

Book closes on 73 years of baseball

When Oregon's baseball team entertains the Washington today in a doubleheader at Howe Field, the final chapter of 73 years of baseball history at the University will end.

The book will close on Mel Krause, who has coached Oregon baseball since 1971. The last in a series of coaches who have captured the spotlight during 73 years.

Baseball was first played at Oregon in 1877.

It remained absent from the campus again until 1895 when the program was revived. But the first coach to put Oregon baseball on the map was Bill Reinhart, who led the Ducks from 1924 to 1935.

After losing seasons from 1924 to 1927, Oregon gained its first Northern Division title in 1928. Reinhart would lead the Ducks to two more titles in 1934 and 1935 before ending a coaching reign that included 102 victories.

The star of Reinhart's last division-winning teams was Joe Gordon, who hit .363 in 1935 and later went on to star for the New York Yankees at second base. Another one of Reinhart's stars was Howard Hobson, who played third base in 1925.

It was Hobson who took over the coaching chores in 1936 and led Oregon to eight division titles in 11 years.

From 1936 until 1947, Hobson, who is better known for coaching Oregon's "Tall Firs" to an NCAA basketball champ-

ionship in 1939, compiled 167 victories against only 75 losses.

In 1948, Don Kirsch became the next Oregon coach at the tender age of 25 after playing for Hobson. It was Kirsch more than anyone who made excellence synonymous with baseball at the University.

Kirsch coached the Ducks from 1948-1970, leading the Webfoots to 23 straight winning seasons, five Northern Division titles and a 7th-place finish at the NCAA tournament in 1954. He also coached five All-Americans during his stay.

One of the best players on Kirsch's 1949 team was a pitcher by the name of Mel Krause. Krause holds the distinction of pitching the first game ever at Howe Field, and his 14 complete games in three years stands third in the Oregon record books.

There were several more bonafide stars who played under Kirsch.

Earl Averill was an All-American in 1951 who went on to play 12 years of major league baseball; George Shaw was an All-American in football and baseball in 1954, batting .325 and leading the Ducks to their only NCAA World Series appearance; and Robbie Snow notched a career ERA of 1.49 and was instrumental in Oregon's 20-2 start in 1963 that put them second in the nation at one time.

Kirsch died in May of 1970 after compiling 445 career



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In 1908, baseball's history at Oregon was just beginning. The team had a new field — Kincaid Field, site of Condon Hall — and the sport was booming nationally. Today, that era in Oregon history ends.

coaching wins against 238 defeats. Kirsch's coaching ability was applauded in 1970 when he was elected to the American Association of College Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame.

He was succeeded in 1971 by Krause, who has accumulated 218 career wins against as many losses. Krause led the Ducks to their last Northern Division title in 1974, and his teams have

boasted such stars as Donnie Reynolds, now with the San Diego Padres, and Tom Dodd, Oregon's career homerun leader with 30 who is now in the New York Yankees organization.

Krause's biggest star, however, was Dave Roberts, a 1972 All-American who was the first pick of the Padres in the 1973 draft. Roberts now plays for the Texas Rangers.

Krause's current crop of

players is led by pitcher Dean Kegler, who holds the career record for wins with 22, and Steve Crum, whose 13 homers this year are closing in on Jim Willis' record of 14 set in 1974. Kegler will be trying for his 23rd career win today.

Win or lose today, after Oregon's last out, the record book will be the only thing to remember them by.

