

Krause ponders as WSU romps

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Anyone wishing to contribute to the Oregon baseball pitcher's fund is urged to do so — because hitting is a terrible thing to waste.

In last weekend's four-game series against Washington State, the Ducks slugged at will, scoring one run in one inning of a continuation game and 18 runs in the next three.

But the Cougars hit even better off Oregon's pitchers, scoring two runs in the continuation game and 43 more in the next three to sweep the series, 6-5, 13-5, 10-5 and 20-8.

Oregon began the first game, that was tied 4-4 after nine innings in Pullman, well enough. Mike Carr put Cougar hurler Steve Hancock's second pitch over the leftfield fence to give the Ducks a 5-4 lead.

But the score changed quick-

ly as the Cougar's Don Wulff doubled and Clay Hill singled to make it 5-5.

Then, after Hill was sacrificed to second and clean-up hitter Rick Pavey was intentionally walked, Scott O'Farrell hit a routine grounder to Rick Moonitz. The senior shortstop let the ball to go through his legs, allowing Hill to score to give WSU a 6-5 win. Jim Givens (3-3) took the loss.

In Friday's second game, the Cougars exploded for five runs in the fourth inning off Oregon ace Dean Kegler and added five more in the fifth. Homers by Oregon's Steve Crum (his 11th of the year) and Dean Hummel weren't enough to stem the WSU onslaught.

Oregon coach Mel Krause, who had shown his anger after the first game by throwing a baseball against the dugout fence, had only one comment. "As coach of the ballclub, I take

responsibility for the team's poor performance."

It was the same pattern Saturday.

Oregon took a 3-0 first-inning lead, only to watch WSU score 10 runs in the third and fourth innings to put the game away and hand Hummel his fourth defeat of the year against no victories.

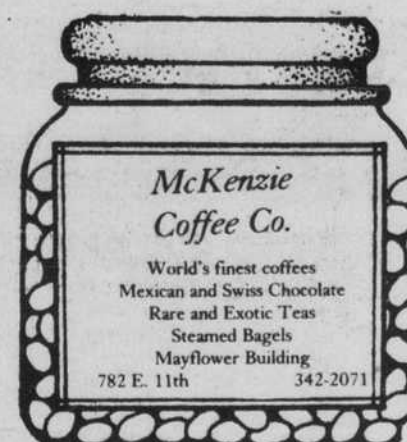
In game two Oregon grabbed an 8-0 lead, piecing together four-run innings in the first and third. But WSU scored 10 runs in the fourth inning off Sam Manley and Jim Hammack to make it 10-8.

Ten more WSU runs in the last four innings accounted for the embarrassing 20-8 defeat. Hammack (0-2) took the loss.

The embarrassing weekend only helped fan the rumors that this will be Krause's last season as Oregon's coach.

Krause is receiving much of the blame for Oregon's 1-12 Northern Division and 15-17 season records.

"I plan to reevaluate the whole situation here after the season," said Krause, now in his 11th season with the Ducks.



Softball team splits two weekend double-headers

It was a weekend of splits for Oregon's women's softball team, as it divided double-headers with Oregon State and Portland State.

Friday, the Ducks dropped their first game to OSU, 4-2. But Yogi Johnson's home run

propelled the Ducks to a four run first inning.

Oregon State came up with one run in the bottom of the first, but two more Duck runs in the third inning put the game away, as Oregon claimed a 6-2 victory. The Ducks ended the second game with eight hits and no errors.

Saturday's games against PSU were almost a repeat.

The Ducks took a 4-3 lead into the bottom of the seventh inning of the first game, but watched as the Vikings tied it up to send the game into extra innings. After a scoreless eighth, PSU held off the Ducks in the top of the ninth and in the bottom for a 5-4 win.

The second game was again keyed by a Johnson homer as the Ducks romped to a 7-2 victory to split their second double-header in as many days.

The game was tied 1-1 going into the third inning, but a five run series gave Oregon everything it needed to claim the 7-2 win.

Marcy Sowa pitched both wins for the Ducks, backed by nine hits in the second game against PSU and one error.

Tuesday, the Ducks, now 8-13, will face Lewis & Clark College in Portland.

Celts complete series rebound

BOSTON (AP) — The Boston Celtics, led by Larry Bird's 23 points, completed their remarkable playoff comeback Sunday by beating the Philadelphia 76ers, 91-90, to move into the National Basketball Association's championship series against the Houston Rockets.

The 76ers clung to an 89-82 advantage with 5:23 left in the intensely physical seventh game of the Eastern Conference finals. But Boston scored nine straight points, the last four by Bird, while holding Philadelphia scoreless for 4:54.

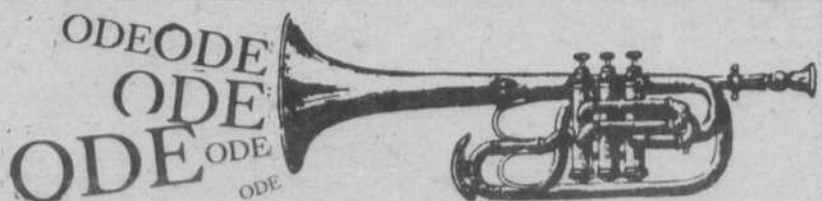
The Celtics became only the fourth team in NBA history to capture a playoff series after falling behind 3-1. The others were the 1968 Boston Celtics, 1970 Los Angeles Lakers and 1979 Washington Bullets.

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