

Ducks get another split

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Of the Emerald

Linfield may be a small college, but it did a good job of convincing Oregon that it could play in the Pacific-8 as it split a double-header with the Ducks at Howe Field Tuesday.

Tom Maltman twirled a one-hitter as the Wildcats took the first game 4-1, and they led in the second game until Rob Closs's sacrifice fly capped a three-run Duck rally in the seventh inning gave the Ducks a 4-3 win.

"They're a good baseball team," said Oregon Coach Mel Krause of the defending Northwest Conference champions. "That's why we like to play them. But you can't make the mistakes we made against a team like that."

Duck mistakes went hand-in-hand with Maltman's pitching in the first game.

After Glen Gaboury scored on a

fielder's choice in the first inning, Jeff Cammann began Linfield's 11-hit assault on Oregon starter Brian Peterson (2-1).

After he singled and went to second on John Reinhardt's single to left, both runners moved up on a sacrifice. They both scored when Bob Aldrich's ground ball rolled between third baseman Don Heil's legs.

The Wildcats padded their lead to 3-1 in the fifth when Rod Ingram knocked in Jeff Akamine with a sacrifice fly to right, one of three sacrifice flies given up by Duck pitchers that day.

"Peterson didn't pitch smart at all," said Krause. "He put them up where they could hit them. When you have a man on third with less than two out you don't put it in fat city."

"On Ingram, he had an 0-2 count on him and he should have thrown him tight. But he threw it high and out and he knocked in a run."

After Linfield added a run in the sixth when catcher Ron Hollins overthrew first base to score Jeff Katter from second, Maltman still had a no-hitter.

With two out in the sixth, however, Closs picked on a curve ball and lined it to center for the Ducks' only hit.

Maltman relied primarily on a fast ball and slider, but Krause believed his Ducks helped him out a little.

"All day, we weren't selective on our pitches," he said. "He pitched well, but we made more mental errors in the first game than we have all year."

In the second game, it looked as if Linfield would sweep the Ducks on Oregon mistakes. It broke out to a 2-1 lead in the third when Ross Rutschmann walked, stole second, went to third on a wild pitch and scored on Mike Rex's sacrifice fly to center.

After the Wildcats tallied in the seventh to make it 3-1, Mike Connolly started Oregon's thunderous rally with a bloop single to right. Jeff Stanton doubled him in and went to third on Bob Niehaus' single. Paul Kirsch tied the game with a single up the middle and he and Niehaus advanced on Tim Reed's sacrifice.

After Glenn Gaboury was hit by a pitch, Closs lined a 1-2 change-up to center to score Niehaus with the winning run.

"We finally started swinging the bats and got some good pitches," said Krause. Mark Carnathan earned his second win.

The Ducks will take their 9-3 record to Salem today to face Willamette in a single game. Craig Fetzer (1-1) will start for Oregon.

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Jeff Sanders

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Lacrosse Club defeats Seattle

The University Lacrosse Club defeated the Seattle Lacrosse Club Saturday, 11-7, to avenge an earlier 16-8 loss to Seattle. The Ducks' next contest will be 1 p.m. Saturday, April 10 on the field at 18th and Agate.

Oarsmen nipped by Oregon State

Oregon's crew team was narrowly beaten by a squad from Oregon State in lightweight competition last weekend in the Dexter Invitational Regatta. OSU's winning time was 6:45.9, while the Oregon boat was clocked in 6:49.3

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Golfers win own tourney

Seven Oregon golfers finished among the top eight as the Ducks scored a combined team total of 1099 strokes to win their own Oregon Invitational. Oregon State was second with 1140, and the Duck second team was third with a total of 1148.

Jeff Sanders, with a 54-hole total of 213, was low man for Oregon, with teammates Peter Jacobsen (214), Scott Tuttle (222) and Steve Prugh (224) not far behind. Following Oregon's 1-2-3-4 sweep was Oregon State's Brad Carey (225), Duck freshman Guy Mount (225) and two other Webfoots, Don Wiggins (226) and Rod Livesay (226).

Oregon was ahead after the first day of competition at Eugene Country Club by 45 strokes with the final 18 being played at Creswell's Emerald Valley Golf Course.

Duck netters sweep SOSC

Oregon's tennis team upped their season record to 4-4 following a 9-0 victory over Southern Oregon State College at Eugene Tuesday afternoon.

SINGLES — Mike Jeung, UO, def. Rod Pray, SOSC, 6-1, 6-1; Steve Hard, UO, def. Ralph Van Delden, SOSC, 6-3, 6-4; Web Hayward, UO, def. Jeff Evans, SOSC, 6-2, 6-4; Jim Wilson, UO, def. Ron Heintz, SOSC, 6-2, 6-2; Tom Goldman, UO, def. Eric Sandrock, SOSC, 6-4, 6-1.
DOUBLES — Wilson, Hard, UO, def. Pray-Van Delden, SOSC, 7-6, 6-4; Goldman-Lizotte, UO, def. Evans-Sandrock, SOSC, 6-4, 7-6; LaMothe-Schauffer, UO, def. Zischke-Heintz, SOSC, 6-1, 6-1.

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