By Doug Levy



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Ultimate Frisbee — Coed Action

RESULTS

Volleyball Doubles		
Mixed I	Costales/Scully	2nd Teger/Romos Vieina
Mixed II	Buchanan/Rotsell	Haley/Keonon
Fun Run April 28		
Men 2.5 mile	Alan Lester	Jeff Miller
Women 2.5 mile	Amy Chase	Kim Fraedrick
Track & Field (team)		
Men	Sigma Chi	Tingle
Track & Field (individual)		
1500 meters	Robert Greer	Mark Farley
100 meters (women)	Sandi Young	Julie Caspell
100 meters	Jeff Kramer	Jim Krueger
5000 meters	Robert Greer	Mark Farley
4x400 relay	Tingle	Sigma Chi
4x100 relay	Sigma Nu	Theta Chi
110 meter hurdles	Jim Richards	Kevin Simmons
400 meters	Herger Hanspeter	Scott Chesnut
800 meters	Kelly Walters	Rob Arkes
High Jump	Jay Brown	Lance Clark
Long Jump	Kevin Simmons	Lance Clark
Shot Put	J. Bernstein	A. Steinhaus

Softball Intramurals — Wet weather continues to cause rescheduling of games. Finally this week round three is getting underway. Teams with 3-0 and 2-1 records at the end of the third round will go into play-offs. Play-offs will continue as far as time permits.

Tennis Mixed Doubles Tournament — Get your entry in now! Deadline is Friday, May 15 by 12:00 noon. Matches will be played at the Alder Street Courts if the weather is good. In case of rain the tournament will move to the Covered Courts. Pro sets will be played (first team to eight games) with no ad scoring. Play is scheduled to begin at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 16. Participants must provide two new tennis balls and their own racquet.

Frisbee Golf Tournament — The first annual tournament will be played on Tuesday, May 19 starting at 3:40 p.m. Each player must provide his/her own disc. Players have a choice of playing 9 or 18 hole tournament. The tournament is designed for two person teams or individual entries. Deadline for entry is Friday, May 15 at 4:30 p.m. Maps of the campus course area are available at the RIM office.

Frisbee Distance & Accuracy Throw will be held on Thursday, May 21 at 3:45 p.m. Come to the field below Howe Field (below the bank). Participants may use their own disc or ones provided. Special mini disc throw will also be included. Try this event "just for fun."

Court Reservations — Reservations for the Covered Tennis Courts and Outdoor Racquetball Courts can be made at the RIM office Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. Courts are available for reservation use Monday through Friday from 3:30 p.m.-11:30 p.m. and Saturday from 8:30 a.m.-11:30 p.m. Bring student ID and current fee card.

Fun Run - Put Wednesday, May 20 at 4:00 p.m. on your calendar now. Here's a chance to run a 2.5 or 4.5 mile course and get a tan at the same time. Meet at the duck pond (Franklin & Onyx). Course information available at RIM office.

Frisbee & Hacky Sack Festival

Ultimate Frisbee Tournament will be held on Saturday, May 30 beginning at 10:00 a.m. This will be a single elimination tournament. There will be co-ed, women's and men's divisions. Entries available at the RIM office.

Hacky Sack will begin at 1:00 p.m. See a hacky sack footbag demonstration, then try your skill. Hacky Sacks available for those who need them. Learn basic skills and hacky sack games.

OPEN RECREATION Spring 1981

SWIMMING - Identification required at open swim
Gerlinger Pool 7:00 am - 8:30 am M U W H (cap required)
Gerlinger Pool 12:30 am - 1:30 pm M U W H F (cap required)
Leighton Pool 11:30 am - 1:30 pm M U W H F
Leighton Pool 7:30 am - 9:00 pm M W (50c charge)
Leighton Pool 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm Sunday (50c charge)

BADMINTON
Gerlinger Annex B-54
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm U° H°

VOLLEYBALL
Gerlinger Annex B-54
5:30 - 7:30 pm M° W°

OPEN RECREATION
Esslinger Hall 3:30 pm - 9:00 pm M U W H°
Gerlinger Hall 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm F°
Gerlinger Annex 8:00 am - 4:30 pm Saturday°
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm Sunday°

*Gyms are available during these time periods EXCEPT where scheduled for classes, intramurals, athletics, club sports or special events.

Esslinger Hall
Gerlinger Hall 8:00 am - 3:30 pm**
Gerlinger Annex

**Students may use gyms during this period only when no classes are scheduled.

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