

Ducks snap losing streak

Oregon broke a four-game losing streak with a 5-3 win over Linfield at Howe Field Tuesday.

Pitching became the decisive factor for the Ducks as three hurlers scattered seven hits. Bill Gwinn (1-0) got the victory for Oregon despite allowing three hits and two runs in two innings of work.

The Ducks, now 14-13, looked sluggish through most of the game. They ran the bases poorly, failed to move runners over with sacrifice hits and left several men stranded on base in the early innings.

"I wasn't pleased with the number of mental mistakes we made," said Oregon coach Mel Krause.

Krause also was less than pleased with the Duck hitting attack, usually a strong point. "I was disappointed with our hitting the first four innings. We could have broken the game open several times and failed to get the clutch hit. We left seven men on base in four innings — you can't leave that many on."

The game began with both teams trading runs in the opening frame. The Wildcats jumped on top 1-0 by touching Dean Hummel for two singles and two walks. An inning-ending double play started by shortstop Rick Moonitz prevented further damage.

Oregon knotted the score in the bottom of the inning when Steve Crum hit a fastball from Casey Schaefer over the right-field fence for his 10th home run of the year.

Eric Martinez' squeeze bunt scored Mike Carr to make it 2-1 Oregon after four innings, but the Ducks fell behind 3-2 in the sixth when the Wildcats sandwiched a double and a single around two walks. The runs came off Gwinn, who had replaced Hummel an inning before, and ruined Hummel's chance for his first win of



Photo by Steve Dykes

Mike Carr (10) crosses the plate for the tying run in the sixth inning. Steve Crum followed moments later for the winning run.

the year.

"Hummel pitched better than he has been in the past, but he still wasn't throwing free and easy. He was still aiming the ball," said Krause.

Oregon erased the 3-2 deficit in the bottom of the sixth when Martinez, who had three runs batted in on the day, singled home Carr and Crum to forge a 4-3 lead.

An error by Wildcat third baseman Pete Weymiller allowed

Mike McLaran to score an insurance run for the Ducks in the seventh inning, and Dean Kegler set down Linfield in order the next two innings to seal the win.

Oregon now travels to Skavone Field in Portland for a 2:30 p.m. game today against Lewis and Clark College. The Ducks have already beaten the Pioneers once this year by a 6-0 score.

By Doug Levy

Softballers win two from OCE

Veronica Green and Vicki Hogan hit back-to-back doubles to key a five-run third inning that led Oregon's softball team to a 8-1 victory Tuesday over Oregon College of Education.

The game was the second double-header sweep by the Ducks.

In the opener, Oregon jumped on OCE pitching early, scoring seven runs in the first two innings en route to a 12-0 win. Oregon's Yogi Johnson and Susan Tuggle each had two RBIs while Sowa pitched the entire game for her first victory of the season.

Oregon, now 6-10, travels to Portland State Wednesday to meet the Vikings in a double-header. The first game begins at 2:30 p.m.

\$100-a-plate dinner scheduled for football

Woody Hayes, the former Ohio State football coach, will be the keynote speaker at a \$100-a-plate fund-raising dinner for the Oregon and Oregon State football programs Aug. 7 in Portland.

The event, entitled the Governor's Kickoff Dinner, will be held at the Red Lion Motor Inn. Gov. Vic Atiyeh will also attend.

In addition to Hayes, the head coaches of each school — OSU's Joe Avezzano and Oregon's Rich Brooks — will comment on each team's prospects in 1981.

"Major-college football provides a great source of entertainment to the people of the state of Oregon," Atiyeh said.

The \$100 plate includes a salmon dinner, a complimentary beverage and commemorative favor. \$70 of the dinner is tax deductible.

Reservations may be made by writing or calling the Oregon ticket office at 686-4481.

Finley selected to council

Ron Finley, Oregon's wrestling coach, has been selected to the governing council of the United States Wrestling Federation.

Finley will serve as a member at large of the 25-man board of directors, representing the USWF's competitive membership of 65,000.

Finley is currently a member of the federation's national instructional staff, which has prepared coaching a training guides for freestyle and Greco-Roman wrestling.

Eugene hosts pro tennis tourney

Eugene will be able to spend a moment in the tennis spotlight when the Godfrey/Pontiac Honda Invitational Tennis Tournament returns May 1-3 at the Willow Creek Racquet Club.

The \$15,000 purse has attracted such pros as top-seed Bernie Mitten, Anand Armitraj, Robert Vant Hoff and Steve Docherty.

Jim Clark, the tournament's director, expects all the defending champions to return and confirmation from several other U.S.-ranked players soon.

"We're really pleased with the quality of players we are attracting this year," Clark said, noting that the purse is "up 100 percent from last year."

"Our ultimate goal is to get the tournament purse up to \$25,000 and be on the (regular U.S.) circuit."

Mitten, a 27-year-old South African, has beaten such players as Jimmy Connors, John McEnroe, Roscoe Tanner and Arthur Ashe.

Armitraj, who often teams up with his brother Vijay, has recorded victories over McEnroe, Manuel Orantes and Phil Dent.

The tournament's defending champions include Al Stultz of Seattle, "Peanut" Louie of San Francisco and the mixed doubles team of Stultz and Linda Fernandez.

The tournament will feature a 32-man open division, a 16-women open division and 16 mixed doubles teams. Depending on the total number of en-

tries, pre-tournament qualifying will be held for non-seeded players just prior to the start of the tournament.

Top prizes are \$3,000 for the men's champ, \$700 to the woman victor and \$600 to the winning team.

The tournament is sanctioned by the Pacific Northwest Tennis Association and the U.S. Tennis Association. It carries a 200-point rating, based on the overall quality of players and tournament sanctioners.

The 200 level equals the Louisiana-Pacific Invitational, held annually in Portland. These two are the highest-rated tennis tournaments in the Northwest.

Clark expected 500 to 700 spectators for Sunday's finals. Willow Creek's facility has a 700-seat capacity.

Willow Creek is located at 4201 W. 13th Ave. Tickets for the tournament are \$2 Friday and Saturday and \$3 for the Sunday finals. For more information, call Clark at 484-7451.

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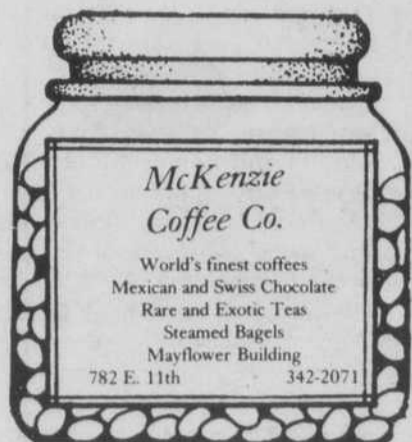
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