don Parish and Willie Turner ran a 40.2, breaking the six-year-old Duck mark. Tim Vollmer hurled the discus 182-4, five inches better than the record set by Oregon's Neal Steinhauer last year.

Jim Sagle threw the javelin a lifetime best of 217-5 to claim an upset victory in that event over OSU's Tim Voth.

Oregon 1-2-3

The only other outstanding Oregon performance was in the two-mile, where Tom Morrow (8:49.8), Norm Trerise (8:51.3) and John Woodward (8:58.5) all strode across the finish, 1-2-3, in personal bests.

Gary Knoke was one of the meet's three double winners, and the only one for Oregon. Knoke put on a strong final surge in the 440 to win in 47.4, and came back in his best event, the 440 intermediate hurdles.

With 100 yards remaining in the intermediates, Knoke, who is co-Oregon record holder at 50.3, was lagging behind, last in the six-man field. All of a sudden he began to move, and it almost looked as if some invisible figure were pushing him over the last two sets of hurdles and across the finish line.

Frosh Lose Pair, OSU Ends Streak

Oregon's Frosh baseball team never should have travelled to Corvallis Saturday.

They had their five-game winning streak halted, as the Oregon State Rooks swept a doubleheader. But it was the scores of the games that really hurt — 15-3 and 8-0.

OSU opened scoring in the first game with a big 11-run first inning and the Frosh never got close.

Oregon used five pitchers in the course of the game, as the Rooks picked up 16 hits to the Ducklings' five.

Earle Wicklund and Mike Balkovich had two hits each for Oregon.

In the second game, Leo Edge set the Frosh down on only two hits — Rick Mealey's triple and Gary Nall's single.

Edge also ended Wicklund's hitting streak at 11 consecutive games, as the Frosh outfielder went 0-3.

The Frosh, now 14-5, will see action Tuesday at Howe Field in a non-counting game against the varsity.

He was clocked in 52.6, with OSU's Dick Evans second in 53.1 and Oregon's Bob Blum third at 53.3.

Blum had won the 120-yard high hurdles earlier, finishing in the excellent time of 13.9. Myron Johnson tied his personal best of 14.3 in placing third behind Don Parish of OSU.

Dave Wilborn and Arne Kvalheim, hands clasped and raised above their heads, crossed the finish together in the mile at 4:06.7. Wilborn was awarded first by a hair.

Bob Varley, Oregon pole vault record holder, pulled an upset in his specialty. Varley, whose best is 16-2½, went 15-6 this time, as did OSU's Dennis Phillips. But Phillips, OSU's best-ever at 17-1, had more misses at 15-6 than Varley.

Looking toward other events, Oregon was second and third in both the shot-put and discus, both times behind Vollmer.

Vollmer put the shot a personal best 54-8¼, with Bruce Schneider second in 54-5, and Zig Strauts third at 53-8¼. Strauts and Gary Bricher each hurled the discus 168-2, but Bricher was given second because he had a longer second-best toss.

Tommy Smith lost the long jump for the second time this year, to Charlier Olds of OSU. Olds leaped 24-5¼ to edge Smith by three-quarters of an inch.

Steve Stevenson leaped a personal best 46-1½ triple jump for the Ducks, but finished third behind George May and Olds.

As expected, the Beavers' Dick Fosbury led a 1-2-3 OSU sweep in the high jump. Back-flopper Fosbury cleared 6-10.

Mike Deibele was the only Duck able to break the Beaver monopoly on the sprints, as he ran the 220 in 21.8 to finish third. Willie Turner, OSU's sophomore superstar, ran the 100 in 9.4 and the 220 in 21.1.



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