

'CUSE VISITS SNOWY OREGON

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Many – no, *most* – of you don't remember ballgames at Archbold Stadium. My last one was in 1974. Being a fan there was not for the faint of heart. Over the course of a season, one would encounter cold, rain, sleet, hail and snow.

More than 43 years later, 'Cuse fans experienced an Archbold season, albeit watching a different ballgame, played by a different gender, in a different state and obviously in a different stadium ... but the plethora of meteorological conditions remained the same. Except they all occurred on one wintry Sunday afternoon.

On Feb. 18, for the first time in four decades, an Orange team ventured to the Beaver State to play an opponent. And it seemed the Orange women's lacrosse team brought 40 years of Syracuse weather with them when they faced off against Oregon in the stadium at West Linn High School. Over the course of two hours one couldn't help but think of the Postman's Creed ... with a twist, of course:

Neither snow nor rain nor sleet nor gloom of day stays these women from the swift completion of their victorious rounds.

The sellout (and very partisan Duck) crowd watched the Orange jump out to a quick 4 – 0 lead and never look back as they outlasted Oregon 17 – 11. But there were dozens of Syracuse fans scattered throughout the stadium; some affiliated with the alumni club, others not. The mid-30s temperatures didn't chill their enthusiasm, nor did the precipitation in its various forms, particularly in the second half.

Afterwards, the Orange joined their fans, young and old, in the stands for an autograph session. All things conschivered ... er, considered, it was a great day to be a 'Cuse fan, in Archbold throwback conditions!

Thanks to West Linn lacrosse coach Mark Flood for masterminding the game, which benefitted the Oregon Girls Lacrosse Association,. And thanks to club co-president Rich Meneghello for handling the Stumptown Orange part of things and to everyone who came to the game!

