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McLaran's bat lifts Ducks

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Substitute Mike McLaran's two-out double in the 10th inning scored Steve Crum for the winning run in Oregon's 7-6 victory over Oregon College of Education Wednesday at Howe Field.

McLaran was one of six replacements inserted into the lineup in the fifth inning by coach Mel Krause, whose strategy of keeping everyone fresh paid off.

"In a game like this, my primary goal is to play everybody and keep everyone in condition. It's also an evaluation process. If I go with one guy for five innings and another for four, it gives the second guy a chance to play under pressure," said Krause.

The Ducks showed their need to improve their play in pressure situations as they committed two errors, made mental mistakes on the bases and were guilty of a few other misplays.

As has been its custom of late, Oregon took a quick lead in the game with two runs in the first two innings. Dean Hummel's RBI single gave the Ducks a 1-0 lead after one frame and Rick Moonitz singled in Kirk Cameron to make it 2-0 after two.

Again, the Ducks stayed with their normal pattern, allowing the Wolves to close within 2-1 and eventually gain a 5-2 lead with a four-run fifth inning.

The fifth was an inning Oregon pitcher Dan King would rather forget. OCE opened it with a double by Harold Lafountain which fell between Crum and McLaran. Ernie Delgado then smacked a



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Mike McLaran's 10th-inning double powered Oregon past OCE

two-run homer and the Wolves followed with three more line-drive hits. King looked as though he'd never get out of the inning until a batter's interference call helped him escape further damage.

Oregon answered the OCE uprising with a three-run fifth of its own. OCE hurlers Dana Salsbury and Bob McCue took most of the responsibility for the scoring by combining for three walks, a hit batter and a wild pitch.

The Ducks took a 6-5 lead in the sixth when Mike Black dou-

bled, stole third and scored on McCue's second wild pitch.

However, OCE tied it once more in the ninth, thanks to two Oregon errors and a bad throw by Mike Carr on an attempted pickoff at second base.

At this point, the Wolves had the bases loaded and no one out. But reliever Jim Givens got out of the jam when Mike Hutzler hit into a home-to-first double play and Rich Miller grounded out.

Next came McLaran's clutch double, and Givens (3-2) had himself a victory.

Softball squad enters tourney

Oregon's women's softball team enters a five-team field today at the California Invitational in Berkeley.

The Ducks, 5-6, face Sacramento State today at 8:30 a.m. to begin three days of round-robin competition. Oregon will also play Fresno State today at 12:30 p.m. Friday games are against San Francisco and Cal-Berkeley.

Three state champs sign with Oregon wrestlers

Three state-champion high school wrestlers signed letters of intent with the Ducks Wednesday.

The three, who represent the state's AAA, AA and A high schools, will add strength in the upper weight classes, said Oregon wrestling coach Ron Finley.

Keith Miller, from Gresham,

was the AAA high school champion at 191 pounds, boasting a 25-4 record last season. Charles Nutter, a senior at Oakridge, went undefeated last season to claim his second state crown at 168. Randy O'Shea, from Harrisburg, also went undefeated last season to claim the A 136 crown, adding it to his state title at 123 in 1980.

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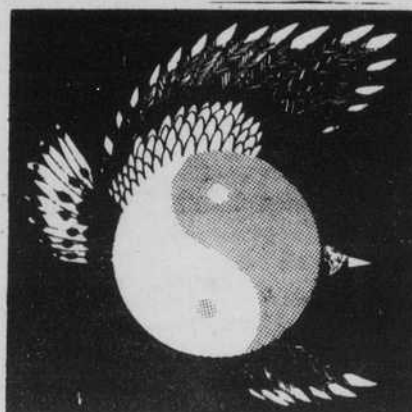
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