

Ducks leave 10, fall to Beavers

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CORVALLIS (Special)—The Oregon Ducks came down with a bad case of LOBitis Monday afternoon.

"LOB," as the baseball fan knows, is jargon for "left on base." An excess number of LOB—anything approaching an average of one an inning—makes the coach shudder, because it means his team failed to take advantage of possible scoring situations.

Oregon Coach Mel Krause did a lot of shuddering when his Ducks opened their Pacific-8 Conference season against Oregon State.

The Webfoots left 10 runners stranded Monday—eight of them in the first five innings—and dropped a 4-2 decision to the Beavers.

Seven times, Oregon hitters came to bat with a runner in scoring position. Only once—when Earle Wicklund drilled a two-run, fourth inning double—did the Ducks respond in a productive manner.

Meanwhile, OSU pitcher Keith Gentz recovered from a rocky start and went the distance for the win. Gentz, a big righthander, gave up eight hits in the first four innings, but then settled down and surrendered only one base hit from that point on, a ninth inning bunt by Wicklund.

Oregon starter Alan Hardin went into the contest undefeated, but gave up a single run in the second innings, then was shelled from the mound in the fourth when the Beavers staged their decisive rally.

As so often happens, it was walks that led to Hardin's undoing. The Duck righthander walked only three, but all three

free passes were to leadoff hitters, and twice that leadoff hitter scored.

Both times, it was left fielder Doug Miller. Miller moved to third on Dave Hummel's single after walking to open the second, then tallied on a sacrifice fly by Mike Naylor.

In the fourth, Miller again walked to begin the frame. Hummel, who had four hits in as many at bats, singled him to third, then Mel Cuckovich and Mike Naylor followed with line-shot, run-scoring singles to overcome a 2-1 Duck edge and give OSU the lead for keeps.

Steve Greenough replaced Hardin on the mound after Naylor's hit, and he worked out of the inning without further damage. But he was touched for the final Beaver run in the fifth on singles by Jim Beall and Paul Doupe, and Miller's double play grounder.

Oregon had plenty of chances to score in the first three innings. Wicklund singled and stole second in the first, Don Knapp and Greg Brosterhous ripped back-to-back singles in the second, and Bill Lawrence doubled following a Gary Nall single in the third.

But until there were two out in the fourth, the Ducks couldn't show any runs for their efforts.

Brosterhous singled to right and Hardin followed with a bunt hit to start the Webfoot surge. Wicklund hit a fly ball to deep right, but the Beavers' Dave Wiggins started in on the ball, then watched as it sailed over his head for a double, scoring both runners.

Nall walked, but Dave Roberts flied out to end the inning. After that, Oregon didn't see another man in scoring position until the ninth.

OSU drop JV's twice; Ducks face OCE today

Sunday Coach Jim Dietz said "Even if this rain stops I imagine our game Monday will be cancelled because of wet grounds."

No such luck. Under cloudy but rainless skies and on a soggy but playable Howe Field, the Oregon State JV's dumped the Oregon JV's twice, 7-1 and 4-3.

While the Ducks outthit the Rooks 15 to 13 they also committed six errors to Oregon State's one miscue. Five of the bobbles came in the second game.

The first contest was scoreless through the first two innings but in the third the Rooks exploded for, or at least were handed, seven runs.

Oregon scored their lone run in the fifth when J.C. Massar singled across Bob Goettsch who had gotten on by beating out a drag bunt.



It was a rainy day for any trackmen. But that especially held true for sprinters. A sloppy Stevenson Track hampered Oregon's favored Albert Hearvey during the 100-yard dash event of Saturday's meet against Washington, and the Huskies' Bob Ballard won the race with a lunge at the finish line. Both runners were timed in a wind-aided 9.6. Oregon, which won the meet 85-60, hosts California this Saturday, with better weather expected.

Brosterhous reached first on an error to open the ninth. Pinch-hitter Mike Myers flied to center, but Wicklund laid down a perfect bunt to give the Ducks men at first and second with one out.

But Gentz got Nall to pop out, and Roberts grounded a shot to shortstop that OSU's Cuckovich fielded cleanly and fired to Hummel at first for the game's final out.

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